



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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November 16, 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 at 6:50 p.m.
Richard Havenick	Present
Erika Hernandez	Present
Andrea Herman	Present
Daniel Kohn	Present
John Kopczynski	Present
Kathleen Martin	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Absent
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Shannon Ross	Present
Robin Rudisill	Present at 8:10 p.m.
Vacant Seat	

1. **TECHNICAL CHECKOUT FOR ONLINE MEETING** *(no substantive discussion or comment)*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. James Campeau thanked all the students for attending.
3. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board attendance. There was a quorum with 13/14/15 Board members present and approximately 40 stakeholders in attendance.
4. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. Shannon Ross commented that the Boys & Girls Club on Cabrillo is feeding 500 families in San Pedro and Wilmington, they are having a food drive and asking for donations of cash and turkeys. She worked here locally on the Biden campaign and appreciates all who also helped.
5. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – October 19, 2020 meeting minutes approved as presented without objection.
6. **REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Senior Lead Officer Paul Winter
 - a. Officer Winter gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
 - b. The duplexes at 532 & 534 40th street will be abated.
 - c. Officer Winter answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
7. **PRESENTATION ON WEST HARBOR DEVELOPMENT** – Alan Johnson and Lauren Johnson from Jerico Development
 - a. Alan Johnson and Lauren Johnson from Jerico Development gave a detailed presentation that included some of the following. Mike Galvin from the Port of Los Angeles was also present.
 - b. They are changing the name to West Harbor due to feedback they received. Also they received a legal challenge by a current tenant about the San Pedro Public Market name.

- c. Originally, they had 1,200 feet of a public market type use, however that has not come to fruition, so now they are going to small food and beverage venues.
- d. The theme for West Harbor is based on international maritime signal flags
- e. They will be ready to start construction in early 2021, relative to leasing and financing.
- f. They are reworking everything to allow for maximum outdoor dining.
- g. They are looking to include dog parks, and other outdoor public use spaces.
- h. For more information, please visit the new website www.westharborla.com.
- i. The presenters answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

8. RECOMMENDATION FOR OPENING PARKING LOT AT JOAN MILKE FLORES PARK – Coastline and Parks Committee

Whereas, people are parking dangerously along the north side of Paseo del Mar by Joan Milke Flores park creating a hazard for cyclists, pedestrians, and other drivers, and

Whereas, Point Fermin Park is completely open to public parking,

Resolved, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Department of Recreation and Parks to reopen the Joan Milke Flores parking lot during park hours, and

Further Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro community is very concerned about these problems and requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks and Department of Transportation work with the community on other solutions as well.

Motion by **Kathleen Martin** to amend the motion to delete the first paragraph, second by **Isiah Cade**, and failed with 2 yes (Martin and Ross), 10 noes (Dominguez, Ellis, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), and 3 abstentions (Cade, Epperhart, and Hernandez)

Motion from committee as presented passed with 13 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Hernandez, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 1 no (Ross), and 1 abstention (Cade),

9. REQUEST FOR RETURN OF PUBLIC MAILBOXES – Coastline and Parks Committee

Resolved, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests Congresswoman Nanette Barrigan help us to have the mail boxes that were recently removed from 1840 South Gaffey Street and the two in front of the main post office on Beacon Street returned.

Be it further resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that a mailbox be returned to the northwest corner of Pacific Avenue and West 39th Street.

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

10. MOTION REGARDING FUNDING FOR, AND OPENING OF SUNKEN CITY TO LATERAL ACCESS – Coastline and Parks Committee

Whereas, the Sunken City area of Point Fermin Park as well as Point Fermin Park in general and the Pacific Overlook provide some of the state’s most spectacular ocean view sheds, and

Whereas, the California Coastal Act, certified Coastal San Pedro Land Use Plan, and San Pedro Specific Plan require that Sunken City be opened for lateral access to the public as a visitor serving destination in order to enjoy the spectacular views, and

