



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Tuesday, February 9, 2010 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Croatian Cultural Center, 510 W. 7th St, San Pedro, Calif.**

Call to Order & Roll Call, 6:40pm. Present: Art Almeida, Linda Alexander, Sue Castillo, John Delgado, Frank Anderson, Pat Carroll, Scott Gray, Julia Parker, J.R. Perez, Bill Roberson, Carrie Scoville, Daryl Seybold, Andrew Silber, Philip Strout, and Phill Trigas. Absent: Caroline Brady-Sinco and Kara McLeod. Approximately 45 stakeholders and guests present.

Introduction by President: President Delgado reported on:

- June 2010 Neighborhood Council elections and the need to prepare in case Central manages the elections instead of the City Clerk. These are currently scheduled for June 8, 2010.

Councilwoman Hahn's Office: Ana Dragin reported on the following:

- General Manager of DONE attended NWSPNC meeting last night and gave a depressing account of what is in store for DONE and the NCs. The City Council is planning to lay off 1,000 staff members, and is meeting every day to resolve some of the financial issues. NC funding reductions are still on the table, now being handled at a Education and Neighborhoods Committee level.
- The City Clerk is being asked to change our region's election date. A council motion was introduced to allow NC's to be able to opt out of City Clerk election management.
- Phill suggested that our NC give back to the city to help out with the budget crises and just keep what we need to operate. This item should be discussed at the next Finance committee meeting.

LAPD: Office Nua (Junior) reported on the following:

- Harbor Division has seen an increase in robberies, especially near Gaffey and 5th Street (including Radio Shack). Suspects are African American Males and Females.
- January 3 – 30, violent crime compared to last year was down almost 30%. Narcotic arrests are up. No other significant changes in the crime stats.
- Harbor Division received 14 new officers, 4 were transferred. There are 13 more officers working in the Harbor Division. They may be losing some of their administrative staff.
- LAPD appears to be working successfully with the Harbor View House.
- There is a new Neighborhood watch group in the southeast portion of San Pedro. They will meet on 22nd of February at 18th Street and Mesa, New Harvest Church, 6pm.

Mayor's Office: Ricardo Hong reported on the following:

- Tough week last week for the city. 1,000 city employees are being terminated.
- Reminded everyone about the 2010 Census.
- There will be a school wide cleanup and tree planting on March 20, 2010 at San Pedro High School.

Port of Los Angeles. Augie Besmalinovich reported on:

- Next public waterfront development meeting will be held on 2/11/10 at 6pm, at the Crowne Plaza.
- The historic Angels Gate Tug Boat is back in service as a classroom on the water thanks to a successful fundraising campaign to cover necessary maintenance.
- The Port of LA is moving forward with the federally funded Harry Bridges Blvd Roadway project which will improve public safety and access into the TraPac container terminal. This is a 17.7 Million dollar project that will create more than 250 local construction jobs. The Notice to Proceed date is March 8th and construction should last 21 months. The Port continues to pursue more than \$300 million in additional Federal stimulus money.
- Port of LA container volume is up, and 2009 ended strong on exports. Forecasts suggest a jump in imports of as much as 28% for the first half of 2010 as the economy recovers.
- The Port is working with Vision Industries to evaluate zero-emissions, hybrid-electric trucks.
- There are 9 “Super Days” for the Cruise Ships in San Pedro (when 3 cruise ships are in at the same time). PBID is working with the Port to try to get cruise passengers into downtown.
- Port is considered increasing the frequency of fountain shows.
- Board member Phill Trigas suggested an annual pass program for the red car. The Port likes the idea.
- The USS Iowa proposal is still being looked at.
- New signage will be installed on the Harbor Blvd off ramp to improve traffic flow, which has been a problem during cruise days.
- Next Board of Harbor Commissioner’s meetings are Feb. 18th and Mar. 4th, 8:30 am, at the POLA Admin building.
- Future community presentation will be held on the Port’s Red Car Feasibility Study and City Dock One.
- Sue Castillo asked about the street improvements to the Front Street/North Pacific Avenue range that the neighborhood council has been requesting. Augie promised to bring information regarding this to our next meeting.

Public Comment

- Pres. John Delgado announced an upcoming play at the Warner Grand, “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change.”
- Bob Gelfand: Made comments about a program for City Wide Bylaws Review and also talked about cuts to D.O.N.E. and issues related to BONC and the City Clerk.
- Doug Epperhart: Discussed the recommendations he is making to improve the NC system.

Presentation on proposed new administration for San Pedro High School and its need for volunteer services: Jeannette Stevens, Principal of San Pedro High School reported on the following:

- Public School Choice Plan. Results are on line www.lausd.net (the Public School Choice section shows all the results for all the schools). Some initiatives for professional development are being considered. They are considering providing public meeting space on their campus to better serve the community.
- A Safe Haven after-school program is being designed to provide tutoring and other enriching activities for students in order to motivate them to stay in school.

Proposed support for a grant application to fund the improvement of the Lilyan Fierman walkway as an art park: Sue Castillo talked about the walkway next to the Warner Grand. The CRA is looking for Grant Funding. **Sue then made a Motion that we support the application efforts**

of the CRA to fund the improvement of the Lilyan Fierman Walkway. The motion was seconded by Linda Alexander. 11 yes, 0 no.

City funding issues impacting the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Warner Grand Theater: Pat Carroll talked about the city budget crisis and how it affects the Warner Grand which might be partnered out to a private organization. Bob Gelfand talked about the NC's hosting a meeting to discuss the future of the Warner Grand.

Proposed acquisition of the County's California History Collection currently housed in the Rosemead Public Library. Art Almeida talked briefly about a collection that the Rosemead Public Library would like to sell. He feels that bringing this collection to San Pedro would be a tremendous attraction. A motion was made to empower Art to inquire about acquiring this on behalf of the neighborhood council. Motion passed.

2010 Neighborhood Council Election Update (Bill Roberson). No change since last month, and no progress in transferring management of the elections to the neighborhood councils (instead of the City Clerk).

Finance Committee Report, Linda Alexander reported on the following:

- 16 different agencies have requested funding. We do not know how much we will have available at this time, so no recommendations are ready as yet to be presented to the board.
- Prioritizing will be done at the next Finance Committee Meeting.
- A written financial report was provided in the agenda packet.

SPACE District report. Linda Alexander talked about the grant mechanism for funding and promoting artists and galleries in the ACE District.

Port Community Advisory Committee Report (Carrie Scoville):

- PCAC has been meeting and evaluating its function. They have not been attaining a quorum or been able to pass any motions for quite awhile.
- Next meeting will have an air quality presentation on sensing stations in our district.
- Due to Olive Buie's resignation from the board, a PCAC alternate is needed and needs to be on the agenda for next month.

Downtown Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee report: Sue described the controversy relating to the removal of trees on 6th Street as a part of sidewalk repairs.

Approval of the minutes of the January 12, 2010 Stakeholder Meetings: Pat Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010 Board and Stakeholder meeting, seconded by Art Almeida and approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Smith, NC Admin Asst.