

**CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING MINUTES**

**Harry Bridges Institute  
350 W. Fifth Street, 2nd Floor  
San Pedro, CA 90731  
March 14, 2006**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Howard Uller, President called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Norma Acosta, Secretary, called the roll and established a quorum of the board. **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Howard Uller, Joe Gatlin, Norma Acosta, Sue Castillo, Pam Foster, Molly Campbell, Luis Lozano, Dan Pasley, Loonna Calhoun, Dave Beeman, Grieg Asher, Maria Montez **ABSENT AT ROLL CALL:** Aphram Kahlbourji, Mayra Perez, Sal Pardo. **GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Lisette Covarrubias, DONE; Anna Botic, San Pedro Community Advocate, Councilperson Janice Hahn's office;

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MSC to approve minutes of the February 14, 2006 meeting. Vote: 9/0/1**

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC FORUM**

Lisette Covarrubias, Project Coordinator, DONE, introduced herself and mentioned Conflict of Interest training, the first of which will take place today. Ms. Covarrubias reported that State of California law, AB1234, requires NC Board members to attend the training, and announced upcoming dates and times for the upcoming training sessions, which will also be open to public.

Barbara Mozlyn voiced her concern about a development project, the View. Sue Castillo reported a recent planning committee meeting, announced another meeting on March 27, 2006, where this issue will be discussed and invited Ms. Mozlyn to attend.

Guillermo Martinez, representing the Engineering Department, Port of Los Angeles, invited stakeholders to attend upcoming transportation workshops, which will take place on April 4 and 6. The 110 connector program will be discussed.

George Singer voiced concern about location of meetings (downtown Los Angeles, for example) regarding issues that affect San Pedro stakeholders. Howard Uller encouraged Mr. Singer to become more involved in the NC to assist in resolving issues such as this one.

Carl Crawford spoke about parking near his residence (305 N. Harbor) that will be affected by a proposed development that is requesting a variance regarding available parking (using on-street parking). Discussion followed regarding area merchants that will be displaced by the development, the perhaps too small retail spaces proposed. Mr. Uller encouraged Mr. Crawford and other concerned merchants to attend CSPNC

Planning Committee meetings and to contact the Pacific Corridor Advisory Committee. Mr. Uller thanked Mr. Crawford for his input, and expressed hope that Mr. Crawford will continue his efforts. Carl Marsh reported a meeting that took place regarding the subject development, stating that the developer (Pablo Leon) informed attendees that CSPNC has fully endorsed the project. Mr. Marsh reported concern that Harbor Blvd. will become overdeveloped, and that the area might be better used as a park. Howard Uller asked Anna Botic, Councilperson Hahn's representative, to inform Ms. Hahn that the CSPNC has been misrepresented to a hearing officer. Mr. Uller thanked Mr. Marsh for his input.

### **OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Anna Botic, SP Community Advocate, Janice Hahn's office, introduced herself and encouraged attendees to contact her with questions or comments. Ms. Botic announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Graffiti Task Force meeting took place and discussed efforts to reduce graffiti. Ms. Botic reported on an RV ordinance that is intended to ban overnight parking of oversized vehicles. Ms. Botic discussed the process by which this will take place and asked that stakeholders advise her of areas within SP where parking of oversized vehicles is a problem.

Rob Simpson, representing Assemblyperson Betty Carnette, drew the meeting's attention to two bills intended to address port security issues: AB 2237, intended to prevent terrorism in our ports, and AB 2274, which regards emergency preparedness programs. Mr. Simpson asked that a CSPNC committee discuss these bills and consider endorsement. Mr. Simpson invited stakeholders to attend an upcoming hearing on port security on April 21, 2006.

Officer Dumaplin reported a decrease in crime in the area for a two-week period and stated that the Captain has initiated an effort to get more officers for the area. Officer Dumaplin provided flyers and announced a Community Police Academy, which is due to take place on March 22, 2006, that is intended to inform stakeholders of how police officer make decisions for actions that take place. The Academy will also provide an opportunity for stakeholders to voice concerns.

### **3. PROGRAM**

#### **• Proposed High School at Ponte Vista**

Rod Hamilton, Regional Developer, introduced himself and Brian Emer, and discussed the proposed new 2025 seat high school, intended to reduce overcrowding San Pedro and Narbonne High Schools. Roberta Jones Booker, Community Outreach, introduced herself as well. Some of the topics Mr. Hamilton discussed were: the process by which a new school is brought from concept to fruition; the project's present stage; community involvement and outreach in the planning stages; the intent to proceed cooperatively; timing of the final decision to build the school

(approximately 18 months from now); community access to school facilities; and protection of wetlands located at the proposed site. A stakeholder stated his preference for a smaller school, voicing concern about gang activity that could be escalated within the framework of a larger school. Other topics of discussion include effect on enrollment at other area schools, traffic, and parking. Mr. Hamilton noted that two Environmental Impact Reports will be prepared.

