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Brief Summary: The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports CFI 08-0351-S1 to create a less intrusive financial disclosure statement for neighborhood council board members.

Additional Information:

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Governing Board Minutes
Monday, April 20, 2009
Cabrillo Plaza
San Pedro, California**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

- A. President June Burlingame Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- B. Board members present were Doug Epperhart, Soledad Garcia Robert Gelfand, Lydia Gutierrez, Chuck Hawley, Jennifer Marquez, Pam Meisel, June Burlingame Smith, Bruce Horton, Dean Pentcheff, Jennifer Radisic, John Stinson, Erin Strelich, Dawn Turner, Alexis, Ulrich, and Peter Warren.
- C. Board member absent: Linda Marinkovich.
- D. There were 27 stakeholders present.

2. Reading and acceptance of minutes.

- A, Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3. Public comment on non-agenda items.

- A. Ms. Linda Alexander spoke to the board about this summers Taste In San Pedro.
- B. Ms. Melanie Jones talked about the current production of Hay Fever by Noel Coward at the Little Fish Theater.
- C. Ms. Kristen Rodriguez talked about traffic problems in the 20th and Leland area.
- D. Ms. Soledad Garcia talked about the upcoming problems with water conservation.
- E. Ms. Jeniffer McMullen announced that the Palisades Residence Association will be having their annual meeting on Tuesday, My 12, 2009 at White Point Elementary School from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. She also told us of a charity motorcycle ride passing through town on May 3rd. It comes into town on 25th St. and then turns north on Western. There is a possible delay of up to twenty minutes.
- F. Ms. June Smith talked about the locking of restroom facilities at the bathhouse and the lack of other facilities open now that the weather is warming up and the tourist season is starting. She asked that this problem be referred to the Recreation and Parks Committee and for them to talk to the council office.

4. Officers, Representatives, and Committee reports.

A. Recreation and Parks Committee. A written report of the committee meeting was submitted to the board and stakeholders. A brief oral report covering upcoming walks and runs was given.

B. PCAC Representatives Report. A written report was submitted and a brief oral report was given by Peter Warren. He also asked for help in circulating petitions dealing with the sustainable waterfront alternative.

C. Budget and Finance Committee Report was referred to John Stinson by Lydia Gutierrez. John submitted a written budget report as well as a written treasurers report and answered a number of questions about the state of the councils finances.

D. Bob Gelfand gave an oral report for the Cultural Affairs Committee.

E. Dean Pentcheff a member of the Outreach Committee gave a report on the new web site and handed out to all members of the council written instructions on how to get on the site, gave each member a password.

5. **Reports by government agency representatives.**

A. Ms. Rosa Arcadia the DONE representative spoke about the upcoming regional round tables that are being held concerning ethics training and budget considerations. The city budget was released today and she urged all stakeholders to look at the process on the city website. A neighborhood council development group is working with the city clerks office to format the next elections. She told us that councils can now award grants and that the information on how to do so was on the DONE website. She noted that our outreach committee had submitted best practices information to DONE. The next regional conference will be held in the valley. She gave us a certificate for our fifth year of service. She talked about sexual harassment training.

B. Ms. Ana Dragin, our representative from Janice Hahn's office, announced that three people of the Councilwoman's staff had been laid off and that she was now also the events coordinator for the office. She told us that Cal-Trans is doing work on the east side of Western. They are putting in a guard rail with a 1 ½ foot wide concrete vegetation strip not a sidewalk. The new Los Angeles Police Department Station is opening on April 25th at 6:00PM. Please come and enjoy the festivities. The council office has introduced a motion asking for additional parking enforcement at Cabrillo Beach this summer. The council office has also requested street resurfacing in the San Pedro area due to heavy traffic by trucks using the port. A question was asked about cars parking across sidewalks. Chuck Hawley asked that the councilwoman ask Chief Hayes how many parking tickets are issued on Pacific Ave.

C. Phylis Weatherspoon, the Port of LA's representative, introduced Chris Grossi from the Port's Engineering Division who gave us an explanation of what is going on at the 22nd St. park site. He also talked a little about the road widening on Harbor Blvd. He was asked by Peter Warren if there was going to be bike lanes and answered in the negative. Phylis then introduced Mr. Walsh who will be her replacement as her term with us is up. Mr. Walsh is the Assistant Chief Harbor Engineer for the Port of LA. His e-mail is dwalsh@portla.org and his phone number is 310-732-3639. Since we did not have enough people to fill a boat for a port trip we have been told if you want to go on one of these Harbor Cruises to call Cecilia Moreno at (310) 732-7569 to see if you can fit in with another group.

