



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

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Peck Park Trails

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Thank you Tracy and Raul for walking the Peck Park Ray Patricio Trails with us. We appreciated your time and your willingness to work with us to preserve these trails. Attached is a summary of the issues we discussed that day.

It is our understanding that the weeds will be removed and the brush and trees trimmed after the growing season. In the meantime we appreciate the steps you have taken such as making sure the trashcans are emptied and cleaning up major refuge sites. Last we checked, the doggy bag holders were still empty. Also, one of our members recently noticed new graffiti on one of the bridges.

When we walked through, there were several issues that you indicated you were not in your area and that you would set up meetings with the appropriate people. These included: the fencing, the decomposed rubber water diversion barriers and erosion on the trails, and a possible enhancement project to install steps. Additionally, we would like to know where the bark boundaries are for both Leland Park and Peck Park along the northern edge off of N. Cabrillo. Please let me know when you are able to set up those meetings or who we should contact to set them up.

Finally, as indicated in the walkthrough, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is prepared to assist with cleaning up the canyon. Just let us know the details.

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Planning and Land Use Committee
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Summary of walk-through of Peck Park and Hernandez Ranch on January 15th, 2016

In Attendance:

Diana Nave NWSPNC-PLUC
Lee Williams NWSPNC-PLUC
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Tracy Grant LA Department of Recreation and Parks
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Members of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Committee walked the full trails of Peck Park and Hernandez Ranch with Recreation and Parks employees to survey it's condition and discuss needed work. The following was noted:

- excessive trash, mostly from homeless deposits, existed in numerous places which were partially visually obscured from the majority of the trails
- a large dumping area behind the school was identified which included a mattress and some household items
- 20+ shopping carts littered around the canyon in various places, some difficult to reach
- weeds have made significant incursions into the DG trail in various locations
- brush adjacent to the rail needs to be trimmed back
- numerous trees, particularly fast-growing pepper trees, had growth which interferes with trail negotiation and need trimming
- palm trees in the park need 'beard' trimming in most places
- the bridges have never been painted and were showing signs of rust scaling
- graffiti remains a problem but has been painted over recently, particularly on the bridges
- the signs at the bridges have been heavily graffitied and subsequently painted over
- erosion in many parts of the trail has produced ruts which are excessive in some places
- the rubber water diversion barriers on trail slopes were in poor condition with most needing replacement
- the stone water diversion barriers were in very good condition, though some were partially buried by deposits and should be dug out
- the fencing and fence posts along the Hernandez Ranch are for the most part in poor condition; several sections are collapsed completely and the rusty chain-link fence ends pose a safety hazard. The fence no longer serves any meaningful purpose and should be removed.
- a citizen-installed park bench overlooking the canyon along the trail was in need of maintenance
- in some places alluvial flow has deposited behind the Hernandez Ranch fencing and removal would also displace some amount of dirt; however, the trail is adjacent to steeper slopes elsewhere and these deposits would likely only be of temporary concern.
- trash cans were being emptied more regularly
- doggy bag dispensers were empty
- the steep trail to Golden Rose St is dangerous and should be mildly terraced or have some kind of steps/stairway added
- the slope at the bottom of Hernandez Ranch near the paved walkway near the water drain is also steep and some kind of steps/staggered terrace would be safer.
- a question was raised as to the ownership of a large, flat spot of land at the end of Golden Rose St and whether this could be used for trailhead parking.

- PLUC informed the Dept. that we were investigating connecting Peck Park/Hernandez Ranch to Leland Park via some informal trails already in place and some un-maintained property. Ownership of said property was unknown.

Tracy Grant and Raul Leon of LA Dept. of Rec and Parks made the following statements about the issues above:

- the Dept. had recently added a second full-time person assigned to the parks' maintenance
- doggy bag dispensers would be refilled
- garbage cans were being regularly emptied now
- the park would be incrementally cleaned of the identified refuse over time and the large area behind the school would be cleaned up soon
- the removal of the fencing would require a meeting with engineering and the Dept. would facilitate that
- the maintenance of the water diversion barriers would require a meeting with engineering as well
- painting of the bridges could not be accomplished with a standard graffiti cleanup work order - how to accomplish this would be investigated as it appears to be an oversight that the original contractor for the landscaping did not complete their work
- filling/resurfacing of ruts in DG trails would need to be discussed with engineering
- paths and trees would be trimmed back over time
- Dept of Rec and Parks would contribute resources to a clean-up day including dumpsters and workers
- any new components such as steps/stairs, park furniture, etc were out-of-scope for routine maintenance and would need to be brought up as a park enhancement project

