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Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report
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I. Neighborhood Council Requests:

a. Freeway Construction Projects:

1. Augie Bezmalinovich from the Port of Los Angeles will provide an update on this.

b. Ports O'Call Redevelopment:

1. The Port of Los Angeles and The Los Angeles Waterfront Alliance are still in negotiations. These are closed door meetings.

c. Ponte Vista:

1. As soon as the Council Office was made aware of the road closure we brought iStar Financial, Mary Star of the Sea High School and the Los Angeles Unified School District to the table to discuss. iStar has agreed to pay for traffic mitigation measures for the duration of this phase. This includes:
 1. Traffic control officers at the intersection of Westmont Drive and Taper Avenue for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon;
 2. MSHS administration staff overtime to monitor traffic on the side streets (Statler, Englander, etc.);
 3. and paying Taper Ave Elementary School for staff for their valet program.
2. During this phase of the project emergency access will still be possible (LAFD)
3. During discussions, the Council Office stressed the need for iStar to move as quickly as possible during this phase of the project.
4. iStar passed out letters to the surrounding neighborhood informing them of the road closure and timeline. The letter also has a phone number (310.241.0699) and e-mail (info@pontevista.com) for questions/concerns.
5. Adjustments will be made as necessary, but first we need to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures in place. The Council District Office will meet with iStar, MSHS and LAUSD in the near future to discuss next steps. We will all be actively monitoring mitigation to ensure effectiveness.

d. Miraflores "Cut-Through":

1. On Wednesday, July 2, 2014 Jacob Haik, Crystal Killian and a representative from the Bureau of Engineering attending the Northwest San Pedro Issues Committee at 6pm in Room 452 of the

San Pedro Municipal Building. The concerns in Laurie Jacobs' e-mail were not referenced at this meeting.

2. This project was never designed to restrict anything (one-way travel). The scope of the project is to create access (a "cut through") from Miraflores Street to Channel Street.
3. Citing safety concerns, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requested that the Council District Office and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation restrict left turns onto Channel Street from the "cut through".

II. Legislative Update

a. Council 08.08.14

1. City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Ralph Terrazas as permanent Fire Chief of the Los Angeles Fire Department.

b. Council 08.05.14

1. City Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Monica Rodriguez to the Board of Public Works.

c. Bureau of Street Services Audit

1. On July 31, 2014, Controller Ron Galperin released an audit on the Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services that found that the city agency charged with fixing and maintaining Los Angeles' streets and sidewalks is beset with issues, including failing to collect/spend hundreds of millions of dollars that could be used to patch roads, keeping shoddy records and neglecting to put busy and heavily trafficked roads first.
 1. The City Council is in the process of reviewing this audit.
 2. There will be a Joint Public Works and Gang Reduction and Audits Committee Meeting in the near future to discuss and determine next steps.
2. The audit can be read in its entirety at controller.lacity.org.

III. Upcoming Events:

a. Peck Park Skate Park Ribbon Cutting

1. The Department of Recreation and Parks and Councilman Joe Buscaino invite you to the opening Ceremony of the Peck Park Skate Park!
2. Friday, August 15, 2014 at 5:30pm
3. 560 N. Western Ave, San Pedro, CA 90731

b. 150th Anniversary Celebration and Concert, The Banning Museum

1. "In the spirit of the Rancho-period of the Banning property, we're having a fun-filled, Western-style celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Banning Residence."
2. Saturday, August 16, 2014, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
3. 401 East M Street, Wilmington, CA 90744
4. **VIP Admission** - \$35/person (includes buffet dinner served from 5:45pm – 6:45pm, reserved table seating, gated on-site parking, concert and dancing. You are welcome to bring your own wine

5. **General Admission** - \$5/person (Kids under 12 years old are FREE! Bring your own picnic, wine, blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the concert and dancing on the front lawn of the mansion. FREE general admission for Friends of the Banning Mansion members.
6. Information – (310) 548-2005 or www.thebanningmuseum.org

c. Tall Ships Festival

1. The Port of Los Angeles will host the Tall Ships Festival along the LA Waterfront August 20-24, an event showcasing more than a dozen majestic domestic and international sailing ships. The event will start with an opening-day Grand Parade of Sail led by the world's largest floating Rubber Duck. The event will offer a host of family-friendly activities and entertainment over its five-day run along the San Pedro portion of the LA Waterfront.
2. The Tall Ships Festival's Grand Parade of Sail on August 20 will start at approximately 2 p.m. PST. Featured ships will sail into Los Angeles Harbor, led by Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman's more than six-story tall Rubber Duck.
3. The Festival will include ship tours, cannon battles, an authentic privateer encampment, real sword fights, as well as knot tying and Tall Ships sail rigging training demonstrations. Artists from CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles will also be on hand to help children create hand-made, one-of-a-kind treasures, like rubber duck hats. Live music – from country to rock – will entertain throughout event. More than 30 regional food trucks will serve up their delights at the Festival, which will also feature beer and wine tasting venues.
4. To avoid long ticket lines at the Festival, organizers are recommending that Festivalgoers purchase tickets online in advance. The price of a "Single-day Dockside Viewing Festival Pass" is \$7; a Multi-day On-Board Ship Tour Pass, which includes ship boarding and tours, is \$19. Children aged 4 years or younger are free, except for day sails, cannon battle sails or pirate battle sails. Tickets for these more specialized ship-related experiences can be purchased online as well.
5. Go to TicketFly.com or call 877-4FLY-TIX to purchase advance tickets for both the event and parking. Once purchased, event tickets are not refundable, exchangeable or transferable. Pre-paid parking must be purchased online, not at the event site.