



minutes

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## June 20, 2016 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Vice President James Baeza. See list below for board member attendance. 10 Board members present. 45+ stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call
James Baeza	Present
Robert Campbell	Present
James Dimon	Excused
Slobodan Dimitrov	Absent
Louis Dominguez	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present arrived at 6:50 pm
Adele Healy	Present
Christian Jezina	Absent
George Palaziol	Present
Rick Plumley	Absent
Shannon Ross	Excused
Mary Salinas	Present
Ben Spolarich	Absent
Brian Vassallo	Present
Jason Villicano	Present
Rachel Sindelar Waugh	Absent

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Robert Brandin, announced that on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sirens Java and Tea there is a voter registration event aimed at getting high school students registered to vote.
- Cathy Hetzer commented that her neighborhood watch group is having a National Night Out event on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. She is looking to the NC for a contribution for the event.
- Lydia Gutierrez, thanked the board for serving, and also voice her concern about being approached by a homeless person who pounded on her car window demanding money.
- Jerry Gusha announced the free Shakespeare by the Sea summer season and the new production of THE CLEAN HOUSE at Little Fish Theatre.

### 3. MINUTES: Approval of April 18, 2016 and May 16, 2016 minutes.

Motion by **Louis Dominguez** to approve the April 18, 2016 and May 16, 2016 minutes, second by **Jason Villacano**. Motion passed with 8 yes (Baeza, Dominguez, Epperhart, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, Vassallo, and Villicano), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Campbell), and 1 not yet arrived (Gelfand).

### 4. BUDGET & FINANCE: Treasurer Mary Salinas

- Approval of May MER and bank statement. Motion by **Jason Villicano** to approve the May 2016 MER and bank statement, second by **George Palaziol**. Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Dominguez, Epperhart, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, Vassallo, and Villicano), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 not yet arrived (Gelfand).

## 5. LAPD REPORT:

- a. Acting Senior Lead Officer Elliot Rubright provided an update on crime statistics and related that in the Coastal SP area violent crime is up.
- b. There has been a huge uptick in robberies, mostly involving unsecured cars and homes.
- c. Area parks are a source of many complaints, particularly Bogdanovich and Joan Milke Flores parks as they are not secured at night.
- d. Officer Rubright prefers to be contacted via email at [38205@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:38205@lapd.lacity.org) or twitter at 5sl85.
- e. Some concerns and comments from Board members and Stakeholders were as follows:
  - i. Issues related to fireworks.
  - ii. Board member Mary Salinas commented that she has seen a greater LAPD presence around Point Fermin Park.

## REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

### 6. Councilman Buscaino CD15: Ryan Ferguson, San Pedro Field Deputy, provided a written report. Some of the highlights are as follows:

- a. To view the written report please go to [cspnc.org](http://www.cspnc.org) or use the following link: <http://www.cspnc.org/council-district-15-reports>.
- b. The City Council is on summer recess from July 4 through July 22, 2016.
- c. High Park (formerly Ponte Vista): grading continues and is due to be complete in about two months.
- d. The July 26 City Council meeting was conducted in honor of Julian Jimenez, long time San Pedro resident, who passed away recently.
- e. Repairs at the Peck Park Pool are expected to take 2 to 3 weeks.
- f. Los Angeles Recreation and Parks, in partnership with CD15, Heyday Elite Fitness and San Pedro Fit, recently installed fitness equipment at Plaza Park. Free fitness classes are available this summer from May 30 to August 26.
- g. Mr. Ferguson covered legislative updates included in his written report. He highlighted that the City Council unanimously approved the Mayor's appointment of Mona Sutton to the Harbor Area Planning Commission. For a full list of legislative updates please see the report at the above link.
- h. The City Council unanimously approved funding for GAP for graffiti abatement, litter and trash pickup, and tree trimming.
- i. The Taste of San Pedro at Crafted is on Saturday, August 6, 2016, from 5 to 10 pm.
- j. Some concerns of Board members and Stakeholders were as follows:
  - i. Stakeholder Dave Behar asked if the free fitness classes at Plaza Park would take business away from other small businesses. Mr. Ferguson replied that it is a pilot program to encourage traffic in Plaza Park.
  - ii. Board member Robert Campbell would like an update on the Hamilton widening project, and the lane dividers on Alma and if they are looking to have something more substantial than what is there now, as they are very flimsy.

