

CSPNC | Planning, Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting

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Saturday October 12, 2019 2:30 p.m. Angels Gate Cultural Center, Building G 3601 S. Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

Participation is open to all Stakeholders of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 2:45 pm
- 2) In attendance: Robin Rudisill, Noel Gould, Adele Healy, Greg Ellis, Andrea Herman
- 3) The Minutes for the August 10, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously
- 4) Announcements
- 5) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- 6) Chair Update on current projects and issues

7) <u>Buscaino's City Council Resolution re. State of Emergency on Homelessness</u>—Motion:

8) The following Motion was approved (4-0-1)

The CSPNC finds that this Resolution is overly broad and vague, and that it lacks substantial evidence to support it. The City of Los Angeles' resources must be reallocated to support a feasible and much more efficient and effective plan that accommodates the emergency nature of the homelessness issue facing our City. The Resolution is an attempt to skirt laws, obtain legal immunities for emergency actions taken, and evade accountability for a failure to act on the homelessness issues over many years.

The CSPNC requests immediate steps by the City Council to meet with City department officials to come up with an emergency plan for resolving the emergency medical and social needs of our homeless population, using existing City resources.

The first priority must be focusing on options for emergency shelters that can be built much more cost-effectively, efficiently and expeditiously than the City's current proposals, such as membrane structures and Quonset huts (i.e. for a 3,000 sq. ft. Quonset hut, the retail cost is \$22,500 plus freight http://americansteelspan.com/residential.html).

The second most immediate need is for the City Council to provide access to hygienic facilities, including restrooms and showers. Thirdly, adequate mental health and other supportive services must be provided.

The CSPNC also urges the Los Angeles City Council to develop a comprehensive plan for those who choose not to avail themselves of the aforementioned emergency housing and supportive services, while addressing public safety needs.

All of these priorities must supersede funding to build permanent supportive housing, which should begin after these emergency needs are met.

We support the findings and the recommendations of the City Controller in the required audit report dated October 10, 2019 regarding Proposition HHH funds. The projects currently being considered by the City must be re-evaluated and modified based on the audit recommendations, to more effectively address the emergency nature of the crisis at a hand, despite any preliminary approvals. We owe it to the taxpayers who voted to approve Proposition HHH as well as to our homeless population to be sure that the \$1.2

billion in bonds are going towards the absolute best and highest priority use in order to address the emergency nature of the crisis at hand.

Most importantly, constitutional rights, environmental laws, public safety and health laws and regulations must be followed to accomplish these goals comprehensively and safely for the welfare of all Californians. A State of Emergency attempting to void applicable laws and regulations is not in support of the safety and well being of the City of Los Angeles residents or California residents generally.

- 9) 2111 Pacific Ave discussion & possible Motion, CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 2, 2019
- 10) **Royal Palms fencing** Adele Healey briefed the committee, no action taken
- 11) State Housing Legislation (SB 50 etc) Update (placeholder)
- 12) Update--Joint Northwest, Central, & Coastal San Pedro NC's Planning & Land Use Committee
- 13) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items, continued
- 14) The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm

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