



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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March 19, 2018 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building

Board Members	Roll Call
Robert Bryant	Present
Isiah Cade	Present
Erin Carter	Absent
Rudy Caseres	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Anna Erneholm	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present at 6:40 pm
Richard Havenick	Present
Kandee Kawashima	Absent
Daniel Kohn	Present
Kathleen Martin	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Present
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Mike Riso	Present
Shannon Ross	Present

1. VOLUNTARY OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Unidentified stakeholder asked about trash cans at Peso and Barbara.
- b. Allen Franz from the White Point Education Center, announced they have volunteer work days on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and on April 21st they are having an Earth Day event. Also, they are hosting a free viewing of the National Geographic movie JANE, about Jane Goodall, on Saturday, April 21st at 5:00 pm. Please make a reservation to reserve a seat.

3. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board member attendance. There were 15 Board members present and approximately 30 stakeholders in attendance.

4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Bob Bryant wants everyone to encourage more organizations to submit neighborhood purpose grant applications. The submission deadline is Friday, April 6th.
- b. Shannon Ross announced the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council's seventh annual Pathways to Employment on Saturday, April 14th. She is organizing an Animal Fair with the Angels Gate Park Community Park Advisory Board the first week of June. She is organizing a Save Ports O' Call Restaurant rally on Tuesday, March 27th at 5:00 pm in front of the Warner Grand Theatre.
- c. Rudy Caserers commented about gun violence in the news not necessarily being linked to mental illness.
- d. Bob Gelfand commented that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment have been holding meetings related to neighborhood council funding equity.

- e. Mike Riso reported that the Park and Ride site should be getting cleaned up in the next few weeks, and in the long-term lights and cameras are to be installed.
- f. Dough Epperhart reported that a week ago Saturday, he, Christian Guzman, President of Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, and some others met with representatives from the Boy Scouts of America at the Youth Center to discuss the lease process with the Port. They were able to tell the representatives the things that the community would like to see at the site. They may come to the meeting in April and will be forwarding general information to board members which will be posted on website.

5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – February 20, 2018 meeting minutes approved as corrected with 15 yes (Bryant, Cade, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Ernehalm, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Khon, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, Riso, and Ross), 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.

6. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

- a. **LAPD REPORT** – Senior Lead Officer Paul Winter
 - i. Officer Winter gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
 - ii. If you are having your housed tented, please email him and let him know and he will try to do extra patrols. He recommends, that If you can, hire private security.
 - iii. He continues to work on Sunken City.
 - iv. Officer Winter answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- b. **Assembly Member O'Donnell Sarah Patterson**, San Pedro Field Representative
 - i. The Assemblyman will be having Coffee and Conversation on Saturday, April 14th from 9:00 to 10:00 am at Siren's Java and Tea.
 - ii. Ms. Patterson answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- c. **Councilman Joe Buscaino** – San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson
 - i. Mr. Ferguson did not have a report, he answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- d. **Senator Steven Bradford** – Brenda Baker, District Representative
 - i. Ms. Baker did not have a report, she answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- e. **Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich
 - i. The next meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners is Thursday, April 5th, at 6:00 pm, at the Port Administration Building.
 - ii. Community Investment grant applications are available on the Port's website. There will be workshops on April 3rd and 4th at Banning's Landing. Applications are due by noon on Thursday, May 17, 2018.
 - iii. On Tuesday, March 20th, there will be a town hall presentation on the LA Waterfront development, at the Warner Grand from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
 - iv. Ports O' Call demolition has begun and should take about four weeks.
 - v. On Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm the port is offering free one-hour harbor boat tours in celebration of World Trade Week.
 - vi. Mr. Bezmalinovich answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- f. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** – Octaviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate
 - i. Mr. Rios introduced Obiamaka Ude who will be the new Neighborhood Council Advocate for Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council.
 - ii. He also reported that Thomas Soong is now the Director of Outreach and Communications.
 - iii. Mr. Rios answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- g. **Port of Los Angeles Port Police** – Sargent Alvarez, Maritime Community Relations Officer – Not present
- h. **Office of Mayor Garcetti** – Manny Lopez, Harbor Area Representative – Not Present
- i. **Congresswoman Nanette Barragan** – Morgan Roth Field Representative – Not present

7. PRESENTATION BY "CLIMATE RESOLVE" REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS ON NEIGHBORHOODS AND SOLUTIONS TO SOME CLIMATE CHANGE PROBLEMS – Kristina von Hoffmann and Anna Van

