

**ROUGH DRAFT**

**CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
Governing Board & Stakeholder  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2002**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Harry Bridges Community Labor Center located at 350 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 209, San Pedro, California.

Notice of this meeting and its'agenda were posted at the following locations: YWCA, Toberman Settlement House, Boys and Girls Club of San Pedro, Los Angeles Public Library – San Pedro, Los Angeles City Hall – San Pedro and Rancho San Pedro Housing Authority Office.

**Present:**

Howard Uller, President  
Jim White, Vice President  
Cathy Maynez Familathe, Secretary  
Aphraim Khalbourji, Treasurer  
Dan Paisley, Communications Specialist  
Mike Hermann  
Justine Arian  
Conrad Aguirre  
Ray Burch  
Sal Pardo  
Larry Henderson  
Tom Villiger  
Thelma Gaitlin  
Benny Chavez  
David Beeman

**Absent:**

Sharon Stewart  
Kevin Schroeder

President called for brief introduction of board members and stakeholders in the audience.

**Governing Board Agenda:**

Administrative Procedures

**Stakeholders Meeting Agenda:**

Peninsula Dog Parks, Inc. (PDPI) – Proposal for Knoll Hill  
Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services – John Lambert  
Ports O'Call & Promendate Update – Frank O'Brien  
Stakeholders Comments and Input

## **Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

A lengthy discussion occurred around the issue of compliance with both the Council's By-Laws and the Brown Act in respect to how meetings are conducted, agendizing of items, and proper notification.

Cathy Maynez Familathe created notebook folders for each member of the governing board including officers which included the following:

1. Pertinent telephone and address lists
2. By-Law (9<sup>th</sup> Draft) – Tom Villiger stated that there was actually a 10<sup>th</sup> Draft and provided copy to Cathy for distribution to Governing Board at next meeting.
3. Minutes of all of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council meeting minutes from June 2001 to March 2002.
4. Various information pulled from Internet such as: DONE – Common Legal Questions Regarding Certified Neighborhood Councils; City Ethics Commission – Information for Neighborhood Councils; Brown Act; City Attorney Ltr to Rosalind Stewart of DONE regarding Legal Issues regarding Neighborhood Councils; City Attorney Ltr to Stakeholder Charles Woolf regarding Voting Procedures for Certified Neighborhood Councils.
5. Various newspaper articles, flyers, etc. regarding the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

Telephone for the Council – Discussion occurred concerning whether the Council currently had a phone and if it was necessary at all. After discussion a M/S/C (Unanimously) to have the Central SPNC telephone line located at the Harry Bridges Institute office located at 350 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 208 which will need to be reimbursed to Cathy Maynez Familathe with it's message in both Spanish and English and a 6-month evaluation will be conducted for cost and location effectiveness.

Mail for the Council – Doug Epperhart, Interim President Coastal SPNC advised that the Council should eventually be getting an office in the City Hall for the three (3) councils. John Mavar, Honorary Mayor offered to let our mail be forwarded to his office. M/S/C (Unanimously) to have the Central SPNC mail forwarded to 638 S. Beacon Street, Room 301, San Pedro, CA 90731.

Neighborhood Council Collaboration – Discussion occurred around exactly what this collaboration is and when, where and what time they meet and currently who attends these meetings. It was noted that the Council By-Laws Article IX – Neighborhood Council Collaboration allows for and encourages participation in this Neighborhood Council Collaboration. The purpose of these meetings are to see what issues overlap jurisdiction and how best to resolve them. The Council will agendize in both English and Spanish the day, time and location of the Neighborhood Council Collaboration meetings as well as the election of individuals that will officially represent the Central SPNC at these meetings. In the meantime, Tom Villiger, Rene Simon and Howard Uller will continue attend these meetings on behalf of the Central SPNC. The next meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Center – Fireside Room.

Forum of the Citywide Alliance of Neighborhood Councils – The Central SPNC to agendalize for our next meeting the selection of individuals to attend the Forum for the Citywide Alliance of Neighborhood Council meetings on a regular basis and will agendalize these particular meetings on an on-going basis so that stakeholders can attend.

