



NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Planning and Land Use Committee Report

Meeting Held APRIL 15, 2015 at the San Pedro Municipal Building.

Committee Members:

- Diana Nave, Present
- Carolyn Grayson, Present
- Chuck Hart - Present
- David Rivera, Present
- Pete Burmeister, Absent
- Jason Herring, Absent
- Lee Williams, Present

Quorum? Yes

Non-Committee Member Attendees Larry Smith (LA Conservation Corps) Sue Scholt0n (Stakeholder)

URBAN GREENING PLAN

Larry Smith presented the draft Urban Greening Plan for San Pedro and explained that while the initial plan to was to prepare it for just downtown San Pedro, it has since been expanded to include some other areas of San Pedro including Western and N. Gaffey to Westmont.

The Conservation Corps received a grant to develop the plan with Clean San Pedro as a subcontractor. They later also contracted with a consultant, Melendrez. A local committee with representatives of the three Neighborhood Councils, the Chamber, and the Port was set up to provide local oversight. (Diana Nave served on the committee on behalf of NWSPNC). Several public input opportunities were held and a public opinion survey was conducted (NWSPNC participated in this survey). The resulting plan describes existing conditions, recommendations, and implementation.

Urban Greening/Green Streets encompasses not only planting but also things like solar lights, rooftop gardens, storm water capture, transit enhancements, exercise stations, and habitat conservation. It is about the whole experience of the street.

The plan includes both projects that are already underway in design such as N. Gaffey Phase II, Sampson Way, and Plaza Park as well as new opportunities.

In Downtown San Pedro the plan envisions 6th and 7th Streets as one-way Streets with some perpendicular parking and some “parklets” that could be used for outdoor dining or just places to sit.

The Alleys would be “greened” with obvious pathways from the parking lots to the streets and creates priority Green Streets for additional trees.

On Streets with Parkways the plan calls for greening of the parkways. On major thru streets without parkways, like 1st and Summerland, it recommends the promotion of the existing City Programs for Free Trees and Sod Replacement. The Committee discussed the possibility of the Neighborhood Councils sponsoring some type of promotional event in this regard with perhaps the Conservation Corps Members available to assist homeowners in planting the trees.

For portions of Pacific, Harbor Blvd, and N. Gaffey, a green median is recommended. There are great opportunities for capture of stormwater both in the canyon near 9th and Western and Alma Park. Much of the plan is conceptual and would require another level of detail before implementation.

As part of this project, the Corps has applied for a \$1.5 million Urban Forest Enhancement Grant. The grant would allow for planting 3000 large stature trees in open space, parkways, and private front yards; installation of Water Conservation Irrigation System for Open Space Trees; installation of 3600 linear feet of Bioswales to capture and treat water; installation of 25 Rain Gardens to divert, retain, and treat water; removal of 7500 Square Feet of concrete from around existing trees to allow for better growth of trees in downtown San Pedro. This funding would include the development of a “forest” on the CalTrans Property below the 47 off-ramp at Gaffey, a sidewalk and additional tree planting in Leland Park along N. Gaffey, and planting along Knoll Hill.

The following motion was seconded and passed unanimously:

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the San Pedro Urban Greening Plan as developed by the Los Angeles Conservation in conjunction with the San Pedro Community.