### 7. Port of Los Angeles: Augie Bezmalinovich

- a. The next Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings are Thursday, June 16, 2016, and Thursday, July 21, 2016, at the Port Administration building, at 8:30 am.
- b. The Sampson Way realignment project is due to start construction later this summer.
- c. The RFP for the Boy Scout Camp has been held up due to concerns by the City Attorney about the possible discriminatory nature of the Boy Scout organization.
- d. The construction on the John S. Gibson connector ramp is almost finished. The sound walls and such should be complete this month.
- e. The Port is working to get the Channel Street skate park permitted and back in place.
- f. The Front Street Beautification project is expected to proceed sometime in August 2016, with project completion by summer of 2017.
- g. The North Gaffey Beautification project design should be complete in July, and is due to start construction early next year.

- h. The solar panels proposed for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Double Tree, and Cabrillo Beach parking lots are off the table. The port is now considering other sites including the Catalina Express, a portion of the Cruise Terminal, and Cabrillo Way Marina South parking lots.
- i. Cars and Stripes is Friday, July 1, 2016 at the Fountain.
- j. The Taste of San Pedro at Crafted is on Saturday, August 6, 2016, from 5 to 10 pm.
- k. On Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Downtown Harbor Cut, Movie on the Water will be showing INSIDE OUT.
- l. Lobster Festival, starts Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> in the USS IOWA parking lot, and runs through Sunday July 24, 2016.
- m. Fleet Week begins on September 1, 2016, Labor Day Weekend.
- n. Some concerns of Board members and Stakeholders were as follows:
  - i. Stakeholder Dean Pentcheff thanked Augie for making the slips in front of Acapulco restaurant available to visiting marine scientists.
  - ii. The Boy Scout Camp, leasing the site back to the Boy Scouts was held up by concerns of the discriminatory nature of the Boy Scouts organization. The public wants more access to the site, and an opportunity to see and comment on the lease prior to its execution.
  - iii. A stakeholder asked where are those thousands of people for Fleet Week going to park?
  - iv. A stakeholder asked about the Fanfare Fountain leaking, maintenance, and security issues. Mr. Bezmalinovich replied that they do have security, port police and cameras at the fountain.
  - v. People need to make reservations/pre-registration on line for Fleet Week ship tours. They need volunteers, to volunteer contact the chamber and business bureaus.
  - vi. The TraPac electrification and rail improvements addendum is expected to be released in late June 2016.
  - vii. They expect to release the NOP for a thirty-day review approximately July 22, 2016, of the draft Valero MOTEM's EIR. The draft EIR should be completed by the end of 2016.

**8. LAUSD:** Report from Board Member Dr. Vladovic's representative, John Larson, Director of Communications

- a. LAUSD now has a partnership agreement with Charles Drew Medical College similar to the one with Cal State Dominguez Hills.
- b. LAUSD has funded \$50,000 to Dana Middle school for new band uniforms, however, they need \$75,000 total.
- c. The San Pedro High School Olguin campus pool is now open to the public for the summer.
- d. The Angels Gate auto shop ribbon cutting is expected to be May or June 2017, and complete by November 2017.
- e. Mr. Larson is taking a sabbatical; accordingly, Mr. Joe Grassilli will be taking over as acting Director of Communications. His contact information is 703-674-8835 and email [jgrassilli@gmail.com](mailto:jgrassilli@gmail.com).

**9. ALTASEA UPDATE | Dean Pentcheff** – update to Stakeholders

- a. Dean Pentcheff is the board 's representative to AltaSea.
- b. He presented a slide show of plans for several stages of the project through the year 2020.
- c. Construction is several years away yet.

**10. COMMITTEE QUESTION TIME:**

- a. Rules and bylaws update – Dean Pentcheff
  - i. For non-returning board members, please return the copies of Roberts Rules that were signed out to you.

**11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- a. Robert Campbell thanked the non-returning board members for their service.
- b. Jason Villicano, out-going board member, commented that his time on the board was good time spent, and he will try again in a couple of years. He felt that it was a very eye opening experience and thanked everyone for coming out month after month.

- c. Louis Dominguez, re-elected board member, commented that he was fascinated by the elections process, and pleased that so many people came out to vote. People who ran and did not elected can still be on committees.
- d. George Palaziol thanked everyone for giving him the chance to serve. He commented that it's going to be an exciting future for San Pedro with the two/three new boards. If you ever have a problem with him, let him know, so he can address it.
- e. Dean Pentcheff Rules & Bylaws committee chair, commented that they are working with DONE on coordinating trainings for the incoming board, scheduling to be announced. He reminded the new board members make sure to do the ethics and code of conduct trainings.

**12. APPOINTMENTS** - None

**13. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Vice President James Baeza thanked out-going President James Dimon for all of his hard work on behalf of the community.

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**16. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting is July 18, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Akerblom  
for the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council