Budget Committee Report - Discussion occurred around the possibility of the Council receiving \$50,000 from DONE for neighborhood improvement projects, staffing, operational costs, etc. It was noted that the Treasurer, Aphraim Khalbourji, will chair any budget and/or finance responsibilities, in this case a Budget Committee. Commissioner Pat Herrera-Duran stated that the money is not available at this time. Communication Specialist Dan Paisley noted that we need to look into different avenues of having money available for postage since it seems that this will be the most costly item we will have. One line item for the Budget Committee will be the Spanish translator for meetings and flyers.

### **Stakeholders Meeting Minutes**

Presentation of Knoll Hill Proposal by Peninsula Dog Parks, Inc. (PDPI) – Upon review of the proposal and several questions and answers a M/S/C by the Council (15-1) to support PDPI's request for support of their proposal and the Council Secretary to send letter to Councilwoman Hahn's notifying her that we recommend that PDPI improve on the concept and proceed with further planning. Stakeholders also voted 15-1 for the proposal.

Governing Board Position vs Stakeholders Position Discussion – A discussion took place regarding what occurs when the Governing Board should take a position regarding an issue which is totally opposite from the stakeholders. Secretary noted that 8.404 of the By-Laws states that stakeholders shall be encouraged to vote on all issues placed before the board; how-ever, the vote is advisory, the board shall maintain a record of these votes and take into consideration their impact on their decision.

Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services Report – Representative John Lambert gave a report on his organization – how it works, how it's funded and what it's goals are. He wished to inform us that Neighborhood Pride Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2002 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. On this day 6 homes will be painted in the area of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Grand Avenue and Gaffey & Grand Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Contact for LA Neighborhood Housing Services is John Lambert – 501 N. Mesa Street, San Pedro, CA 90731 - Telephone (310) 514-9444 ext. 40 or by e-mail [johnl@lanhs.usa.com](mailto:johnl@lanhs.usa.com). Persons interested in this program are free to contact him.

Plans for Port's O'Call & The Harbor Promenade Report – Report given by Frank O'Brien, Executive Director of the Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation which has a planning grant from the State of California which was secured by Assemblymember Lowenthal to develop a plan for the waterfront promenade. The project was conceived to accomplish a few things – 1) to improve public access to the waterfront; 2) to provide connections along the waterfront to the cruise center, museum,

port's o'call, etc. and 3) to improve connections between the waterfront and residential areas and the downtown old business part of San Pedro. He stated that this promenade is emphatically, definitively, absolutely not a plan for increased density, mixed use, jentification of our community based on input from several community groups so far. The project is going to PECAC next and then the Harbor Commissioners and he believes it will receive a conceptual green light. He stated that he believes that the Mayor and the Councilwoman have taken a position that the port and the community has to go forward with two basic principles – keeping the port economically viable and successful but balancing that growth with quality of life and environmental safety. He stated that his corporation is strictly advisory and that the Port and the Harbor Commission will make the final decisions regarding this issue. The Issues Committee of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council has indicated its' support for the concept of this project.

### Stakeholders Comments & Input on Community Issues

1. Governing Board Member Conrad Aguirre presented the issue of moving Harbor Blvd. to the opposite side of Knoll Hill. He stated that citizens in the area are very concerned about noise, fumes, etc. and they feel that the hill, as it is creates a buffer zone from what's happening now and what will happen with China Shipping. The other concern is redirection of traffic on the other side of the hill instead of where they are now. It was noted that this issue needs to be agendasized for our next meeting before proceeding further with discussion and/or action. Port of Los Angeles Executive Director, Larry Keller will be asked to make a presentation at the next Issues Committee as well as the next meeting regarding this issue.
2. Community Issues Committee Meeting – May 20, 2002 – 7:00 p.m. – Toberman Settlement House – Rene Simon, Chair and Alfred De Luna, Co-Chair.
3. Pat Herrera-Duran reminded the Council that all meetings of the Council and committees of the Council must be handicapped accessible.
4. Secretary Cathy Maynez Familathe announced that the Harry Bridges Community Labor Center (HBCLC) was available for any community meetings. If someone would like to use the room during the day or evening they should contact Shannon Donato at (310) 831-4385 – Monday through Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
5. Issue of Bandini Park was put forth and President Howard Uller stated that it would be agendasized for either the next council meeting or the one after that.
6. John Mavar, Honorary Mayor gave the council and stakeholders his phone number – 732-4632. Stated that he's here to help the council and stakeholders. He says he has an e-mail list and if anyone wants to be added, telephone his office. He stated that he's planning a clean up at the entrance of San Pedro (Gaffey and 110 Freeway) for June 1, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Will meet at the abandoned gas station on Sepulveda (right hand side of Gaffey). Everyone welcome! He stated that plans are still trying to be developed to

