

MINUTES
CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
JULY 12, 2005 STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

- 1) Howard Uller called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.
- 2) Council Secretary Norma Acosta called the roll and established a quorum of the Board. The attached roll call roster shows that 15 board members were present. Excused absences were given to Shannon Donato and Louie Lozano.
- 3) Minutes: MSC to approve the minutes as presented of the June 14, 2005 Stakeholders meeting.
- 4) Announcements:
 - R.J. Booker from the LAUSD announced that the harbor was to have a new high school that would relieve overcrowding. A public meeting to discuss sites for this new campus was scheduled for July 20th at Narbonne High.
 - Howard Uller updated the City of Angels High School situation. The Board of Education voted against a management proposal to replace local campuses of the City of Angels High School with regional centers. This would have closed San Pedro's only sight. Although this proposal seems dead for now, Howard indicated that management has yet to replace the teacher who retired at the San Pedro site. This reduces it to a one teacher site which provides administrative justification for closing the campus. This approach, closing sites on a one-by-one basis--could enable management to circumvent the Board's vote. Howard asked the previous speaker to take this input back to the LAUSD.
- 5) Program
 - A) The agenda item dealing with charging rental fees to the vendors at Farmers Markets was postponed. That is because the presenter was called to a meeting with members of the City Council to discuss this issue.
 - B) MSC to support Mt. Sinai Baptist Church's request for diagonal parking on Third St.
 - C) Dan Pasley gave an update on the status of the MOU with the Department of Cultural Affairs. That memo may be ready for multi-council approval in August or September.

CSPNC took the first steps in preparing for this approval by opening the floor to nominations for our council's delegate to the CAD Neighborhood Council Advisory Committee created by this MOU. Ed Vincent and Joe Gatlin were the first nominees.

D) Eric Johnson represented the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles. He discussed the possible across-the-board rent increases for residents of the public housing developments throughout LA. Mr. Johnson indicated that the tenant concern over such increases resulted from staff presentations on the matter to the tenants of each development. Staff was trying to explain why such increases may happen. The crux of the issue is that the income for operating the housing developments come from rent and

the annual HUD supplement. HUD has advanced a couple of proposals that could reduce their supplements. One of those proposals could reduce this supplement by 42%. If either goes into effect, the monthly rentals paid by the tenants would not be adequate to operate and maintain the developments. Hence the tenant fear of a rent increase. There is a measure within Congress that may provide more income for the operation of the projects thereby preventing any need to increase rents.

The other issue was the fact that undocumented tenants pay higher rents than other tenants. Mr. Johnson explained that this was because the HUD supplement cannot be used for those who are undocumented, thereby requiring such tenants to pay a higher rent. The council agreed with the suggestion to get the Immigration assistance program of Catholic Charities to assist the undocumented block within the Rancho San Pedro development in legalizing their status within the USA.

6) Official Reports

A) Senior Lead Officer Dumaplin reported for the LAPD. They are moving into their new location at 221 N. Bayview in Wilmington, and their phone number is 310/513-7017. Points discussed included whether this move meant reduced levels of policing in San Pedro, and crime reporting strategies that do not subject the caller to retaliation.

B) Rob Simpson from Betty Karnertte's office asked our council to endorse AB1406. It was agreed to make this endorsement a Brown-acted agenda item for the August meeting.

C) Carolyn Brady from Janice Hahn's office reported on concerns re July 4th fireworks in residential neighborhoods.

6) Committee Reports

- PCAC – Joe Gatlin - Joe reported that the Promenade's low-density alternative plan would be presented for PCAC approval to be studied on a coequal basis at the July 19th PCAC meeting. He also reported that the city council voted against renewing the Amerigas lease.
- Treasurer's Report/Budget & Finance Committee report--Aphram Khalbourji. Aphram presented a report showing \$6489 in the bank, \$144 cash on hand, \$45.60 left on commercial prepaid card, and a demand warrant for -\$18,525. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.
- Planning Committee—Grieg Asher: Grieg reported that the committee was still working on getting the \$2500 grant for the property contiguous to the one being worked on by the Northwest Neighborhood Council. Grieg also reported that the working group had finalized the low-density alternative plan for the promenade, and that it would be presented for the PCAC's approval.
- COPSS – Lonna Calhoun: Next meeting is set for the third Tuesday of July.
- By-Laws and Election Committee – Ray Burch: Ray stated that he would present some written recommendations for by-laws revisions at the September meeting.

- Communications & Outreach Committee- Sue Castillo: Sue gave an update on the website refinements. She and Aphram agreed to have further meetings to identify the needed changes and format revisions, as well as to divide the work load. They set that next meeting for July 27th at 6PM at the CEZ office.
- Arts & Culture Committee—Dan Pasley: Dan stated that the committee would hold a forum on issues of concern to the Spanish-speaking population of the Rancho San Pedro area. This forum would occur at the committee's August meeting.
- PEP Committee—Dave Beeman: Dave reported that he would call David Wright of PEP to begin planning the joint neighborhood council forum on PEP.

7) Other Business

- Howard Uller reported the CAC reviewed a large scale housing proposal last week. He indicated that several such proposals have been presented to that body while bypassing our council, and he advised everyone at the last CAC meeting that this one-sided approach had to stop. He concluded by stating that he was going to meet with the President of the CAC to plan a joint presentation format, and that once developed he would be bring this model before our council for its review, refinement, and approval.

Howard also projected that promenade generated upscale housing developments would result in the loss of affordable housing in Barton Hill, and suggested that our council start the dialogue with the port, the council office, and the developers over replacement housing.

8. Motion To Adjourn: MSC to adjourn at 9:25 PM

Meeting Critique: Immediately after adjourning the meeting, the Board critiqued the meeting for best and worst practices. Everyone seemed to agree that the meeting ran well and appreciated the fact that we stayed within the time lights. There were a couple of times when the discussion veered away from the agenda and the body suggested that the chair move quicker to prevent this from happening. There was a question raised about the propriety of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee chair calling scheduling a forum on Spanish speaking issues without first running this through the Board for discussion and approval. Howard agreed to send Dan an email re this matter, and to copy the Board with same email.