Whereas, the Appendix C special features map of the San Pedro Specific Plan (see attached) indicate that opening Sunken City to lateral access is third in order of priority—even over the Lighthouse trails—and that the map also shows where the Sunken City trail leads, and

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles funded a \$100,000 geotechnical study to determine the feasibility of opening Sunken City to lateral access, and

Whereas, the geotechnical study revealed that while the lower portion of Sunken City is and would likely remain unstable, but that the upper portion of Sunken City where lateral access would be allowed IS stable, and

Whereas, the geotechnical study concluded that the area could be prepared for lateral access at an estimated cost of between \$3.5 million and \$5 million, and

Whereas, the general manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Michael A. Shull has told the community that he didn’t want to use a piecemeal approach but would open Sunken City to lateral access if the entire funding required could be found and allocated, and

Whereas, as an example “on December 13, 2017, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) (see attached contract and analysis) approved a proposed agreement with Playpower, Inc. (Contractor), which was later approved by the city council, for as-needed purchase of playground equipment, surfacing, site furnishing and related products and services for a period of four years with one one-year renewal option. The annual contract ceiling amount is \$7 million, and the funding for the projects will be provided from various funding sources, including, but not limited to future County Measure A, Proposition A, Proposition 1C, Proposition K, Quimby, various grants, and donations, and

Whereas, every new apartment development in San Pedro is required to provide Quimby funds which are controlled by the council office, and

Whereas, “RAP has an ongoing need for the purchase and installation of playground equipment, *surfacing, site furnishings and related products and services* on an occasional and as-needed basis. *The ability to purchase and install such material and equipment is critical to meeting RAP’s needs to build new and retrofit and repair existing park property,*” from page 2 of Board Report NO. 17-256, and

Whereas, at least \$28 million has already been provided by the city for these kinds of projects over the past several years, and

Whereas, the San Pedro community is very much in favor of prioritizing the opening of Sunken City to lateral access, and we’re aware that the city has a variety of funding sources,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council insists that Councilmember Joe Buscaino and his staff, in coordination with Michael A. Shull and the Department of Recreation and Parks, allocate the \$3.5 million to \$5 million necessary to prepare Sunken City for lateral access to the public as required in the California Coastal Act, ~~and the~~ **CERTIFIED COASTAL SAN PEDRO LAND USE PLAN, AND THE** San Pedro Specific Plan and commence with the implementation of this project in fiscal year 2021, and

Be it further resolved, that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council and the community be involved in the planning stages of this vitally important expansion of Point Fermin Park.

Motion by **Noel Gould** to amend the motion to change the second to last 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, Hernandez, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

11. MOTION REGARDING CLEANUP OF TRASH AT GULCH ROAD / BEACON STREET GENERATED BY HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS

Whereas, over the past month numerous homeless encampments have appeared along Gulch Road between Beacon and Miner Streets in San Pedro, and

Whereas, the homeless population along Gulch Road is generating large piles of trash near the intersection of Gulch and Beacon Street, and

Whereas, the volume of trash far exceeds the disposal capacity of the trash cans available to local residents and the Muller House Museum, and

Whereas, the trash is creating a public health hazard with broken glass, rotted food and human excrement, and

Whereas, the trash piles, at times, encroach on the public right of way, impeding the passage of automobiles and buses, and

Whereas, a local cleanup volunteer indicates he can no longer take the trash from this location due to odor complaints from neighbors near his dumpster, and

Whereas, multiple requests to LA Sanitation via my LA311 for trash pickup at this location result in a response that the request is being “assessed” relative to Homeless Procedures,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles Department of Sanitation commence routine trash cleanups along Gulch Road between Beacon and Miner Streets no less frequently than once per week.

Motion from committee with 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Hernandez, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Martin).

12. COMMENTS REGARDING THE BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS’ PROPOSED DIGITAL MEDIA POLICY – Administrative Operations Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council offers the following comments regarding the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners’ proposed digital media policy:

THE COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FINDS THIS PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE IN IT’S CURRENT FORM AS IS VIOLATES FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN RIGHTS; IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS, AMONG OTHERS:

Section 1: the definition of what is “proper use” of neighborhood councils’ communications platforms is too narrow and should be rewritten to include additional purposes.