- acquire the abandoned property that the gas station sits on to create a welcome park at our entrance into San Pedro. He also has started a calendar – [southbaycalendar.org](http://southbaycalendar.org) and it is very interactive. This can be used for community meetings and events.
7. Bobby Cochran of USC's Neighborhood Project would like to eventually be on the agenda to discuss how the councils are doing so far – sort of an evaluation.
  8. Meeting Notices – Council advised that per the by-laws we are required to post notices at the YWCA, Toberman Settlement House, Boys and Girls Club of San Pedro, Los Angeles Public Library – San Pedro, Los Angeles City Hall – San Pedro and Rancho San Pedro Housing Authority Office.
  9. Communications Specialist Dan Paisley presented a report of his ideas on how to reach the stakeholders and community at large regarding meetings, issues and events. This report included possible items such as newsletters, using the press, radio, TV, etc. He proposed that the Council set up two committees – 1) Communications Committee and Media Relations Committee, both of which will address how best to accomplish outreach to the stakeholders. Treasurer Aphraim Khalbourji will also be creating a new website in the next few days and will be maintaining it on behalf of the Council. Council will need to pay cost of approximately \$35 per year to reserve space on sanpedro.org.
  10. Council to agendasize Committee Issue in regards to what committees are necessary per the by-laws, are any additional committees necessary, who currently sits on them and who would like to be added to committees of the Council.
  11. Council to create their own letterhead with logo as long as it does not duplicate any other organizations or persons.
  12. Per the By-Laws, the Council will establish a budget committee and the Treasurer, Aphraim Khalbourji will chair this committee.
  13. Hat was passed around to collect money to pay for Council expenses.
  14. Issues Committee Report – Rene Simon, Chair:
    - a. Community Redevelopment Agency working with Pacific Avenue Corridor Redevelopment
    - b. T.L. Garrett & Frank Gaffey – Port Environmental Issues
    - c. Marisa Trutanich – Billboard Issue – Renee advised that this issue was passed by the City Council and that essentially put a moratorium on any new billboards for the city and the designation of a district for the billboards and the community will decide if they want a special billboard district.

- d. the Promenade issue in concept with the condition that we could change the plan later.
  - e. Discussion took place regarding the role of the Issues Committee; i.e., define the issue, outline the pros and cons and bring the issue back to the Council and stakeholders for debate and action.
15. Secretary Cathy Familathe stated that she was currently in Sacramento and had a chance to speak with various Senators and Assemblymembers regarding Assembly Bill AB 2650 – A. Lowenthal – Air Pollution: Diesel Emissions and Senate Bill SB1507 - G. Romero –Intermodal Chassis. She was notified that some ports on the West Coast are lobbying against these bills. Council to agendalize this issue and have representatives from the ports to give a report on their position regarding these bills.
16. The Council and stakeholders contributed \$145 towards council expenses.

Next regular meeting of the Governing Board and stakeholders will be June 19, 2002 at the Harry Bridges Community Labor Center located at 350 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 209, San Pedro – Governing Board meets at 6:00 p.m. and Stakeholders at 7:00 p.m.

Tentative Agenda:

- i. Basic Committee Discussion
- ii. Issues Committee Report – Bandini Park; Front Street Redirection (Knoll Hill)
- iii. Communications Report; Budget Committee
- iv. Retirement Housing Foundation
- v. USC’s Neighborhood Project
- vi. Approval of Grievance Procedure
- vii. Port of LA/LB positions regarding AB2650 and SB1507

M/S/C to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m.