

Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2015

Chair: James Dimon, Coastal San Pedro

Notes: Greg Donnan, Harbor City

Attendance: Central San Pedro: Frank Anderson, Alexander Hall; Coastal San Pedro: James Dimon, James Baeza, Brian Vassallo; Harbor City: Greg Donnan, Eric Deklotz, Brandii Grace; Harbor Gateway North: Rosalie Preston, Joan Jacobs; Harbor Gateway South: Katy Carlson; Northwest San Pedro: Ray Regalado, Diana Nave.

Other: DONE: Octaviano Rios; BONC: Josh LaFarga; Stakeholders: Sunny Lopez, Daina Mosich, Olive Reed; Visitors: Mark Hartzell, Kevin Mottus (Westwood NC).

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. Introductions were made.
2. **BONC Update – Josh LaFarga**
 - a. Introduced himself and gave a quick background statement.
 - b. Wants to get younger individuals involved in communities.
 - c. He was invited to attend all the HANC meetings but mentioned that his schedule is full. Diana asked if he could submit a written report when he is unable to attend
3. **DONE Update – Octaviano Rios**
 - a. Each NC needs to appoint a Public Works Liason. The default person is the NC President.
 - b. Nov. 7 is the LANC meeting, place to be determined, with Public Works in attendance. Liasons should attend .
 - c. Nov. 17 is a funding workshop and elections training at Peck Park from 6 PM to 9 PM.
 - d. Lightning strike notifications on 11/3/15 were received on some home phones in the Harbor area. There was interest in having the notifications on cell phones also. Go to the LA and Done websites and look for ALERT LA to sign up for alerts. For more info contact Octaviano Rios/DONE.
 - e. He will forward his written report
4. **Speaker – Kevin Mottus** (Westwood NC, Medical Social Worker, CA Brain Tumor Assn., Parents for Safe Technology). Spoke about WiFi throughout the City and electronic microwaves as concerns health effects. He would like the NCs to vote against any microwave measures that come up, to send letters to the appropriate entities that adequate studies need to be undertaken, and to not implement and erect transmitters at this time. For more info contact keephealthyfamilies@gmail.com
5. **Homelessness Efforts/Homeless Task Force – Ray Regalad**
 - a. Gave overview of the Homelessness Task Force.
 - b. The first meeting was 1 hour long with member introductions.
 - c. Aspects of mental health teams and LAPD with law enforcement and their engagement before legal enforcement was discussed.
 - d. Joe Buscaino wants 3 main goals addressed: 1) Consolidation of food banks,

2) Take back your neighborhood, 3) Issue of vouchers – Section 8 housing can take 8 to 10 years of waiting for housing, homeless get special treatment for immediate housing if space is available. Unfortunately there is a lack of available housing that accept Section 8 in the Harbor Area

- e. Brandii Grace offered her experience with the homeless and the requirements necessary to receive help.
- f. On Dec. 9, Coastal San Pedro is having a Homeless 2.0 meeting
- g. Harbor Area NCs should work together on this issue.

6. China Shipping Supplemental EIR –

- a. China Shipping has not complied with all of their original requirements for occupation of their port site.
- b. A motion was made, seconded, with unanimous yes votes from the attending NCs to have James Baeza and Diana Nave put together a letter to the Port of LA requesting written responses to motions and/or resolutions .
- c. Frank said that Coastal has passed a motion asking the Harbor Area NCs to create a common Port Committee

7. Billboard Ordinance – Diana Nave The new ordinance was weakened by the PLUM Committee of City Council and had to go back to the Planning Commission. The issue is to limit the number of new billboards erected, and how many old billboards need to be taken down when a new billboard is erected. Another issue is whether or not digital signs should be allowed outside of sign districts. The Planning Commission supported the stronger provisions. It now returns to the PLUM for their consideration. Diana distributed a draft resolution and asked each NC to consider a similar resolution. This will also be an item on the next HANC agenda.

8. Budget Advocate Update – Joan Jacobs

- a. Joan has resigned as a budget advocate, and her position is open for someone to take her place. Anyone interested should attend the next HANC meeting and we will select from among those interested

9. Sharing

- a. Homeless counts are now done annually. The next count will be in January Go to theywillcountwillyou.org to sign up to volunteer. Allocation of funds is based on these counts.
- b. Coastal San Pedro NC will have a Homeless 2.0 meeting on Dec. 9.

10. Next Meeting – December 2nd, Harbor Gateway North to Chair

- a. Anticipate the Councilman will attend
- b. Harbor Gateway South to take notes.

11. Meeting Adjourned @ 9:05 PM.

- a. See everyone and more at the next meeting.