• **“Smaller Schools Groups” at San Pedro High School**

Ellen Pimmela, assistant principal at SP introduced herself and discussed plans for improvements at SPHS, due to take place within the next three years. Ms. Pimmela announced the award of a \$1 million grant to SPHS to promote a smaller learning community-oriented school and discussed the issues the smaller school group is intended to address. After announcing that the freshman academy has already begun, Ms. Pimmela asked for CSPNC endorsement of the grant project.

**MSC to support the smaller school concept at SPHS.**

**STRAW POLL: 20 in favor; 2 opposed.**

**BOARD VOTE: 8 in favor; 1 opposed; 1 abstention**

• **POLA Waterfront Improvements – What Happened?**

Howard Uller reported on the Steering Committee meeting that took place last week, and noted that he had asked the various parties to attend today’s meeting to allow the Board to consider voicing support for asking that the project continue. Frank O’Brien, Port Community Advisory Committee member, and Sal Zambrano, representing the Port, provided perspectives from their individual viewpoints.

**MSC to support the Coordinate Plan Subcommittee of the PCAC to move forward with the Waterfront Enhancement Project, conditioned on the elimination of plans for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street site.**

**STRAW POLL: 12 in favor; 2 against; 3 abstentions.**

**BOARD VOTE: 7 in favor; 2 against; 2 abstentions.**

Howard Uller passed the gavel to Joe Gatlin. Mr. Gatlin noted the late hour and, with the permission of the Board, tabled Committee reports with the exception of the By-Laws and Election Procedures Committee report.

By-Laws and Election Procedures Committee Report

Sue Castillo, Communications Officer, presented the following recommendations in the absence of Ray Burch, Committee Chair.

The Committee recommended that the Board consider the changes to the By-Laws proposed by DONE, as follows:

- Accept DONE's proposal to reformat our Elections Procedure using DONE's standard template
- Set the date of the Annual Election as July 11, 2006.
- Appoint an Independent Elections Administrator (IEA)
- Appoint a Final Decision Maker (FDM)
- Appoint an Elections Committee of at least 20 stakeholders (DONE recommendation).

**MSC to accept DONE's help in formatting CSPNC By-Laws and Election Procedures and establish the date of the election for July 11, 2006.**

**STRAW POLL: Unanimous in favor**  
**BOARD VOTE: Unanimous in favor**

**MSC to continue the remaining agenda items at a special meeting on Saturday, March 25, 2006, at 10 am.**

**STRAW POLL: 22 in favor; no objections; 1 abstention**  
**BOARD VOTE: 8 in favor; no objections; 1 abstention**

The following agenda items are tabled until the Special Meeting.

• **Mayor's Day of Service planned for Saturday, May 7th**  
*Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council participation to be considered.*

• **Pacific Energy Partners Pier 400 Project**

• **Ponte Vista (Bisno) Project**

• **March 4th Session of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress**

*The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council may adopt motions in support of, in opposition to,*

*or otherwise commenting on any issue on this Program Agenda.*

**Remaining Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Committee Reports:**

Planning Committee – Sue Castillo, Communications Officer

*Proposed Action Items:*

*1. Recommendation that the CSPNC tentatively approve the VUE high rise project at 288 W. Fifth Street subject to further development and refinement of project plans to provide unique and high-quality architectural detailing, façade materials and streetscape enhancements; and the incorporation of a project labor agreement for construction. This neighborhood council should continue to oversee these plan details. Furthermore, we ask that the parking garage for this project contribute public parking spaces to serve downtown.*

*2. Recommendation that the CSPNC encourage the developer of the Ocean Lofts project on Harbor Avenue at Santa Cruz Street continue refining the details of this project to enhance its streetscape appeal, and provide a height study showing the*

*project height with respect to the adjacent bluff housing. This project should be constructed under a project labor agreement.*

COPSS (Committee on Port Security and Safety) – Lonna Calhoun, At-Large Member  
Arts & Culture Committee – Dan Pasley, At-Large Member

*Proposed support for the Liberty Hill Day Event*

PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee) – Joe Gatlin, Vice President  
Finance and Budget Committee – Aphram Khalbourji, Treasurer

*Proposed support for community projects recommendations to be heard.*

Communication & Outreach Committee – Sue Castillo, Communications Officer

Pacific Energy Partners Committee – David Beeman, At-Large Member

Pam Foster