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Monthly Governing Board Meeting Has New Location

Last month the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council held its first meeting at the Cabrillo Marina Community Center located at the Cabrillo Plaza Berth 28. Citing bad acoustics at the Cabrillo Bathhouse making it hard to hear and be heard, the new facility has a carpeted floor which improved the sound considerably.

The new location is not only easy to get to, but there is plenty of free parking.

Directions: 22nd Street to Via Cabrillo Marina to Cabrillo Plaza Berth 28. Parking is available in the Cabrillo Plaza Berth 28 parking lot only.



COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council consists of stakeholders in the southernmost area of the City of Los Angeles. In addition to 28,000 residents, it includes those who work and own property in the area, as well as others involved in, and concerned with, the civic life of our neighborhoods.

The Council meets on the third Monday of each month at the Cabrillo Marina Community Building, Cabrillo Plaza, Berth 28. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Governing Board is bound by the rules of the state's open meeting law (Brown Act). Agendas are posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. The public is always welcome to attend meetings and comment on agenda items. There is also a public comment time for items not on the agenda.

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The Citywide Congress Forms

By Bob Gelfand

Representatives from all over the city spent most of 2005 crafting a plan to create a citywide congress of neighborhood councils. The purpose as envisioned by the planners was to create a communications network and clearing house, so that councils from different parts of the city could discuss their mutual needs, work together on issues, and thereby increase their effectiveness.

The proposal was delivered to the councils in the early Fall, and shortly afterwards, your Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council became the first to ratify the agreement. Since that time, the list of member councils has grown to 34, out of a total of 88 councils officially certified by the city. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress (Lancc) held its first official meeting on Feb. 4, 2006. City Council member Janice Hahn gave the keynote address.

Under its organizational charter, the Lancc has a body known as the Senate in which each member neighborhood council has one vote. Councils are invited to appoint a representative and an alternative. CSPNC has appointed Bob Gelfand as the representative and Soledad Garcia as the alternative.

The first meeting of the Senate was devoted to organizational issues. This is because the founders deliberately left most organizational details for the new delegates to work out for themselves. The Senate elected Len Shaffer from the Tarzana Neighborhood Council as its Chair. Shaffer then accepted nominations for committee chairs. Jeff Jacobberger from the Midcities West NC was named to chair the Organizational Committee; Ken Draper was named to chair the Outreach Committee.

The Senate will hold its second meeting on March 4, 2006 at the DWP building in downtown Los Angeles.



CSPNC Gives Funds To Help Local Organizations

By John Stinson, Treasurer

Each year the city gives each neighborhood council \$50,000 for operating expenses. The budget adopted by the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council for Fiscal Year 2005-06 allotted \$10,000 for outreach which involves spending money on local groups and their programs in exchange for some recognition to help publicize the council and its mission and activities. These are the organizations and programs that have benefited so far.

In January the Cabrillo Beach Boosters were given \$1200 to help underwrite their youth programs to include the Battle of the Beach.

In February, the council allocated \$1,750 for the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's programs by sponsoring a table at the Grand Grunion Gala Fund-raiser.

They also gave the Los Angeles Maritime Museum \$1,000 for their permanent exhibit on the fishing industry.

Shakespeare by the Sea was once again a beneficiary and given \$1,000 to support the summer 2006 performances held in Point Fermin Park

The Grand Vision Foundation was given \$1,000 to purchase four new seats for the Warner Grand Theater.

The Cabrillo Beach Boosters Club was given \$2,500 to support the 4th of July Celebration at Cabrillo Beach to include a free concert and fireworks show.

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The following information and tips are provided by our LAPD Senior Lead Officer Joe Buscaino. He can be reached directly at 310-869-2168 or by e-mail at 33537@lapd.lacity.org

Start a Neighborhood Watch Today!

I would like to welcome the newest neighborhood watch – 20th Street Neighborhood Watch! The watch is composed of dedicated residents who have come together to work with us on addressing ongoing graffiti, gangs and juvenile problems on the block.

Neighborhood Watch programs are the most effective means available for keeping crime out of neighborhoods. It relies on the best crime fighting tool ever invented - a good neighbor. Fortunately, good neighbors are found everywhere. They live in houses, apartment buildings, urban, suburban and rural areas.

The LAPD Neighborhood Watch Program unites the LAPD with local organizations and individual residents in a community-wide effort to reduce residential crime. Neighbors working together with the LAPD are a formidable crime fighting team. Be a good neighbor and make your street safer by starting a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Please call me at, 310-869-2168 to get started!

Graffiti Issues

We had a productive meeting with San Pedro High School and the Council Office and addressed the ongoing concerns of graffiti in the San Pedro area. The Council Office has made a commitment to initiate a Harbor Area Graffiti Task Force by utilizing the ongoing success of the Gang Alternative Program (GAP) graffiti removal team.

Call 3-1-1 to remove graffiti.

Juvenile Programs

One of Captian McNamara's goals this year is to increase prevention/intervention programs for Harbor Area juveniles. On January 18th we partnered with the Los Angeles Harbor Boys & Girls Clubs and competed in a basketball game with the Club's Teen Supreme Basketball Team.

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