

ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT

2-24-09

In attendance:

John Mavar, Julia Parker, Ray Patricio, Gary Dwight, Craig Goldfarb, David Rivera, Captian Gerorge Thomas

Traffic Issues/Signage improvements

“No Turn on red” signs should be removed at the following locations

Western Ave. north bound as you turn into the PECK PARK/PARK PLAZA Shopping center. The cars coming out of the park and shopping plaza, making a left onto Western have a protected Green arrow. Why cant we make that right turn? Why cant we have a protect green? This is wasted time.

John S. Gibson and Channel St.

Making a right on to Channel from John S Gibson we are stopped for long periods of time while the cars making a left from Channel to John s. Gibson has a protected arrow. Another intersection that we wait.

School zone ahead sign not matched up with other sign.

On Westmont Ave. East bound before Taper Ave. signage is back farther then west bound.

Freeway exit off ramp right turn signage

As you exit the Harbor or 47 freeway on to Harbor blvd./Swinford (cruise ship terminal). There are three lanes. The middle lane indicates left, forward and right turns are good. Its painted on the ground but no one can see when trucks and cars are stopped. Drivers think they can only go forward or left. Signage on the signal over head would help with this issue.

Parking on Westmont and Capitol Dr.

On **Westmont**, The committee would like to have no over night parking across the street from the Home Depot. This is the east bound parking lanes.

On **Capitol Dr** . no over night parking, both sides, east and west, from Barrywood to Amelia.

Stop sign/intersection improvements.

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Community Events/Causes

Cabrillo Beach Boosters

The Committee supported the boosters for \$5000.00 to go toward the 4th of July Fireworks/beach event. Last year 42,000 people attended the event. No acts of violence. The other NC's have contributed the same amount. Gary Dwight said that our NC's name will be prominent. I stressed that we would like more display of our NC's name.

Naming of the new High School

Chair John Mavar would like to see the high school be named after John Olgin. Ray Patricio said he thought it was a nice idea but was talking it up with some of his friends and he thought it would be nicer to name the school Angels Gate High School. After additional discussion with the committee John Mavar will gather more ideas and turn this naming a High School into community event. The community can enter in ideas via emails, phone voice mail and drop box. Local papers can help as well. Only people from San Pedro zip codes would be allowed to vote or present ideas. More information to come.

Guard Rails

The council office was helpful on getting the city department to locate plans and reason for the position of the rails.

"After some time spent we did locate BOE plans for the design of this guardrail, dated 1990. It appears that this contracted job was built in accordance with the City standard plans, and I have no reason to modify.

The area behind the guardrail is fairly steep and drops off quite rapidly as shown in the attachment"

Dennis Weber, General Superintendent II

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The area behind the rails is not a quick drop off. There is a side walk. Once again a downtown city personal does not make a field visit. Our committee will ask for an onsite visit by Mr. Weber and Councilwoman Hahn's staff.

Knoll Hill

"Eastview vs. the World"

Craig and updated on the meetings. Councilwoman Hahn backs Eastview. Hahn would like to use funds for the purchase of Knoll Hill from the LA Harbor department. The committee felt funds should be used for a sports complex, skate parks, basketball courts. The cost of that property could amount to \$25 million.

The California Tidelands Trust Agreement that over sees the usage of what is developed on port property has indicated no active recreation (Baseball, basketball etc.).

Ray P. said, on need for a petting zoo, "Kids always go to pet the animals at zoo parks, why cant we do that here in San Pedro?"

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Respectively submitted,

John M. Mavar
Co-Chair

FYI: We packed all this into a 1 hour meeting!!!