D. Ms. Bianca Villanueva, representative of Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal, spoke to us about the upcoming election. She handed out fact sheets about the ballot measures. She also notified us of the new office in Long Beach. The address is 110 Pine Ave., Suite 804, L.B. CA 90802. The phone number is (562)-495-2915. The election is to be held on May 19, 2009.

6. A. We were given a 50 minute presentation by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation on Alternative Technologies for processing post source separated municipal solid waste. They covered the problem of the diminishing capacity of local landfills, who is responsible, what the City's plan is to deal with the problem, what has been done so far, what is next, and how you can get involved.

Consent Calendar (items 7-12)

7. Motion to amend the 2008-2009 budget by increasing the Outreach budget line by \$9,575 from unallocated rollover funds from 2007-2008.
8. Propose Erin Strelch for consideration as representative to the Community Redevelopment Agency.
9. Motion regarding an effort to create a suitable "brand" image for San Pedro.
10. Motion to join a Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils.
11. Motion urging Councilwoman Janice Hahn to instigate street repairs at the intersection of Gulch Road and Harbor Blvd.
12. Motion opposing proposal by the City of Los Angeles to reduce time and limit eligibility for administrative appeals to California Environmental Quality Act matters.

Items pulled from calendar.

7. Pulled by Mr. Stinson
8. Pulled by Mr. Epperhart
9. Pulled by Ms. Gutierrez
11. Pulled by Mr. Hawley.

Consent Calendar (items 10 & 12)

10. Motion to join a Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils.

Moved by Mr. Epperhart, second by Mr. Gelfand.

Whereas it is desirable that neighborhood councils work cooperatively for the improvement of conditions in their region, and

Whereas a Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils is now forming.

Therefore be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council joins with other area neighborhood councils in establishing this alliance.

12. Motion opposing proposal by the City of Los Angeles to reduce time and limit eligibility for administrative appeals to California Environmental Quality Act matters.

Moved by Mr. Gelfand, second by Mr. Epperhart.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed reduction of time for the administrative appeal of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) matter and the limitation of those eligible to file such an appeal.

Consent Motions 10 & 12 passed 15 for, 0 no, and 1 abstaining.

Lydia Gutierrez moved to place item 7 after item 13, second by John Stinson

Motion passed by a vote of 9 for, 4 no, and 3 abstaining.

13. Motion proposing a standing rule to limit Board members to two minutes per address and to solicit public comments on agenda items before Board member comments.

Motion by Mr. Pentcheff, second by Mr. Gelfand.

Be it resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopt this standing rule: Whereas the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council wishes to hear as diverse a set of stakeholder opinions as possible, and prolonged orations by Board members can inhibit that, Any single address by a Board member during a Board meeting shall be no longer than two minutes, and

Once an agenda item has been placed on the floor for consideration and presented, comment from the public shall be solicited before comment by members of the Board.

Motion passed 12 for, 2 no, and 2 abstaining.

7. Motion to amend the 2008-2009 budget by increasing the Outreach budget line by \$0,575 from unallocated rollover funds from 2007-2008.

Motion by Budget and Finance Committee

Be it resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall amend the CSPNC's 2008-2009 budget by applying \$9,575 of unallocated rollover funds from 2007-2008 budget.

Motion to amend by Mr. Stinson, second by Ms. Guteirrez.

(to read) Be it resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall amend the 2008-2009 budget by increasing the Outreach budget line by \$9,000 and the Website budget by \$575 from unallocated rollover funds from 2007-2008.

Amendment passed 15 for, 0 no, 1 abstaining.

Motion passed as amended 15 for, 0 no, 1 abstaining.

14. Motion to sponsor the San Pedro & Peninsula YMCA's program at Bloch Field in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion by Recreation and Parks Committee.

Whereas a high percentage of children participating in the YMCA's Bloch Field baseball program are sons and daughters of Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council stakeholders, and Whereas this program provides outreach to an ethnically diverse, primarily low income neighborhood, and

Whereas this program will also improve Bloch Field so that it is suitable for playing baseball, tag football, and other sports throughout the year,

Be it resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council sponsor this program in the amount of \$5,000 and in return we will receive recognition in the form of a prominent banner at the field and CSPNC will be listed on all printed material and they will recognize us on the donor wall at the YMCA facility on Bandini Street at the Founder's level. We will also be listed in the LAYMCA Metropolitan annual report.

Motion passed 14 for, 0 no, 2 abstaining.

15. Motion to sponsor the Los Angeles Maritime Museum in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion by Budget and Finance Committee.

Be it resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall sponsor the Los Angeles

Maritime Museum in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion passed 14 for, 0 no, 2 abstaining.

16. Action item on recent increases in parking meter rates and hours, including possible action on a motion calling for the immediate cessation of the rate increases and hours.