- a. One of their goals is to effect solutions that are practical and help in real time.
- b. They helped get a Cool Roof Ordinance passed in the city.
- c. Ms. Hoffmann and Van answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

8. RESOLUTION REGARDING SIGN ORDINANCE (COUNCIL FILE NUMBER 11-1705) – Patrick Frank, President, Ban Billboard Blight – See motion text below

- a. There are 2 ordinances being considered, one by the City Planning Commission (B+) form 2015, and another drafted by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM). The PLUM committee version would allow digital billboards almost everywhere across the city.
- b. Discussion.
- c. Mr. Frank answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to amend the motion to add 'Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council reaffirms its position of 2015 and states the following...' and 'Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will file this resolution as a Community Impact Statement on Council File 11-1705', second by **Richard Havenick**, passed with 12 yes (Cade, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Gelfand, Gould, Khon, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Ross), 3 noes (Bryant, Havenick, and Riso), and 0 abstentions.

Motion by **Mike Riso** to approve the motion as amended, second by **Robert Bryant**, passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Khon, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, Riso, and Ross), 1 no (Cade), and 0 abstentions.

9. RESOLUTION REGARDING CURFEWS AT CABRILLO BEACH – The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports maintaining the current nighttime curfew on Cabrillo Beach.

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to remand the motion to the Parks and Coastline Committee, second by **Noel Gould**, passed with 11 yes (Caseres, Epperhart, Erneholm, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Khon, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Ross), 2 noes (Dominguez and Riso), and 2 abstentions (Bryant and Cade).

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget & Finance Committee Chair Bob Bryant – Five Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) applications have been received so far. The committee is planning a workshop to assist applicants with filling out applications. Grant applications must be submitted by Friday, April 6, 2018.
- b. Communications Committee Chair Shannon Ross
 - i. She requested that committee members send her articles for an on-line newsletter.
- c. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee Chair Bob Gelfand
 - i. The Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance is meeting on Saturday, March 31, 2018.
- d. Parks and Coastline Committee Chair Noel Gould – No new information
- e. Planning and Transportation Committee Chair Mike Riso – No new information
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee Chair Anna Erneholm – No new information
- g. Economic Development Committee – No new information
- h. Homeless Committee – Kathleen Martin, Chair – No new information

11. TRESURER'S REPORT

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

12. BOARD APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS

13. BOARD APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

14. FUNDING REQUESTS – None

Motion by **Louis Dominguez** to approve the consent calendar as presented, second by **Robert Bryant**, passed with 15 yes (Bryant, Cade, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Khon, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, Riso, and Ross), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

15. APPOINTMENTS TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SUNKEN CITY – Adele Healy, Allen Franz, June Smith, Graham Robertson, Dean Pentcheff & Noel Gould to Chair appointed.

16. APPOINTMENTS OF OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS, COMMITTEE OFFICERS, AND OTHER BOARD REPRESENTATIVES – Bob Gelfand appointed as designated Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) representative to replace Kandy Kawashima.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Bob Gelfand reported that on Saturday, March 24th there will be a march against gun violence at 10:00 am in Pershing Square.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. A stakeholder expressed support for keeping the curfew in place at Cabrillo Beach.
- b. Leslie Jones expressed support for keeping the curfew in place at Cabrillo Beach.
- c. Donald Johnson questioned who, and how, was the pending multi-family development on Mesa between 18th and 19th approved.
- d. Shannon Ross asked everyone to please come to the Save Ports O' Call Restaurant rally on Tuesday, March 27th at 5:00 in front of the Warner Grand Theatre.

19. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next regular meeting is March 19, 2018.

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

MOTION TEXT

8. Resolution regarding sign ordinance (Council File Number 11-1705).

In reference to City Council and Committees Council File Number: 11-1705:

Resolved: The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS VERSION B+ of the proposed sign ordinance as approved by the City Planning Commission on 10/22/2015 IF amended to REMOVE the PORT OF LOS ANGELES and DOWNTOWN SAN PEDRO as potential sign districts. We commend the Planning Department and the Planning Commission for their continued efforts to reduce sign pollution in Los Angeles and respectfully request:

