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Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report
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I. Ponte Vista:

- a. Ponte Vista is now in the final stages of demolition, with removal of in-ground infrastructure ongoing at the site.
- b. Demolition is expected to be completed during the 1st quarter of this year.
- c. Grading will begin shortly after demolition complete.
- d. The Ponte Vista team is currently working with the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and the Bureau of Engineering on permits for grading the site.

II. Capitol Drive

- a. The Council office is aware of the poor quality of work done on Capitol Drive. The Bureau of Street Services is going to redo the work and it should be finished by the beginning of March. We've reached out to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and requested that they hold off on fully restriping the street until the work is complete.

III. San Pedro Library

- a. Per the Library Department, the San Pedro Library will be closed from March 09, 2015 to April 17, 2015 for repairs to the building.

IV. Rancho San Pedro Feasibility Study

- a. The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), in partnership with Councilman Buscaino, have released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a feasibility study on the redevelopment of the Rancho San Pedro housing complex.
- b. A qualified applicant will be selected next month, and the selected consultant will take 4-5 months to complete the feasibility study.
- c. *Please see attached for more information.*

V. LAHSA Emergency Response Team

- a. The new LAHSA Emergency Response Team (ERT) will focus on a multi-agency outreach approach. They will try to physically bring services to the encampments for maximum efficiency. Local and direct outreach with mental and substance abuse, doctors/health services will be incorporated.
- b. Their basic schedule will be 7:30AM-430PM, Monday through Friday. This is flexible and will change based on the needs of the homeless

individuals. They are reaction based and will respond to chronic locations and calls generated from our office and the LAPD Quality of Life Car.

- c. Their goal is to build rapport for a smooth transfer of teams, currently two other individuals have been working our area. They will watch and take notes of trends and locations of movement. This will show what time and where to find people. They use the HMIS Data Tracking System to measure effectiveness of outreach.
 - 1. For example it will show how long before individuals accept services.
- d. In regards to housing, they first try to place in shelters then transitional and then permanent housing. If they came from outside the City, they work on getting a bus, plane or train ticket back to where their families are.

VI. Quality of Life Task Force Car

- a. At the direction of Councilman Buscaino, two LAPD officers are assigned to the Quality of Life Task Force car. The officers will be addressing daily quality of life issues including but not limited to homelessness, graffiti and illegal dumping. Continue to contact your Senior Lead Officer with concerns. They will compile the information and give it to this specialized unit.

VII. Legislative Update

a. Council, 02.03.15

- 1. City Council considered an Ordinance to amend the LAMC to lower the business tax rate on professions and occupations over time, and to amend sections 21.41 and 21.43 while repealing Sections 21.42, 21.44 and 21.45 so as to consolidate several business classifications into two sections.
 - 1. The Council voted unanimously to gradually reduce the maximum tax rate from \$5.07 per \$1,000 of gross receipts to \$4.75 by January 2016, \$4.50 by January 2016 and \$4.25 by January 2018.
 - 2. *CF 14-0600-S253*

b. Council, 01.28.15

- 1. City Council considered a Trade, Commerce and Tourism Committee Report relative to issues related to San Pedro Waterfront Redevelopment efforts. Recommendations for Council action are as follows:
 - 1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Harbor Department, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), City Administrative Officer (CAO), and Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), and REQUEST the City Attorney to evaluate and present options for overcoming the limitations of a 50-year lease term and recommend management options for the San Pedro Waterfront Master Plan, including the creation of a non-profit development organization, joint powers authority or other similar district that would coordinate all

development, property management, planning, and event programming in the Waterfront Master Plan area and report to the Trade, Commerce, and Tourism Committee within 60 days.

2. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning and Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and REQUEST the Metropolitan Transit Authority, to report on transportation and circulation plans for San Pedro, with an emphasis on efforts to connect San Pedro to the regional light rail network.
3. INSTRUCT the Harbor Department and EWDD, with the CLA and other departments as appropriate, to retain a consultant funded by the Harbor Department. This consultant will conduct a real estate and market analysis and evaluate opportunities and constraints of housing developments on Harbor Department, City of Los Angeles, and other public and privately owned property along the Waterfront and in downtown San Pedro including site specific studies and an evaluation of the feasibility of constructing housing on state tidelands and recommend options for further action.
4. INSTRUCT the Harbor Department to consider developing a phased approach to the implementation of the Ports 0' Call development including performance measures to ensure that the project is completed in a timely manner that creates retail, dining, and entertainment attractions that generate seven days a week and evening activity.
5. INSTRUCT the Harbor Department to consider crafting a scope of development that will encourage an authentic and unique experience that distinguishes itself from local competing venues with appropriate architectural themes and a mix of uses.
6. INSTRUCT the Harbor Department to report within 60 days on an infrastructure improvement plan for the Waterfront, including funding requirements, financing options, and phasing.
7. INSTRUCT the Harbor Department to report within 60 days on projects and implementation timelines to improve linkages between pending and implemented developments within the Waterfront Master Plan area to improve access and viability of these project elements.
8. INSTRUCT the Harbor Department report to Council on the implementation of the Waterfront Master Plan on an annual basis.