Motion by Mr. Gelfand, second by Mr. Epperhart.

Whereas increased rates and hours for parking meters have negatively affected the public; local merchants, and local entertainment venues,

Therefore the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls for an immediate cessation of the rates and of the increased hours of operation.

Motion passed 14 for, 0 no, 2 abstaining.

17. Motion instructing City Council to remand the Solar Plan for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and to implement it in a workforce inclusive manner.

Motion by Ms. Garcia, second by Ms. Ulrich.

Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council instructs the City Council to remand the Solar Plan to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for proper vetting; and

Be it further resolved that the implementation of the Solar Plan be workforce inclusive so that crafts and workers unions, private sector, and environmentalist are included.

Substitute motion by Mr. Gelfand, second by Mr. Epperhart.

Whereas this system provides much more flexibility and freedom to the consumer, and offers small businesses a chance to participate in the future of electric power production,

Therefore be it resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles follow the example of European countries and, notably, Gainesville, Florida, in developing a system in which the electric utility pays private individuals and/or companies for cleanly created electricity that they feed back to the grid.

Substitute motion passed 12 for, 0 no, 4 abstaining.

Motion passes 12 for, 0 no, 4 abstaining.

18. Motion regarding neighborhood council board member financial disclosure.

Motion by Mr. Epperhart, second by Mr. Gelfand.

Whereas it is desirable that neighborhood councils participate in the Neighborhood Council File program, and

Whereas the proposed Form 54 financial disclosure statement places an undue burden on neighborhood council board members, all of whom are volunteers, and

Whereas Councilwoman Janice Hahn has introduced a motion (ref: 08-03510-S1) to establish a less onerous method for neighborhood council board member financial disclosure,

Therefore be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Councilwoman Hahn's motion before the city council.

Motion passes 15 for, 0 no, 1 abstaining.

8. Propose Erin Strelch for consideration as representative for the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Motion by Mr. Epperhart, second by Mr. Gelfand.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council proposes Erin Strelch for consideration as representative for the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Amendment by Mr. Epperhart, second by Mr. Gelfand.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council proposes Erin Strelch or Linda Marinkovich for consideration as representative for the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Amend the amendment by Ms. Meisel, second by Mr. Epperhart.

That the name of Linda Marinkovich be withdrawn and the name of Pam Meisel be substituted.

The amendment of the amendment passes 14 for, 1 no, 1 abstaining.

Amendment passes 14 for, 1 no, 1 abstaining.

Motion passes 14 for, 0 no, 2 abstaining.

9. Motion regarding the effort to create a suitable “brand” image for San Pedro.

Motion by Mr. Epperhart, second by Mr. Stinson.

Whereas it is desirable that an effective and consistent image be created to provide a “brand” for San Pedro, and

Whereas the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council has been invited by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council to join with them in this effort,

Therefore be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council endorses this attempt to identify an image for the community and will participate by appointing a member of the “branding” committee.

Amendment by Mr. Gelfand, second by Mr. Horton.

Therefore be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council endorses this attempt to identify an image for the community and will participate by appointing Doug Epperhart as its member of the “branding” committee.

Amendment passed 14 for, 1 no, 1 abstaining.

Amended motion passed 14 for, 0 no, 2 abstaining.

11. Motion urging Councilwoman Hahn to instigate street repairs at the intersection of Gulch Road and Harbor Blvd.

Motion by Recreation and Parks Committee.

Whereas the reflectors and crosswalks at the intersection of Gulch Road and Harbor Blvd. Are in very poor condition and in need of repair and repainting,

Be it resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council call on the office of the Honorable Janice Hahn to direct the appropriate city department to make repairs at this site.

Motion passed 15 for, 0 no, 1 abstaining.

19. Public comment on non agenda items.

A. James Campeau commented on the issue of public bathrooms at the beach.

20. Announcements.

A. Ms Guteirrez told us about an emergency disaster meeting she had attended and told us there would be more information at a later meeting.

B. Mr. Stinson reminded everyone that there was a work party scheduled for Saturday April 25th at the Angels Gate Cultural Center. He also told us that on Sunday May 2nd there would be an open studio day to view works in progress.

21. Adjournment.

Respectively Submitted

**Bruce Horton
Secretary CSPNC**

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The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports motion 08-0351-S1 to replace the Form 54 neighborhood council financial disclosure statement with a less intrusive requirement.

EXCERPT FROM GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES / APRIL 20, 2009

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Therefore be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Councilwoman Hahn's motion before the city council.

Motion passes 15 for, 0 no, 1 abstaining.

Submitted by Doug Epperhart, Chairman
Rules and Bylaws Committee
Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council