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Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report
July 14, 2014

I. Council Recess:

- a. The City Council is on Summer Recess from Friday, July 4, 2014 to Friday, July 25, 2014. Council will be back in session on Tuesday, July 29, 2014.

II. Above Ground Facilities Ordinance:

- a. At a special joint meeting held on October 8, 2013, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee and the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered a City Attorney report and Ordinance relative to amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) sections 62.00, 62.08, 62.09, and 62.10 to revise the specifications and procedures for installation of cell towers (above ground facilities) in the public-right-of-way.
- b. The Committees requested the City Attorney to prepare and present for City Council a revised Ordinance to:
1. Remove Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 62.08 I-D-9, which requires applications to provide a map showing existing gaps in coverage.
 2. Allow a more limited exemption to remain in place for utility poles located in commercial or industrial areas.
 3. Allow a more limited exemption for very small antennas and wireless communication devices that are becoming more commercially available (small cell technology).
 4. Change the notification pattern in the Ordinance from 250 linear feet in either direction to a 250 foot radius.

III. Truck Traffic, Westmont Drive

- a. LADOT recently completed a traffic study on Westmont Drive between Gaffey Street and Western Ave in response to a recent request concerning truck prohibitions.
- b. LADOT collected 24-hour numeric count data in response to the request. These counters provide data by length of vehicle and represents all vehicles observed in this 24-hour period.
- c. The 24-hour Numeric count identified 9065 vehicles on Westmont Drive of which 257 vehicles were over 21' long. The data showed 8806 vehicles less than 22' long, 247 vehicles 22' to 39' long, 10 vehicles 40' or longer. Overall, 97.1% of the vehicles were less than 22' long, 2.7% of vehicles were 22' to 39' long, and 0.1% of the vehicles longer than 40'.
- d. The data shows a very low percentage of truck length vehicles using Westmont Drive. Many of these vehicles could be exempt from vehicle

weight prohibitions including, but not limited to, trash collection vehicles, municipal school buses, and local delivery trucks.

IV. Legislative Update:

a. Council 06.17.14

1. Councilman Buscaino introduced a Resolution supporting AB 47 (Gatto) which would authorize law enforcement to agencies to issue an alert through the existing Emergency Alert System to notify the public of the specific description of a vehicle suspected of being involved in a hit-and-run when a person has been seriously injured or killed (“Yellow Alert”).

b. Council 06.20.14

1. Councilman Buscaino introduced a Motion authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Street Services (or his designee) to receive and deposit funds from the Harbor Department for the Harbor Boulevard Resurfacing Project.
2. The Harbor Department has requested construction work to be undertaken by BSS regarding the paving of Harbor Boulevard between Swinford Street and Gulch Road, including roadway striping and replacement of traffic signal loops in the roadbed.
3. This was unanimously approved by the City Council on Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

c. Council 06.24.14

1. Council adopted a report regarding establishing a California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) inspection section on the Los Angeles Fire Department Website.

d. Council 07.02.14

1. Councilman Buscaino seconded a Motion co-presented by Council President Wesson and Councilman Krekorian to create a Sidewalk Repair Fund that is meant to fix nearly 40% of city sidewalks in disrepair.
2. The bulk of the funding (~\$20 million) is from sidewalk repair allocations in this year’s budget. The rest of the money comes from unused sidewalk repair funds from last fiscal year.
3. The plan charges city officials to develop a program that puts funds toward sidewalks that are most in need of repair or are the largest sources of liability.
4. This proposal will be considered at a joint meeting of the Budget & Finance and Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee when the City Council returns from summer recess.

V. Past Hearings:

a. Trade, Commerce & Tourism Committee/Council 06.11.14

1. Will consider the confirmation of Eugene “Gene” Seroka as Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles.
2. Gene Seroka confirmed by TCT Committee and Council unanimously.

b. Zoning Administrator 06.19.14

1. ZA 2014-0919-CUB; 347 W.6th Street; 11:30am
 1. Philie B's Restaurant in Downtown San Pedro
 2. Hearing office took case under advisement after hearing testimony from restaurant owner, his representative, the Council Office and PBID. A written determination will be issued in 4-8 weeks.

VI. Past Events

a. Picnic by the Sea

1. Wednesday, June 11, 2014; 10am – 2pm
2. Citywide event sponsored by LARAP
3. Come join us and 1,200 seniors for a day of entertainment, lunch and fun at Point Fermin Park!
4. Thank you for those who attended!

b. San Pedro Shred: Festival of Skate II

1. Saturday, June 14, 2014; 10am – 4pm
2. Gaffey Street Lookout near the Korean Bell
3. San Pedro Shred: Festival of Skate is the premier skateboarding festival in the United States where members of the public get to legally and safely skate the streets in San Pedro.
4. Thank you for those who attended. Over 1,500 participants from all over the region!

c. Buscaino Lunch Mob at A-1 Italian Deli in San Pedro

1. As a means to bringing our community together to meet, socialize and get to know each other in an enjoyable lunchtime setting, Councilman Joe Buscaino is inviting you to his monthly "LUNCH MOB." This one will be at the A-1 Italian Deli at 348 W 8th St in San Pedro. "Lunch Mob is meant to bring us together to break bread and get to know our neighbors better. Please join me Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 11:30am so that we can support our local businesses while enjoying each other's company during a casual lunch," said Buscaino.
2. Located in downtown San Pedro, A-1 Italian Deli is a great authentic Italian market that has been at its location since the 40's. They are as authentic as it gets and offer lots of Italian imports and hard to find things.
3. We will set up tables and chairs in the park across the street.
4. Thank you for those who attended and helped support our Monthly Lunch Mob and our local business.

d. Downtown Harbor Grand Opening

1. Friday, June 20, 2014; 6pm – 8pm
2. 6th Street and Harbor Boulevard, San Pedro
3. Live music from The Riptides, local restaurant food and beverage booths, entertainment and activities
4. 7pm Opening Ceremony
5. Thank you to those who attended! The Downtown Harbor is absolutely beautiful.

e. The 6th Annual Cars and Stripes Forever Car Show

1. June 27, 2014; 5pm – 10pm
2. Harbor Blvd. and the Vincent Thomas Bridge
3. Free admission, free activities, food trucks, beer garden, live music, more than 100 cars on display.
4. Thank you for those who attended. What a fun event, great classic cars too!