



# NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Planning and Land Use COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting Held at 638 S. Beacon on Wed. Sept 17, 6:00 pm

### Committee Members:

- Diana Nave, Present
- Carolyn Grayson, Present
  
- Dan Dixon, Absent
- David Rivera, Absent
- Chuck Hart, Present
- Pete Burmeister, Absent
- Pat Nave, Present

Quorum? Yes

**Non-Committee Member Attendees:** Gordon Teuber, Kate Mayerson (LANI).

### I. Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) has a contract with the Department of Transportation brokered by the Council Office using AB transportation funds to develop a Conceptual Plan for Gaffey.

The Project Area is from the end of the 110 Freeway to 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The Conceptual Plan will be a guideline for future streetscape and pedestrian improvements. Everything recommended must have the associated cost for both development and maintenance.

LANI is working with a local Community Steering Committee, CD 15, the Mayor's Great Streets Team, and several consultants. The Mayor selected Gaffey to be part of the Great Streets Initiative partly because this planning effort was already under way. The Community Steering Committee, including groups from the Mayor's office and the CD15 office, walked Gaffey from the end of the 110 Fwy. to 13th, and outlined a number of challenges and opportunities.

One of the biggest challenges is the high volume of traffic using First Street as an access point to and from the Freeway, backing up the remaining traffic on Gaffey. So far they have not been able to develop an economically viable alternative for redesigning or moving the freeway entrance/exit that would alleviate traffic from the 20,000 cars that use only that portion of Gaffey daily. They do not want to do anything that would impair traffic flow between 1st and the freeway entrance/exit. The result is that very little can be done to improve Gaffey north of Fifth Street.

The plan will address items such as landscaping, paving, trees, lighting, street furnishings, and wayfinding. Although they are focused on increasing access to transit and pedestrian and

bicycle safety, they assured us that there is and will not be any proposal to add bicycle lanes to Gaffey.

They currently plan the project in three segments: from the end of the freeway to 1st Street, from 1st to 5th Streets, and from 5th to 13th Street. The project could potentially expand north and south on Gaffey at a later time.

Their goal is to entice motorists to stop their cars and to walk on Gaffey. Their preliminary plan calls for redesigning the medians and adding “bulb-outs” (making the corners larger) at intersections; use of permeable pavers for distinguishing crosswalks to give Gaffey a consistent and upscaled look (and helping to call motorists’ attention to the crosswalks); planting a consistent canopy of shade trees (to encourage walking); using water wise landscaping; improving street lighting (for encouraging pedestrians at night) and making street lights, bus shelters, bike racks, and trash containers consistent; and wayfinding or branding Gaffey as more than just an extension of the 110 Freeway through signage and public art.

They anticipate completion of the plan by the end of January. As part of the developmental process they are holding three public meetings. The first one has already been held. One of the two remaining community meetings will deal with solutions for small businesses and the second one, anticipated for early December, with the specific beautification elements and development of a theme for Gaffey.

They also received a \$5,000 grant from Red Box to create a “pop up Plaza” in the Library parking lot complete with canopies, tables, chairs, Astroturf, umbrellas. The next workshop is planned for Oct 25 at this Pop-Up Plaza.

They plan to apply for Metro funding (can apply for up to \$1 million) for partial implementation.

## 2. Lillian Fierman Walkway

LANI also has a contract to beautify the Lillian Fierman Walkway (next to the Warner Grand). The plans have been completed and they are in the process of going out to bid for the work. Improvements will include an entryway arch, repaving, tall planters (the kind you cannot sit on), painting the walls, removable bollards at both ends, and overhead lights that match those on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Because of the pending mural ordinance, no mural was included but is an option for the future. This project is funded through AB 1290, transportation related funds.

Unrelated to LANI or the improvements, an automated recycling machine is going into the Numero Uno Store’s Parking Lot.

## **3. Planning Priorities**

The following local projects were identified for monitoring by the committee:

- Ponte Vista EIR & other Conditions
- Gaffey Vision

- Greening Plan especially any Proposed Leland Park Sidewalk
- Harbor Blvd/Front/Street/N. Pacific Beautification
- N. Gaffey Beautification (completion under the Freeway)
- San Pedro Community Plan
- Proposed Mix Use Facility on N. Gaffey
- Proposed Gas Station on N. Gaffey

The following Citywide initiatives, proposed ordinances, etc. may deserve attention from the committee:

- Flood Plain Map – Topic to be discussed at HANC on Oct 1, Diana to submit small article for Newsletter, committee initially identified the following areas prone to flooding:  
Gaffey from Fuel Depot to YNS Auto (water is flowing North and enters flood control channel 500' North of the main Fuel Depot gate), Taper & Statler (overflows the flood channel in heavy storms), Western and Delasonde by Ponte Vista entrance, Channel & Gaffey;
- Mobility Plan (Carolyn to attend session at Congress & report back)
- ReCode LA (recode.la)– Initially Carolyn will review section on Distinct Neighborhoods and Diana will review the one on Jobs and Innovation
- Amnesty for Illegal Apts CF 14-1150 (concern that they be safe & have sufficient parking)
- Above Ground Facilities (CF 09-2645) – currently pending before the City's Planning and Land Use Committee
- Sign Ordinance (CF 08-2020) – currently before Planning & Land Use; several NCs have submitted CIS
- Proposed Change in CEQA – will ask Pat Nave to investigate further

NEXT Meeting: 6 pm Wed October 15, San Pedro City Hall-

Tentative Agenda: Port presentation of current beautification plan for N. Harbor/Front/Pacific; update on gas station proposed for Gaffey at Sepulveda; Carolyn to report on Mobility Plan; Diana & Carolyn to report on REcodeLa Framework sections they have reviewed, continue collecting info re flooding.

ReCode La to be topic of HANC Meeting Nov. 5.