



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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January 19, 2020 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Zoom Electronic Meeting

Board Members	Roll Call
Isiah Cade	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
Erika Hernandez	Present at 6:35 p.m.
Andrea Herman	Present at 7:10 p.m.
Daniel Kohn	Present at 6:35 p.m.
John Kopczynski	Present
Kathleen Martin	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Absent
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Shannon Ross	Present
Robin Rudisill	Present
Vacant Seat	

1. **TECHNICAL CHECKOUT FOR ONLINE MEETING** *(no substantive discussion or comment)*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. Cecilia Gonzales asked if it would be possible to have funds to purchase drones for Los Angeles Police Department.
3. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board attendance. There was a quorum with 12/14/15 Board members present and approximately 20 stakeholders in attendance.
4. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. Bob Gelfand commented that the whole world of environmentalism will be changing radically tomorrow, even here locally.
 - b. Dean Pentcheff commented that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) is offering training for any board member(s) that are interested in becoming a Data Liaison.
 - c. Richard Havenick made general comments regarding environmental issues.
 - d. Louis Dominguez asked that people contact Supervisor Janice Hahn regarding getting a COVID vaccination location in the harbor area.
 - e. Shannon Ross commented that Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) applications must be submitted by January 29th.

Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to contact Supervisor Janice Hahn on behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requesting a vaccination site in the harbor area for people 65 and older, approved without objection.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANT BOARD SEAT

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) announces that a Board seat is vacant, to be filled by appointment by the Board at the February 2021 Board meeting. All Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council stakeholders 18 years of age and older are eligible for the seat. Nominations may be made via the CSPNC website at <https://cspnc.org> (self-nomination is accepted) and must be received before midnight on Monday 15 February 2021.

6. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – December 21, 2020 meeting minutes approved as presented without objection.
7. **REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Senior Lead Officer Paul Winter
 - a. Officer Paul Winter gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
 - b. Officer Paul Winter answered questions from the board.
8. **COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATE** – Kavitha Muthuswamy – Unable to attend
9. **MOTION PROPOSING A NAMING CONTEST FOR THE NEW HARBOR DEVELOPMENT AT THE SITE FORMERLY KNOWN AS “PORTS O’CALL”** – *Coastline and Parks Committee motion*

Whereas there is little local community support for the proposed name of “West Harbor L.A.” for the new Harbor development; **AND WHEREAS THE PROPOSED NAME DOES NOT REFLECT THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT IS LOCATED IN AND REPRESENTATIVE OF SAN PEDRO;**

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council proposes that a naming contest, the details of which would be determined at a later date, be held to allow the Harbor community to **SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE NAMES FOR** ~~name~~ the new Harbor development.

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to delete the word ~~name~~ and add the words **SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE NAMES FOR** to the last sentence, as noted above approved without objection.

Motion by **John Kopczynski** to add ‘**AND WHEREAS THE PROPOSED NAME DOES NOT REFLECT THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT IS LOCATED IN AND REPRESENTATIVE OF SAN PEDRO;**’, as noted above, second by **Dean Pentcheff**, and passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

Motion from committee as amended passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

10. **DRAFT MELLO ACT ORDINANCE SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROTECTIONS IN JANUARY 2020 INITIAL DRAFT** – *Planning and Land Use Committee motion*

Whereas the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council submitted its recommendations to the City Planning Department on the initial draft Mello Act Ordinance, which stated that we generally supported the draft Mello Act Ordinance except that we strongly recommended: 1) against any provisions that would allow for the demolition of 100% residential structures for purposes of a nonresidential/commercial mixed use project; and 2) against all feasibility analyses except for when the City may be required to determine whether a residential use is still feasible;

Whereas the updated draft Mello Act Ordinance does not reflect our recommendations;

Whereas the updated draft Mello Act Ordinance removed many of the provisions that we had previously stated we generally support for our community and that many other affordable housing organizations supported;

Whereas we do not understand why City Planning removed numerous provisions that the community supported that offered protections for affordable housing in the Coastal Zone and that were supported by both the intent and the letter of the Mello Act law;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls on the City Planning Department to withdraw the current draft Mello Act Ordinance being submitted to the City Planning Commission and replace it with the initial January 2020 draft that was presented to community members at community meetings in 2019-2020, incorporating community comments reflecting the call to ensure the permanent Mello Act Ordinance provides clarity and stronger provisions to create and preserve affordable housing within the Coastal Zone.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement.

Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and one out of room (Dominguez).

11. **URBAN FORESTRY AND STREET TREE PLANNING SHOULD BE BASED ON SAN PEDRO URBAN GREENING PLAN** – *Planning and Land Use Committee motion*

Whereas the City of Los Angeles has launched a program — StreetsLA — to encourage planting of street trees, citing aesthetic, economic, and environmental benefits; and

Whereas San Pedro has a formally adopted urban greening plan encouraging the use of locally native plant species and citing their more efficient adaptation to local climate and soil conditions, their reduced water demand compared to most non-natives, and their superior habitat value for native species of birds, butterflies, bees, and other wildlife; and
Whereas San Pedro has a strong aversion to replacing distinctive local features with generic substitutes that erase the history, heritage, and character of the area; and
Whereas the City's StreetsLA Urban Forestry Summary for Coastal San Pedro documents the fact that the five most common street tree species currently found in Coastal San Pedro are all non-natives, including Mexican fan palm, king palm, queen palm, Canary Island date palm, and Indian laurel fig; and
Whereas the same Urban Forestry Summary's list of Coastal San Pedro's top four "unique and distinct" trees also consists entirely of non-native species, including Indian laurel fig, carrotwood, jacaranda, and bottle tree; and
Whereas local suppliers including the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, the South Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, among others, can provide locally-native plant stock (as distinct from related plant stock adapted to, and taken from, other areas such as the Central Valley or the Coachella Valley);
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly encourages the City of Los Angeles to base its local urban forestry and street tree planning on the existing San Pedro Urban Greening Plan, and to give priority to locally native species, including California sycamore, Catalina cherry, coast live oak, toyon, laurel sumac, and lemonade berry, that provide the greatest ecological, environmental, and economic advantages.
CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement.

Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and one out of room (Ross).

12. SUPPORT OF CITY OPPOSITION TO SB 9 (CF 21-0002-S18)

Whereas if enacted, state Senate Bill 9 would require the City to provide for by right approval of two residential units on a single-family lot and an urban parcel map dividing a lot into two equal portions, and it exempts such projects from environmental review. Given the ADU laws, this could potentially result in 4 or even 8 units where only one home is currently allowed. Such a process would not allow any discretionary review, public notice or public hearing thereby undermining local land use control and community participation;
Whereas the City, Neighborhood Councils, and community members have worked hard to develop community plans and design guidelines that are appropriate for the various neighborhoods that comprise L.A. This legislation would undo all of those efforts and potentially lead to extremely poor planning and significant changes in citizens' quality of life;
Whereas Los Angeles lacks affordable housing and yet this bill addresses only market-rate housing;
Whereas there is no evidence that the increased density will help alleviate our city's problem of insufficient affordable housing, nor is there any verifiable data to support the need for this additional market-rate housing;
Whereas the City would be prohibited from requiring dedications of rights-of-way or other improvements for parcels created by a lot split, resulting in increased congestion, fewer pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, and greatly increased costs to the City should they need to purchase that right-of-way in the future;
Whereas up zoning neighborhoods will not increase affordability because it causes land speculation, which increases land costs. SB 9 would be simply a huge profit windfall for developers who are encouraged to buy one house on one lot, subdivide, and build eight market-rate housing units (including the allowed ADUs).
Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the December 15, 2020 Resolution by Councilmember Koretz requesting the City Council to include opposition to SB 9 in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program.
CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement.

Motion from committee as amended passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

13. MOTION RECOMMENDING COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR SLOPE REPAIR AT ROYAL PALMS BEACH – Coastline and Parks Committee motion

Coastline and Parks Committee motion

Whereas, a galvanized steel pipe that services the restrooms at Royal Palms Beach broke in 2016 on the property at 2105 W. Paseo del Mar, and
Whereas, there has been a great deal of erosion as a result of this breakage, and
Whereas, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors has accepted responsibility and are paying for the permitting and repairs, and
Whereas, Royal Palms Beach is a hugely popular visitor serving destination, and
Whereas, without the surficial slope repair, there is a serious risk of injury due to falling debris,

Motion from committee as amended passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

14. MOTION RECOMMENDING SIGNAGE FOR WEARING MASKS IN CITY PARKS – Coastline and Parks Committee motion

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends and the mayor **OF LOS ANGELES** has mandated mask wearing and social distancing outside the home,

Resolved, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks **CONTINUE TO** add temporary signs **TO COASTAL SAN PEDRO PARKS** reminding parkgoers to wear masks and maintain social distancing in public.

FURTHER RESOLVED, CSPNC REQUESTS THAT FADED AND ILLEGIBLE SIGNS BE REPLACED.

Motion by **Kathleen Martin** to add the words ‘...CONTINUE TO...’ and ‘...TO COASTAL SAN PEDRO PARKS...’ to the last sentence, and add a new last sentence ‘**FURTHER RESOLVED, CSPNC REQUESTS THAT FADED AND ILLEGIBLE SIGNS BE REPLACED.**’, as noted above, second by **Greg Ellis**, and passed without objection.

Motion by **Noel Gould** to add the words ‘...OF LOS ANGELES ...’ to the first paragraph, as noted above, second by **Richard Havenick**, and passed without objection.

Motion from committee as amended passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

15. COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL JOINS THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-CORRUPTION AND TRANSPARENCY

Resolved, The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council joins in a joint San Pedro committee on anti-corruption and transparency. [See attached agendas of prior committee meetings.]

Motion by **Isiah Cade** to approve that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council joins the regional committee on anti-corruption and transparency, second by **Bob Gelfand**, and passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative Operations Committee – Chair Dean Pentcheff – No new information
- b. Communications Committee – Chair Shannon Ross – No new information
- c. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee – Chair Bob Gelfand
 - i. They met last night and had a presentation on a program called Neighborhood Team which would involve CERT members. In the event of a wide scale emergency event, it would allow the Team members to assist with things that would not be handled by police and/or fire departments.
- d. Parks and Coastline Committee – Chair Noel Gould
 - i. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 4th.
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould
 - i. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 4th.
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick – No new information
- g. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin – No new information
- h. Port Committee – Chair Louis Dominguez – No new information
- i. Planning and Transportation – Chair Robin Rudisill – No additional information
 - i. To view notes from the latest meeting please go to <https://www.cspnc.org/agendas-minutes-7planning-trans>.

17. TREASURER’S REPORT – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Mr. Dominguez gave a brief overview of current funding levels.

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

18. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR DECEMEBER 2020.

19. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENSES, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S PAYMENT OF ALL RECURRING NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EXPENSES INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) LLOYD STAFFING, THE MAILROOM, ANGELS GATE CULTURAL CENTER MEETING EXPENSES, VENDOR(S) FOR MEETING REFRESHMENTS, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

20. APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES – None
Motion by **Louis Dominguez** to approve the consent calendar as presented, second by **Bob Gelfand**, and passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

21. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES.

- a. The following appointments were approved without objection; Chris O'Connell, Annalisa Little, and Mike Fry appointed to the Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee, and Garrett Dunbar appointed to the Homelessness Committee.

22. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

23. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

24. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

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