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Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report  
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**I. 2013 Highlights:**

- a. Neighborhood Parks: Opening of the Janet Shour Pock Park (Harbor Gateway), Drum Barracks Park (Wilmington), and \$2.2 million renovation of the Harbor Sports Complex (Harbor City/Wilmington)
- b. Leading the City Council's approval of major job creating projects in the 15th District:
  1. SCIG Project at the Port of Los Angeles;
  2. Jordan Downs Redevelopment Project;
  3. AltaSea Urban Marine Research facility at the Port of Los Angeles
- c. Launch of Save our Streets Los Angeles (SOSLA) ballot measure proposal
- d. Launch of CLEAN Watts and Watts Community Studio
- e. Selection of developer for Ports o' Call redevelopment
- f. Delivery of significant public works services - street paving, trees trimmed, bulky items, potholes, etc. (currently waiting on statistics)
- g. Successful CD15-led community events: Swearing-in and Little Italy in Watts, Festival of Shred, Buscaino Block Party & Spaghetti Dinner, Free Night at the Aquarium, Veteran's Day Festival, Holiday Tree Lighting.
- h. Successful re-election to CD 15 and leading district support of Mayor's election in CD15

**II. San Pedro Updates:**

- a. Acquisition of Gaffey Street Exit Park, November 2013
- b. Repaving of Gaffey Street from Paseo Del Mar to 5 Points
- c. Obtaining community recommendation for Paseo Del Mar and funding for initial phase of project
- d. Doubled the number of parking spaces at Field of Dreams
- e. Completely renovated the basketball courts at Harbor Highlands Park
- f. 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>/Gaffey Street signals – activation in February
- g. 10<sup>th</sup>/Gaffey St signal – currently in the works
- h. San Pedro bridge and median improvements beginning in 60 days
- i. Hiring of Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) to draw up conceptual beautification plan for Gaffey Street from the 110 freeway to 13<sup>th</sup> Street
- j. Los Angeles City Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of up to 675 units for Ponte Vista to the Los Angeles City Council
- k. Peck Park Skate Park – Per LARAP we are looking at the end of March for completion.

**III. Neighborhood Council Requests:**

- a. Status of Bulk Storage Facility Motions:
  1. Our original motion (PS Cmte in SP) called for a report to ask for new ideas. The CLA report dated February 19, 2013, did not identify any specific areas of legislation from the City perspective that would address additional safety concerns. Furthermore, past reports have address questions outlined in the respective motions that were introduced. Per the CLA report, which outlined communication and information sharing as a key problem, the Councilman Buscaino introduced a motion to streamline the sharing of data concerning the 50 CalARP facilities located in the City of Los Angeles, in as much as security restrictions emanating from the federal government will allow.
- b. Proposed changes relative to bike lanes on Capital/Westmont:
  1. Western/Westmont Signal Reconfiguration:
    1. Per CalTrans, the design process has begun and they hope to deliver the project by as early as February 2014. The improvements are consisted of the following's:

- a. Reconfiguring the westbound approach to provide storage capacity for left-turn demand.
  - b. Reconfiguring the eastbound approach to provide exclusive left-turn lane and optional of thru and right turn lane.
  - c. Modify signal phasing to provide “opposing phasing” for Westmont/Delasonde approaches.
  - d. Optimizing signal cycle split and provide an overlap phasing for westbound right-turn movement.
  - e. Upgrade the ADA ramps.
- 2. CD15 asked LAUSD to stagger start/end times of Taper Ave. Elementary and Dodson Middle School – in short, LAUSD told us no.
  - 3. CD15 funded a part-time person to open the back gate at Taper Ave. Elementary in order to alleviate traffic during peak hours.

#### **IV. City Services**

##### **a. Tree Trimming**

- 1. For Fiscal Year 2013-2014, we have trimmed 663 trees. In the calendar year we have trimmed 2 trees. CD15 also has 1,556 trees to be trimmed on contract in the Harbor City Area later in the year. We anticipate the work to begin in late March.

##### **b. Slurry Seal**

- 1. Tentative Streets to be slurry sealed for February 2014 are:
  - 1. 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Patton Ave. to Weymouth Ave.
  - 2. 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Harbor Blvd. to Pacific Ave.

#### **V. Legislative Update:**

##### **a. Special Public Works Committee – Thursday, February 6, 2014**

- 1. Advanced \$10 million sidewalk repair plan
  - 1. Divide the money evenly among three repair priorities:
    - a. First third (\$3.33 million) will be spent on locations where past claims and lawsuits have been filed in high pedestrian use areas,
    - b. An additional third will be spent along “iconic streets City-wide integrating various City services to promote economic development in retail areas with heavy pedestrian traffic,”
    - c. Final third would be allocated equally among the 15 council districts for a 50/50 program.
  - 2. All construction would be performed by private contractors, with the Bureau of Engineering overseeing the program and the Bureau of Contract Administration inspecting the work to ensure it is up to City standards.

##### **b. Council – Wednesday, January 29, 2014**

- 1. Co-introduced a motion with Council President Wesson and Councilmember Englander asking various agencies to report back on developing a program to distribute smoke alarms, carbon-monoxide detectors, and the necessary batteries to the public free of charge at every fire station in the City. (*See handout attached*)
- 2. Approved a Motion directing Street Services and Sanitation to report to Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee, to establish compassionate guidelines and policies to allow for the display and removal of temporary street memorials being placed in the public right-of-way, being sensitive to the families grieving over their lost loved ones.

#### **VI. Upcoming Events:**

##### **a. CD15 Lunch Mob – Maya Restaurant**

- 1. 401 N. Avalon Blvd, Wilmington, CA 90744 – (310) 830-6660
- 2. Thursday, February 13, 2014; 11:30am – 12:30pm

##### **b. Gaffey Street Signal Activation Ceremony**

- 1. 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street
- 2. Ceremony will take place on the southwest corner of Gaffey/11<sup>th</sup> Street, adjacent to Omelette and Waffle Shop; 1103 S. Gaffey St, San Pedro, CA 90731
- 3. Thursday, February 13, 2014; 1pm – 1:30pm
- 4. All are welcome to attend

