



# THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council**  
**Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes**  
**Croatian Cultural Center, 510 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St, San Pedro, Calif.**

**Call to Order & Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by President John Delgado at 6:36pm. Present: Art Almeida (arrived at 6:47pm) Linda Alexander, Sue Castillo, John Delgado, Frank Anderson, Caroline Brady-Sinco, Pat Carroll, Scott Gray, Julia Parker, J.R. Perez, Bill Roberson, Carrie Scoville, Daryl Seybold, Philip Strout, and Phill Trigas. Absent: Andrew Silber and Kara McLeod. Approximately 50 stakeholders and guests present.

**Introduction by President:** John Delgado spoke about the Grand Opening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Park which was well attended and a great success.

## **Reports by Public Officials:**

**Captain Hayes, LAPD:** Reported on the following:

- The LAPD Chief is looking at reorganization of the department and bringing more officers to the geographical areas, as well as investigators. They have promised to review it after the first quarter of the year. 130 officers from a task force were split up and sent back to the commands. South Bureau received 60% of those officers. Harbor area received 10 officers. Captain Hayes is putting officers into a special unit to work on problem areas.
- Re: San Pedro. Captain Hayes commented that they have looked back at crimes from 2002 through 2009 and there are impressive reductions.

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

- City attorney was asked to come up with an ordinance to give LA port police authority to cite trucks idling for more than 5 minutes. The file is in the Energy and Environment committee.
- Public Department of Street Works is doing work on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Sidewalk repairs are almost finished.
- Sports Walk plaques from 2009 will also be installed.
- \$90,000 gained for the CRA for structural analysis of the bridge at the end of the freeway.
- Horseshoe pits at Peck Park are completed and being used. Ribbon cutting next Thursday 10am at Peck Park.
- Met with DOT regarding safety of kids cross street near 15<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary.
- Parking meter rates are being reduced by 50% in the parking lots. Signs will be posted within the next two weeks.
- Neighborhood council elections are schedule the same day as the primaries. The councilwoman has asked the city clerk to change the NC election dates.
- Justin Houterman has moved on and Liz Greenwood will be the new neighborhood prosecutor.
- Toberman Family Source Center grand opening this Thursday at 11am.
- Stephen Robbins, Manager of the Property Owners Business Improvement District (PBID) was introduced.
- Ana also answered questions from board members and stakeholders.

**DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)**, Rosa Arcadia reported on the following:

- Election outreach. DONE will be assisting. Sessions are being held all over the city to have open dialogue for prospective candidates and other stakeholders who would like to be involved in the NC system and need more information.
- Mayor's Budget survey is out. This year it is on-line and is called the "Budget Challenge". About 1800 have taken the Challenge (survey).
- Press Conference was held today with results of the Controllers Audit of DONE.

**Port of Los Angeles**, Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:

- Upcoming meeting February 11<sup>th</sup> at Crowne Plaza 6pm-8pm where the Port will do a presentation updating the community on the waterfront projects.
- The Port is looking into the feasibility of having the USS Iowa docked in San Pedro.
- The Harbor Commissioners awarded the China Shipping money to Gaffey Street Pool and there is a homeowners group who want it to go to arbitration to use the money in a different way.
- Geraldine Knatz reported to the Councilwoman on Gambol Industries.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Park is now open. Stop by and take a look.
- Port Calendars are available.
- Next meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am at Port Administrative Bldg.
- New gangways have arrived at the cruise ship terminal.
- Million dollars a day is being spent by the Port on construction.
- Harry Bridges Project (widening of street) is projected to cost only \$18 million, much lower than initially projected.
- Red Car feasibility study presentation could be held at the NC council meeting in the future.
- Lights on the fountains. People were asking about why the lights are always white. That is the signature color for the company that designed them.
- Discussion on cruise ship patrons and what can we do to have them enjoy San Pedro before or after their cruise.
- Phil Trigas asked about a possible yearly pass for families to use the red car to get to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Park.

### **Public Comment**

- Stella from the Community Development Department. They have gone regional and have a regional office at San Pedro City Hall, Room 551.
- Doug Epperhart: Spoke on the audit. He met with Wendy Gruehl and also spoke with Bong Wan Kim and the following are changes to the NC system: No more petty cash will be available to NC's. Separate Treasurer functions and bill paying functions to two different people. Background checks on those who serve as Treasurer. System for standardized recording and reporting. Training and mentoring. Rollover money situation has not yet been resolved.

