



PACIFIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Crown Point Jr. Music Academy
January 15, 2020

Present: Brian White, Greg Daunoras, Susan Crowers, Denise Friedman, Jay Libs, Dominic Moscatello, Jane Nobbs, Karl Rand, Tony Schlegel, Regina Sinsky, Ron Walker

Absent: Marcella Bothwell, Mary Lou Benzel, Dan Bushong, Brian Curry, Brianna Jackson

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 PM

QUORUM ESTABLISHED: Present

AGENDA: Approved

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS: President White introduced Tony Schlegel, our newest Board Member in attendance, as well as Dan Bushong and Brianna Jackson.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: PBTC Installation Dinner- Sunday, January 19, 6-8pm

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS:

SDPD Northern Division

CRO Melanie Bognuda introduced Brandon Broaddus (email: bbroaddus@pd.sandiego.gov) who will act as CRO, replacing Larry Hesselgesser in the Pacific Beach area.

Fire Station 21

Chief Craig Newell announced contract negotiations with Falck, a Danish-owned company, for ambulance and paramedic services. He explained San Diego's innovative delivery model of putting a fully-equipped paramedic on every fire engine. Today the Fire Dept moved into new City Operations building at 101 Ash St.

San Diego Lifeguards

Sgt. Rick Strobel for Lt. Rich Stropky reported that their emphasis in PB has been off-leash enforcement. Lifeguard tryouts for seasonal employees coming up- register by 2/15/20. Online registration for Jr. Lifeguards begins 3/07/20. Will be cleaning up the mobile mini at north PB.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Caryn Blanton** announced the annual Point-in-Time count will take place Thursday, January 23. They are looking for volunteers to count people experiencing homelessness in San Diego.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Sara Berns, Executive Director, Discover PB – Launching the new year with Business Awards (categories: Best New Business, Design and Improvement, and Heart of PB). Vote online; winners announced at Award Dinner & Casino Night, March 19.

Karl Rand, Chair, PB Planning Group- Beginning Jan 2020, meetings will be held 2nd Wed of each month. Eve Anderson’s Streets & Sidewalk Committee will be held 4th Wed of each month. At last meeting, they strongly rejected a proposed companion unit to be put on a property on Promontory Street because the back of the unit would face Ingraham Street. Next meeting, Feb 12th, there will be an update about the Trolley Station.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

District 2

Monica Eslamian for Councilmember Dr. Jennifer Campbell. Encouraging attendance to the State of the District on January 30th, awarding dedicated community members (neighbor and small business of the year). Thanks to those who attended the Community Workshop on Homelessness to hear about and discuss the city’s plan. Seeking nominations to a variety of boards and commissions. Councilmember Campbell will be sponsoring adoptions at the SD Humane Society on Feb. 22nd. Reminder, if you see a problem (i.e. water main break) please call to report. Waiting for the second reading of the motorized vehicle ban on the boardwalk in order for enforcement to take place. Working on regulations for STVRs, any input, questions or ideas, should be directed to Dr. Campbell’s policy advisor, Seamus Kennedy skennedy@sandiego.gov

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District 52

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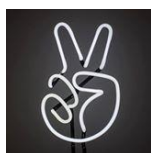
GUEST SPEAKERS

Sara Bonesteel, Guardian Angels

Recruiting more volunteers to be trained as Guardian Angels

Aaron Null, PB Street Stewards

Encouraging residents to channel energy into a big positive for the Pacific Beach community taking ownership and volunteering to keep a section/block of a street litter free. The program, which originated in OB is only 3 months old in Pacific Beach and so far, there are 125 volunteers in PB (100 in OB). Looking to incentivize businesses to participate. At this time, sign up through Facebook- website in the works. *PBTC has buckets and pickers available to borrow on the weekend.



FEATURE PRESENTATION:



Neighbor Tom Coats spoke about traffic safety on Foothill Blvd. Among concerns for residents since at least 1993 are: speeding drivers, blind curves, elevation changes and not a single crosswalk, despite its close proximity to PB Elementary. Although the city approved funding for a roundabout at the Loring Street intersection in the 2017-2018 budget with a projected start date in 2018, no construction has begun. Electronic speed signs have been put in place, and the speed limit was lowered to 25 mph, which has helped a little. There are also concerns about the Vickie Drive intersection; those concerns and possible solutions will be further discussed at the PB Planning Group – Streets and Sidewalks subcommittee next Wednesday (Jan 22, 5:30pm, PB Public Library). Eve Anderson reported that Gary Pence, city engineer sent letter stating that in the next six months there are plans to install a pedestrian-activated flashing beacon at the foot of Vickie Drive.

Question by concerned resident: Why has this project been delayed so long since it was funded in 2017?

Answer by Tom Coat: It was a budget priority (along with three roundabouts on Crown Point Drive by Councilmember Zapf and put “in the pipeline” at city engineering, yet they are now claiming additional petitions are needed. Five traffic calming roundabouts in the .7 mile stretch of La Jolla Blvd in Bird Rock have been built (city approved in 2003, completed in 2008).

Comment by Jeff Tandy: “it’s been a nightmare since we moved in.” Replacing one of the two southbound lanes with a bike lane has helped, but even getting in and out of one’s car is challenging, as well as walking the kids to school and having to make a run for it. He has witnessed about six accidents there.

Comment by Leslie Dufour, who walks the area regularly: she encounters issues at the Beryl Street intersection as well. Pedestrians using the crosswalk are at risk due to drivers who don’t come to a complete stop when turning north on Foothill from Beryl.

Comments by Monica Eslamian: Roundabouts are currently in the design phase which should be completed Fall of 2021. Hopeful that the roundabouts will not take more than three months to be installed. Petitioning neighbors is necessary to prevent lawsuits against the city and also to look at the addition of a roundabout on Vickie Drive as well as Loring. Monica will check on the status of the Crown Point roundabouts. At Beryl and Lamont Street, they just got continental crosswalks approved with vertical striping of crosswalk for better visibility. Regina Sinsky spoke to the city engineers and he said the roundabouts are a fully funded program, it’s being awarded to contractors and they expect construction to start by end of February.

ADJOURNED:

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Crowers