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Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report
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I. Ponte Vista:

- a. For the remainder of 2014, iStar Financial will be completing on-site demolition of the existing roads and infrastructure, as well as completing geological survey work, which will be finished before grading begins.
- b. iStar anticipates that grading will commence in the first quarter of 2015, and should continue into the second quarter.
- c. Depending on the amount and duration of rain this winter installation of new, on-site infrastructure is projected to commence in the second quarter of 2015, and continue into the third quarter. Infrastructure includes storm drains, water and sewer pipes, paving and dry utilities.

II. Legislative Update

a. Council, 12.03.14

1. Councilman Buscaino and Councilman Englander co-presented a Resolution (Englander/Buscaino – Bonin) that if approved the City would include in its 2015-2016 State Legislative Program support for AB 8 (Gatto), which would authorize law enforcement agencies to issue a “Yellow Alert” if a person has been killed or seriously injured in a hit-and-run incident and there is a reliable description of the vehicle.
 1. Currently pending in the Rules, Elections & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

b. Council, 12.02.14

1. Council considered an Ordinance regarding requiring ammunition vendors to electronically transmit all records of ammunition transactions to the Los Angeles Police Department.
 1. Approved unanimously.
2. Councilman Bonin presented and Councilman Buscaino seconded a Motion requesting that the Board of Public Works require a 30-day public notice and a public hearing for any permit application for the removal of three or more trees on private property; and also require that tree removal permit extensions be limited to one three-month extension after the expiration of the initial 90-day period; Motion also requested various departments come up with a system for improved collaboration on the permit review process, prior to a CEQA analysis.

1. Currently pending in the Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee.

c. Council, 11.14.14

1. Councilman Buscaino introduced a Motion declaring the intersection of Gaffey Street and Capitol Drive in San Pedro be officially named DiCarlo Square and for LADOT to erect ceremonial signs.
 1. Currently pending in the Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee.

d. Council, 11.12.14

1. Council considered the appointment of Ms. Wendy Grace Macy as the permanent General Manager of the Personnel Department, City of Los Angeles.
 1. Approved unanimously
2. Council considered a report and ordinance regarding amending the Los Angeles City Election Code to allow processing of vote-by-mail ballots postmarked by Election Day and received within 3 days after Election Day.
 1. Approved unanimously.
3. Councilman Buscaino introduced the following Motions with regards to Bureau of Street Services Reform:
 1. CAO, CLA and DPW do a cost and fee analysis for a Street Damage Restoration Fee (SDRF) which takes into consideration actual amount of street cuts done annually, including all aged streets, all materials, and the costs of all the departments which help in the process, such as BSS, DOT, GSD and BOE; For the CAO, CLA and DPW to report on all road damage caused by construction and heavy carriers and how much of the damage is calculated in the costs; For the CAO, CLA and DPW to report on how to do periodic reviews of the SDRF fee, based on a future inflationary index.
 2. City Attorney, Department of Finance and Police Commission to write an ordinance that mandates all private parking operators in L.A. to use revenue control equipment (RCE) (credit/debit cards, automated cash machines, electronic gates, pay-in-lanes systems), with the new revenue to be used for the Pavement Preservation Program; For the Department of Finance, Police Commission, City Attorney and ITA to report on technological methods to find all parking lots/structures, and vacant land for auto park operations, in Los Angeles.
 3. CAO and DPW to report on timeline and process to retrofit the City's Asphalt Plant #1, which will reduce production costs, and increase recycling capacity from 7.5% to 50%, not to mention lower the market rate for asphalt; And for the

CAO to report on ways to increase benefits of said retrofit, including creating a cooperative or Joint Powers Agreement.

4. DPW, ITA and DOT to coordinate with other city departments, private utilities and contractors regarding scheduling, monitoring, permitting, mapping and inspecting street cuts in public right-of-ways and improve the Public Works Reservation System to communicate and coordinate better.
5. DPW, DOT, CAO and CLA to report on how to prioritize the improvement of arterial/select streets that get high traffic volume and weight loads with excess funding.
6. CAO, City Attorney, DPW, DOT, ITA, Clerk and CLA to report on feasibility of Community Beautification Districts for installing and maintaining streets, street lights, street trees, sidewalks and curb ramps based on the projected property value increases, and how to create these infrastructure financing agreements.
7. CAO, DPW and ITA to report on the efficiency and feasibility for BSS' MicroPAVER program (which surveys street conditions), Public Works Reservation System, LID requirements and Green Street elements to all public ways, "Cool Pavements", BSS website and data-tracking systems, along with a City wide public right of ways info in open data format to facilitate third party mobile applications.
8. Motion for the City Attorney to write an ordinance that bestows upon the BPW the power to exempt parties from the 1 year moratorium, and mandate the permittees who are exempt to pay the Street Damage Restoration Fee. And for the DPW, CAO and CLA to report on the feasibility, operational and financial impacts, of increasing the moratorium to three years.

e. Council, 11.07.14

1. Council considered an ordinance regarding submitting to the voters a proposed charter amendment to change the City's primary and general elections dates to June and November of even-numbered years beginning in 2020, and called a Special Election and consolidating it with the City's primary nominating election to be held on March 3, 2015.

1. Approved, Parks dissenting

III. Upcoming Events

a. San Pedro Bridge Sign Unveiling

1. Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 6:30pm to 8pm
2. Exit Park on the northeast corner of Gaffey Street and O'Farrell Street

3. Please join Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilman Joe Buscaino as they unveil the Gaffey Street Bridge Sign and Lighting. This event symbolizes the revitalization of Gaffey Street through the Mayor's Great Street Initiative. There will be music, food trucks and great company!
- b. Watts Winter Wonderland**
1. Thursday, December 11, 2014, 4pm – 6:30pm
 2. 103rd Street between Compton and Success
 3. Join Councilman Buscaino at this FREE family event with refreshments, real snow and Santa!
 4. Please RSVP to John Jones III: call 213.473.5128 or john.jonesiii@lacity.org
- c. San Pedro Chamber of Commerce Holiday Networking Mixer and Social**
1. Thursday, December 11, 2014, 5:30pm to 7pm
 2. Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club (211 W. 22nd Street, San Pedro, CA 90731)
 3. Celebrate the holidays with the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce at their Holiday Networking Mixer and Social! Chamber Members and Non-members are \$5/person.
 4. Bring a canned good or toy to support a family in need this holiday season.
 5. Please RSVP to Martha at 310.832.7272
- d. 27th Annual Heart of the Harbor Holidays Parade**
1. Sunday, December 14, 2014, 12pm – 3pm
 2. Parade route starts at Avalon and F Street and ends at the Banning Mansion.
- e. 9th Annual Miracle on 37th Street**
1. Friday, December 19, 2014, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
 2. It's that time of year when The Corner Store would like to invite you to their Annual Miracle on 37th Street!
 3. Santa arrives at 5:30pm with his elves and snow! Caroling begins at 7pm. Please bring your Jingle Bells and Flashlights.
 4. This is a FREE event and they would love for you your family to join them.
 5. For details, check your San Pedro Today magazine or call 310.832.2424