2. Approved unanimously. *CF 14-1330*

c. Council, 01.23.15

1. City Council considered Councilman Buscaino's Motion for the City of Los Angeles to acquire the property located 427 N. Gaffey Street in order to improve visibility and public access to Welcome and Bandini Canyon Parks in San Pedro.
 1. Approved unanimously.
 2. *See attached. CF 15-0052*
- d. Council, 01.21.15**
 1. City Council considered Councilman Buscaino's Motion to fund a full-time, 2 person Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Emergency Response Team (ERT) to work in conjunction with Los Angeles City and County Departments and Law Enforcement Agencies to help resolve homeless and related health and welfare issues in communities in Council District 15.
 1. The ERT team provides homeless crisis intervention and intensive case management services, assisting with crisis housing referrals placements, direct transportation and access to services provided by various social services agencies. This effort is of special benefit for the residents of the City and for CD15.
 2. Approved unanimously.
 3. *See attached. CF 15-0043*
- e. Council, 01.20.15**
 1. City Council considered Councilman Buscaino's Motion relative to erecting a ceremonial sign on 22nd Street between Signal Street and Miner Street, dedicating it Leonard Aube Way.
 1. Approved unanimously.
 2. *See attached. CF 14-1739*
- f. Council, 01.14.15**
 1. City Council considered Mayor Garcetti's appointment of Ms. Alma Ortiz to the Harbor Area Planning Commission. Ms. Ortiz will fill the vacancy created by Hector Serrano, Jr., who has resigned.
 1. Approved, unanimously. *CF 14-1679*
- g. Council, 01.07.15**
 1. Councilman Buscaino introduced a Motion directing the General Services Department to negotiate a lease for the property of 501 North Mesa Street, San Pedro with the Gang Alternatives Program for a new office space.
 1. Pending before the Innovation, Technology and General Services Committee.
 2. *CF 15-0021*

VIII. Upcoming Events

- a. Gaffey Street Pool Groundbreaking**
 1. Thursday, February 12, 2015 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.
 2. 3351 S. Gaffey Street, SP, CA 90731 (Enter at Angel's Gate Cultural Center)

3. Please join Councilman Buscaino, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, the Bureau of Engineering and the Port of Los Angeles as we break ground on the Gaffey Street Pool Renovation Project.
- b. Battleship IOWA 72nd Birthday/President's Day Celebration
 1. Monday, February 16, 2015, 9:30am -5:30pm
 2. 250 S. Harbor Blvd, SP, CA 90731
 3. Live jazz and swing music from The Big Butter Jazz Band.
 4. Swing Lessons from Swing Sundays at MMS Dance.
 5. Face Painting, Vintage Vehicles, Impersonators, WWII Shooting Gallery, Food Trucks & a stocked Sailor's Bar!
 - c. Di Carlo Bakery Town Square Naming
 1. Monday, February 23, 2015, 10:30am
 2. Intersection of Gaffey Street and Capitol Drive
 3. Please join Councilman Buscaino, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Di Carlo Bakery employees as we unveil the ceremonial signage and dedicate the intersection of Gaffey and Capitol as Di Carlo Square.
 - d. Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan Community Workshop
 1. Thursday, February 26, 2015, 6pm
 2. The Grand Annex, 434 W. 6th Street, San Pedro, CA 90731
 3. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative invites you to participate in the last of three community workshops to share project information and gather input for streetscape improvements along Gaffey Street in San Pedro.
 - e. Western Avenue Design Guidelines Community Workshop
 1. Saturday, March 14, 2015, 10am – 2pm
 2. Peck Park Recreation Center
 3. Please stop by to give feedback on the Design Guidelines Draft for Western Avenue from Summerland Avenue to Palos Verdes Drive North.

IX. Past Events

- a. Public Access Investment Funding Policy Community Meetings
 1. The Port of Los Angeles has scheduled two community meetings to receive input and answer questions related to the proposed Public Access Investment Funding Policy that was presented publicly on December 11 and 18, 2014. The proposed Public Access Investment Funding Policy is designed to create a predictable and sustainable approach for long term investment in public access projects in the Port of Los Angeles.
 2. The first community meeting will be held from 6pm to 8pm on Thursday, January 22nd at Banning's Landing, 100 East Water Street in Wilmington.

- 3. The second community meeting will be held from 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday, January 27, at the Warner Grand Theatre, 478 West 6th Street in San Pedro.**
- b. Krave Seafood Buffet Ribbon Cutting**
 1. Thursday, January 29, 2015, 5:30pm
 2. 800 S. Pacific Avenue, SP, CA 90731
- c. Monitor Avenue Park Ribbon Cutting**
 1. Saturday, January 31, 2015, 10:30am to 12:30pm
 2. 11300 Monitor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90059
 3. Councilmember Joe Buscaino, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and the Trust for Public Land invite you to come celebrate the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Watts Community Park, a new park and green space for the people of Watts! Entertainment and refreshments provided!
 4. For more information, please contact Tori Kjer with the Trust for Public Land at:
 1. Tori.kjer@tpl.org
 2. **323.223.0441 ext. 11**
- d. Jackson's Place Ribbon Cutting**
 1. Thursday, February 5, 2015, 5:30pm
 2. 335 W. 7th Street, San Pedro, CA 90731
 3. Wine and Beer Lounge located in the heart of Downtown San Pedro.