



# NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Planning and Land Use Committee Report Special Joint Meeting with Central San Pedro NC Planning

Meeting Held September 21, 2016 at the San Pedro Municipal Building.

### Committee Members:

Diana Nave, Absent  
Carolyn Grayson, Present  
Chuck Hart, Present  
Jason Herring, Present  
Bob Garcia, Present  
Pete Burmeister, Absent  
Lee Williams, Present

Quorum? Yes

**Central San Pedro Committee Members Present:** Linda Alexander, Frank Anderson, Sunny Lopez, Mona Sutton

**Coastal San Pedro Committee Members Present:** Adele Healy

**Non-Committee Member Attendees:** Anna Apostolos (LANI); David Bard, Veronica Bard, Janice Armstrong, Ann Carpenter, Allen Franz, Gwen Henry (Stakeholders).

Anna Apostolos of LANI (Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative) presented an update on Phase 1 of the Gaffey Street Implementation Plan for the Gaffey Great Street Program.

She said that Councilman Buscaino hired LANI to do a plan for making Gaffey a Great Street.

The original project area was for O'Farrell to 13th.

Councilman Buscaino has secured funding so the implementation project can start.

Project Phase 1. Project Site 1: The median between O'Farrell and Santa Cruz.

Will have 50 foot palms installed. Underplanting with a mixture of plants, native and non-native.

Phase 1 Project Site 2: 5th to 6th.

Curb extensions (bulb outs) with landscaping. The bulb outs will be the same depth as the parking lane, so should not interfere with traffic. They will install Big Belly trash recycling receptacles. They wanted specific bus benches but have to go through the City and go with what the City will approve.

Phase 1 Project Site 3: 7th and Gaffey.

Curb extensions (bulb outs) with landscaping.

They hope to have the median, light pole medallions, and the Big Bellies by the end of 2016 or finish up in 2017. They have to release an RFP. Expect probably will start the project(s) in December. Curb extensions take longer to get permits - maybe those will go in by this time in 2017.

Responses to questions from committee members:

- Will the bulb outs make it more difficult for right turns, such as from 7th to Gaffey or at the intersection of 5h and Gaffey? They did modify the bulb out on one part of the intersection of 5th and Gaffey where it would impede right hand turns, but she was not sure which part of the intersection would have slimmer curb extension.
- She is positive that the bulb outs will not reduce lanes on Gaffey.
- They will be putting in large trees when they install; they are looking for drought tolerant trees, not necessarily native trees. Public comment: Allen Franz said that there are two native cherry trees. One of the plants on the page provided by LANI for proposed landscaping is Matilija Poppy, isn't it invasive - Allen Franz answered that yes, it is very invasive.
- Jason: Palm trees don't do much for increasing air quality. Yes, but we wanted a majestic entrance for San Pedro, and it will look more majestic with a row of palms, also palms are iconic for beach areas and Southern California.
- Signage: The Monument sign will be on the median and will be lit with LED uplights in programmable colors, plus there will be a box at the base of each tree so can put up string lights. Who will choose the colors for the lighting? Probably Councilman Buscaino's office.
- The Big Belly containers - they held a artist contest, and awarded two prizes of \$1000 each for art concepts for the containers. One artist provided 6 designs with landscapes (palm trees), the other provided two colorful designs. The artists will get their names on the works.
- Maintenance costs for the trees? There will be irrigation on the sites, the Councilman has agreed to provide a maintenance contract after the initial maintenance contract expires. They intend to get a maintenance contract with the trees (for example, get the provider of the trees to include 2 years maintenance).
- There will not be any expansion of the median, they will work with what is there.

**Public comment:** In the next round of grants for great streets, the questioner understands that we don't have to stay with Gaffey Street, could we expand to another street - are we moving forward with anything to pursue the grants? No, haven't done that.

Anna: there are two separate types of grants, one where you could, for example, close a street for a week to see what it would be like. The second grant type would be to help install things like parklets. Anna will forward more information to Lee.

Joint meeting was adjourned.



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Lee received a mailer today announcing a Limited Public Hearing on the SP Community Plan Design Guidelines. The hearing will be held **October 13th**, in City Hall, 200 N Spring Street, Room 250, after 8:30 AM.

There will also be a meeting and public hearing on September 27th regarding Paseo del Mar. It will be at the San Pedro Public Library.

Peck Park and Trail Access - Agenda item postponed to next meeting.

Question from Bob Garcia about last week's notes - is it a requirement that Pappy's (the new restaurant opening in the former Papadakis space) be open from 8AM to 2PM? Lee replied that it is suggested but not required; the goal of the Chamber was that the restaurant be more than a dinner house.

Naming Policy at Port of LA - Regarding letter to the Port asking to have input on the naming policy, Lee read draft letter. Motion to approve the letter, Lee moved, Chuck seconded. Carried unanimously.

Jason suggested that we contact Sam Edgerton, former mayor of Hermosa Beach, to talk about making 6th Street one way or closed to traffic, possibly making 7th Street one way in the opposite direction. Bob Garcia asked if anybody had talked to the merchants. Lee said yes.

Regarding the parking lot between 8th and 9th behind the auto parts store and whether we should suggest new terms for a new RFP - item carried forward to the October meeting.

Jason showed the video of the plantings on the freeway posts to encourage thinking about this for San Pedro.

No public comments. Meeting adjourned.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 pm.

