

CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2005

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm

Roll Call:

Present – Asher, Beeman, Burch, Campbell, Castillo, De Luna, Donato,  
Henderson, Pardo, Uller, Villiger

Absent – Acosta (excused), Joe Gatlin (excused), Calhoun (excused), Foster,  
Thelma Gatlin,

Aphram Kahlbourji arrived approx. 8:30 pm.

The minutes of January 11, 2005 were approved with corrections and approved unanimously:

1. Action item related to Program Item No. 3 was corrected to read: “The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council approves in concept the need for additional police, fire fighters, and youth and gang intervention services in the City of Los Angeles to make our communities safer, and supports a measure or measures to accomplish this goal.”
2. The COPPS Committee Report should read: “Lonna stated that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council passed a motion in support of the COPPS committee position for a coordinated effort between neighborhood councils on port security, and that the Coastal San Pedro and Wilmington Neighborhoods Council would consider a similar resolution at their next meeting.”

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Jones, Acting supervisor of the Dean Dana Nature Center at Friendship Park announced an open house on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Shannon Donato announced a art show opening at the Maritime Museum on February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

Howard Uller shared a visit to the Los Angeles City Council Meeting the previous day, stating that we were one of the few neighborhood councils submitting an impact statement, and that the neighborhood councils generally supported the sales tax.

#### PROGRAM

- Update on POLA’s Bridge to Breakwater Project presented by Sal Z\_\_\_.
- The Waterfront Gateway portion opened in December, and the Harbor Blvd Parkway and Gateway Plaza portions are due to be completed in July and October 2005, respectively.
- The plans presented showed an Interim project condition, with the improved pedestrian walkway inland of the existing Ports O’ Call buildings.
- There will be a public meeting on the project on February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Ports O’ Call Restaurant to discuss pedestrian access and Point Park in the vicinity of Ports O’ Call.

- They requested that all neighborhood council comments on the draft NOP (Notice of Preparation of EIR) project description be submitted by February 18<sup>th</sup>, and that the NOP was scheduled to be finalized in April.
- A meeting to explain the EIR process is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Marina Hotel.
- Board Members agreed that our neighborhood council was not ready to submit their final comments on the draft NOP. A forum on the issue was scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- A motion was passed to request that the Port allow the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council to submit their final comments by March 1, 2005, instead of February 18<sup>th</sup> (unanimous).

OFFICIAL REPORTS commenced at 8:05 pm

PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee)

In Joe Gatlin's absence, no report was given. Frank O'Brien noted that the Port was moving forward with the North Gaffey mitigation program, and that PCAC was still discussing the Welcome Park project.

Bylaws and Election/Nomination Committee

Ray Burch explained that the committee's recommendations were submitted to DONE, and that we were forced to revise our plans in response to their comments. We cannot change our board size at this time (prior to the April 12 election), due to DONE review requirements. See attached committee report, which was approved unanimously. Burch announced that he would be out of the country on the date of the election, and Alfredo De Luna was selected to become chairman in Burch's absence.

Planning Committee

Presented by Grieg Asher, chair. The following motions were passed unanimously: Asher's draft comments on the NOP would be submitted to the PCAC Coordinated Plan subcommittee as "draft comments".

The board felt that it had insufficient information to act on the McDonalds project on Gaffey. Asher would do additional fact-finding as to the nature of McDonald's current proposal and its status with the City. If City action to approve the plan might occur before the next governing board meeting, Asher and Uller were enabled to take appropriate action without further board action.

Budget & Finance Committee

Presented by Aphram Khalbourji, chair. See attached Treasurer's report. Mark Lewis, DONE representative, was requested to explain a \$3,466.67 check debited to our account which was not approved by us. He explained that an error report would be generated by DONE to retract the notice of payment we received.

A request for CSPNC to provide \$10,000 as a matching fund for a Coastal Conservancy grant was rejected at this time. We do not have the funds available in our program fund, and a process to determine what how the funds would be allocated is yet to be

determined. The committee report was approved with 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstention (Donnato).

#### COPPS

No report was presented in Lonna Calhoun's absence.

#### PEP (Pacific Energy Partners)

Presented by David Beeman, chair. A meeting was held last month between the committee and PEP and their consultant, Mr. Wright. PEP stated that they intend to move forward with the project and to meet with the public and the Harbor Area neighborhood councils to explain their progress on a regular basis at various locations and times. Beeman urged CSPNC board member participation at these forums for continual monitoring of this project.

#### Communication & Outreach

Presented by Sue Castillo, Outreach Officer. The timely cooperation of all committee chairs was requested to facilitate the creation of a committee activity calendar as an outreach tool. Chairs should respond to a notice 1 week before the end of the month to confirm the dates, times and place of their meetings. A Communication & Outreach Committee Meeting was suggested for Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, although no board members were able to promise attendance at that date.

#### Arts & Culture

Presented by Dan Pasley, chair. An election will be held for the chairmanship of this committee on February 28<sup>th</sup>. A new equipment purchase for the CEZ was discussed.

#### Teamwork LA

Presented by Tom Villiger, chair. Attendee's experience at the Mayoral Debate of February 7<sup>th</sup> was discussed. The second mayoral debate would be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>, and CSPNC participation was urged.

Minutes taken by Sue Castillo, Communications & Outreach Officer.