**Presentation by Delanor Roosevelt on the USS Iowa to Franklin Roosevelts.** The USS Iowa was FDR's flagship. They are hoping to bring the ship to San Pedro. Their project objective is to establish the world's best and last available battleship, the US Navy's Iowa (BB-61), for educational, historical and financial benefits for San Pedro and the greater Los Angeles area. Proponents state that berthing of this battleship along the San Pedro waterfront should bring about half a million visitors to the area, add about \$3,500,000 in payroll each year to the local economy, generate sales tax revenues for the city, and generate additional revenues for the surrounding museums and restaurants by bringing new visitors. It is expected to draw Naval and Marine reunions and the other local economic benefits that this would entail. Additionally, the SS Iowa could serve as a disaster control center in the event of an emergency, housing up to 1,500

people. Program components include a “living ship” museum, a research library, public ship tours, K –12 educational opportunities, “at sea” experiences, short-term “live-aboard ship encampments”, structured work experiences for specialized youth organizations, and programs designed to enrich at-risk youth. Similar to the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor, free dental and medical clinics will be made available to local residents once each month. The US Government provides de-commissioned naval vessels at no cost to organizations which provide an acceptable permanent (minimum 10-year) berthing, plans for maintenance, refurbishment, towing, environmental permits, curatorial activities, and financing for all of the above. Proponents state that no government financial support will be required, and the program is expected to be self-sustaining. Revenues are expected to exceed expenses. Website will be ready to launch soon.

- Sue Castillo made the following motion seconded by Pat Carroll: The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests and supports the Pacific Battleship Center working with the Port of Los Angeles to bring the USS Iowa to the San Pedro/Wilmington waterfront, as part of our waterfront development. The motion passed with 13 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**Iwatch program.** No representatives were available to provide presentation on this agenda item but support documents were included within the agenda packet.

**Update on Elections by Bill Roberson:** City Clerk’s office is going to handle our elections. The elections are set for June 8 which is also the General Primary. Due to this conflict the council office is attempting to get the date moved which may also affect the following dates:

- March 10, First filing as candidate.
- April 9, last day for regular filing as a candidate. (filing consists of filing out an application, providing identification and proof of stakeholder status). Candidate Statement is suggested.
- Write in candidate may apply between April 12 and May 10.
- City Clerk’s office is doing everything except advertising and outreach.
- Phill Trigas asked if the Harbor Alliance can do outreach as a combined effort.
- Doug Epperhart commented that the HANC is pushing for Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> as a new election date. The next HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) meeting is the first Wednesday in February.
- Pres. Delgado urged those stakeholders present to consider becoming candidates in the upcoming election this year.

**Update on Parking Meter issue:** Scott Gray commented that they are continuing to take names on the petitions and they are not going to give up until they get parking rates back to where they ought to be.

**Land Use Planning Report:** Sue Castillo reported on the following:

- No committee meeting over holidays.
- Development plans of the Harbor Interfaith project were available for review. There have been changes based on Fire Department regulations etc. They are hiring a landscape architect to address landscaping issues. They have applied for a variance because it is a 40’ building. The Central SP NC board voted in approval of the project with 13 yes votes, and 0 no votes.
- Proposed cell phone facilities on Gaffey Street were discussed.
- Municipal code ordinance about drug and alcohol facilities in private residences was discussed.
- Sound wall 110 freeway/47. Consider creating a committee if enough community members are on board.
- Seminar.

**Finance Committee Report.** Linda Alexander provided a written update. Finance committee meeting next Monday night. Linda urged board members to attend the meeting to review funding proposals.

**PCAC Committee Report:** There was no meeting in December. Next Tuesday is the next meeting at Bannings Landing. The PCAC has taken a survey of the membership. They have been having trouble reaching a quorum and therefore have not been able to vote on issues. The results of the survey will be discussed at the next meeting. Carrie would like to see a new alternative appointed. The PCAC meeting the Third Tues of the month.

**Approval of minutes of November and December meetings.** Board members reviewed the minutes from the two prior meetings. Sue Castillo made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2009 minutes, seconded by Julia Parker. Motion passed by 11 yes votes, 0 no votes. Sue Castillo then made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2010 meeting, seconded by Julia Parker and passed by a vote of 13 yes 0 no.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Smith, NC Admin Asst.