1. The removal of the Port of Los Angeles Plan from the designation as a Tier 1 Sign District.
2. The development of a process whereby Communities with small "Regional Centers", such as San Pedro and Wilmington, could be exempted from consideration as Tier 1 Districts.
3. Specifically, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the following:
 - a. Disapprove any AMNESTY for billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits.
 - b. Disapprove the "grandfathering" of any sign districts that have been added to the ordinance since it was reviewed by CPC in 2009.
 - c. Disapprove any new process, including a Conditional Use Permit process to authorize construction or operation of digital off-site signs outside of sign districts.
 - d. Increase the takedown ratio of existing billboards in exchange for any new off-site signs in sign districts
 - e. Only allow Billboard companies credit for removing permitted signs.
 - f. Request that the City Attorney review all signs without permits and those altered in violation of their permits for enforcement action and compliance.
 - g. Prohibit off-site signage in city parks and recreation facilities and the Port of Los Angeles.
 - h. Set administrative civil penalties for sign violators that will act as a real deterrent to illegal billboards and other signage.

In addition, billboard companies should be required to remove all of their unpermitted signs prior to erecting any new signs. Finally, the City Council should increase funding to the Department of Building and Safety for the enforcement of the sign ordinance.

Exhibit A: Comparison of choices

Citywide Sign Ordinance: Council File 11-1705 INFORMATION

City Planning Commission Recommendations: Version B+ October 22, 2015

- For new static signs - 5:1 removal ratio
- For new digital signs - 10:1 removal ratio
- Removed signs must be within an area with a reasonable relationship to the new signage
- Permits digital signs only in Sign Districts zoned Regional Commercial

- Digital signs must be at least 500 feet from residential areas
- Establishes December 16, 2014 as cutoff date for grandfathering Sign Districts
- Prohibits billboards on city property and in city park

PLUM Proposed Ordinance Dec. 12, 2017

- Reduces take-down ratio for static signs to 2:1
- Reduces take-down ration for digital signs to 2:1
- Varying takedown ratio with a sliding scale of payments to a fund for neighborhood improvements (50% to council office, 50% to general fund)
- Allows digital signs outside of Sign Districts on any commercial site with 150 feet of street frontage
- Digital signs must be 100 feet from residential areas
- Allows on-going grandfathering of Sign Districts
- Signs are limited by height and size, but can get “relief” to add up to 20% taller or larger.
- No prohibition of billboards in city parks

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

Bezmalinovich, Augie <ABezmalinovich@portla.org>
 To:sakerblom@yahoo.com
 Cc: Octaviano Rios

Re: FW: March 12th Meeting Minute correction

Hi Sheryl,

FYI - I sent an e-mail to all members of the 3 San Pedro NCs asking them to make changes to their minutes (similar to the e-mail shown below). The environmental portion of my report from last month did not show up on any of the 3 SP NC meeting minutes and I know that I report on this. Anything that you can do to get this error corrected would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Augie

From: Bezmalinovich, Augie
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 3:22 PM
To: Bezmalinovich, Augie <ABezmalinovich@portla.org>
Cc: Octaviano Rios <octaviano.rios@lacity.org>
Subject: March 12th Meeting Minute correction

Dear Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Councilmember,

I hope all is well and that you had a great weekend! I’m planning on attending tonight’s meeting and I had a chance to read last month’s minutes and noted that there were 2 very important details were left out of my report in which I reported at your March 12th meeting. Please, I would like to have the following added to the minutes under my report. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns....

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for Berths 238-239 (PBF Energy – formally ExxonMobil) - has be released on Friday, March 2, 2018 for a 30-day public review and comment period. The Draft IS/MND can be found on the Port’s website at www.portofla.org and it evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with compliance with the Marine Oil Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standards (MOTEMS), as required by the State Lands Commission. The MOTEMS are comprehensive

engineering standards for the analysis, design, inspection and maintenance of marine oil terminals. The project also includes the issuance of a new, 30-year lease to allow PBF Energy to continue operating.

Comments on the document will be accepted through April 2, 2018.

***CAAP Update** - There is an advisory meeting to provide updates on the progress of the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) 2017 Update. This meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, March 29th from 10 a.m. to noon in the first-floor training room of the Port of Long Beach Interim Administrative Offices, 4801 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, 90815.*

At the advisory meeting, staff of the two ports will discuss near-term priorities for CAAP implementation, next steps for the Clean Truck Program, the status of technology demonstrations and the timeline for feasibility assessments. Public comment will be taken to receive input on CAAP implementation issues.

For more information, go to www.cleanairactionplan.org.

All the best and thanks,
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