Section 9: the wording of this section should be altered to indicate that these are recommendations and not regulations.
Section 9.5 should state clearly that no determination of fact regarding use of social media or application of remedies should occur unless, and until, a specific complaint has been made and the grievance process completed.

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to amend the motion to delete the first paragraph and substitute text, as noted above, second by **Noel Gould**, and passed without objection.

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

13. RE-EVALUATION OF RISKS POSED BY RANCHO LIQUID PROPANE STORAGE FACILITY – Environment and Sustainability Committee

Whereas, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopted a resolution (defined further below) requesting the re-evaluation of risks posed by the Rancho liquid propane storage facility and the immediate implementation of associated actions; and,

Whereas the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopted resolutions requesting the closure or relocation of the Rancho LPG facility and the evaluation of risks associated with the facility;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council's resolution requesting the re-evaluation of risks and the recommendation of associated immediate actions.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, THE COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF THE HARBOR ALLIANCE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS (HANC) INVITES THE OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS IN THE HARBOR AREA ALLIANCE TO DO LIKEWISE.

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board Resolution Adopted November 9, 2020

Therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Governor of California, Mayor of Los Angeles, Port of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles Unified School District each take steps to ensure that the various risks posed by the operation of the Rancho LPG storage facility are re-evaluated, and that the Governor and Mayor ensure that such renewed efforts are coordinated with the appropriate California state and local agencies, commissions, the California Legislature, and the relevant federal departments and agencies.

The following items should be considered for immediate action:

1. The conversion of the existing temporary month-to-month Westmont rail- spur operating agreement to a long-term lease with all the terms of such an agreement including a new risk assessment.
2. The amendment of the operating agreement and rail spur permit to reflect the transport of hazardous material.
3. The amendment of the operating agreement and rail spur permit to include insurance commensurate with the risk for that use considering its dangerous nature in close proximity to a dense population and the fair market value of property assets subject to harm from an accident.

The hiring of a consultant by LAUSD to prepare the required safety studies for the schools near the Rancho LPG facility, including an evacuation plan and reasonable mitigation measures.

Motion by **Richard Havenick** to amend the motion to add the following text **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, THE COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF THE HARBOR ALLIANCE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS (HANC) INVITES THE OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS IN THE HARBOR AREA ALLIANCE TO DO LIKEWISE**, as noted above, second by **Noel Gould**, and passed without objection.

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

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative Operations Committee – Chair Dean Pentcheff
 - i. They have received a re-write on the bylaws from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). He will bring them to committee if there are any alterations of note.
- b. Communications Committee – Chair Shannon Ross – No new information
- c. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee – Chair Bob Gelfand – No new information
- d. Parks and Coastline Committee – Chair Noel Gould
 - i. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould – No new information
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick – No new information
- g. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin
 - i. Ms. Martin commented that the annual homeless count will be in January.

- ii. They have asked for a presentation on homelessness in CD15 from Alison Becker with the Council office.
- h. Port Committee – Chair Louis Dominguez – No new information
- i. Planning and Transportation – Chair Robin Rudisill – No new information
 - i. To view notes from the latest meeting please go to <https://www.cspnc.org/agendas-minutes-7planning-trans>.

15. TREASURER'S REPORT – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Gave a brief overview of current funding levels.

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

16. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020.

17. 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

18. REALLOCATION OF BUDGET FUNDS – *Administrative Operations Committee*

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council reallocates budget funds as follows: transfer \$7,000 from office/operational expenditures and \$2,656.44 from outreach expenditures to neighborhood purpose grants.

Motion by **Bob Glefand** to approve the consent calendar as presented, second by **Greg Ellis**, and passed 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Hernandez, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

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

- a. Noel Gould to add Ivy and other to ????

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ericka Hernandez commented that LADWP has a grant program for \$500 for low-income households.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

22. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next regular meeting is Monday, December 21, 2020.

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