

## **May 8, 2012 Land Use & Public Works Joint Committee Report**

**On April 18th, this joint committee met and created the following recommendations to the full board and stakeholders (all are action items).**

### **I. Community Impact Statement Regarding the draft Community Care Facilities Ordinance Council File # 11-0262**

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council views well-run community care facilities as providing important public benefits to the community. Per the March 8, 2012 report from the Planning Dept to the City of Los Angeles PLUM Committee:

*"Currently, a variance is needed to locate a licensed facility for seven or more in a residential zone. The proposed ordinance removes that obstacle and expands options for licensed facilities by permitting them by-right as a public benefit in all zones subject to municipal performance standards, including a limitation of two residents per bedroom,"*

This council generally supports the proposed ordinance that (1) permits facilities by-right subject to performance standards and (2) provides alternative compliance procedures when care providers propose reasonable alternatives to the performance standards. However, the alternative compliance procedures should be clearly defined and should not unreasonably burden the care providers as to timeline or cost. Furthermore, the density requirements specifying the number of beds per room should be rewritten to instead require a minimum room square footage per bed, consistent LA County requirements.

Items II and III are brought forward with the intention that the office of Council District 15 shall work with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council and other interested community organizations to accomplish these short to long range goals. These items are to be entered into our CD 15 Action Item List (aka Andrew's List).

II. Request for prioritized code enforcement based on observed excess of signage:

*The 700 block of Pacific Avenue contains significant and multiple violations of City sign ordinances. Seven properties identified as probable code violations with respect to displaying excess signage are: 700, 701, 702, 708, 711, 716, 717 S. Pacific Avenue.*

III. Priorities for public space improvements:

- a) Replace remaining Norman ad bearing bus benches with new contractor Martin Outdoor Media bus benches.*
- b) News racks that do not receive regular maintenance can be a blight on the community and should be reported. The City should provide the neighborhood council with a contact name and number for reporting and follow up.*
- c) Bollard repair for sidewalk sitting nodes in front of 445 W. 7th St*
- d) Improvement of condition of satellite parking lots: City Lot 641 and the Croatian Cultural Center parking lot. Walls need finishing and repairing, on-site signage needs*

*improvement, and way-finding signs from Pacific Avenue need to be designed and installed.*

- e) Improvement of accessibility of satellite parking: repair the alley curb return along the east side of Pacific Avenue between 6th and 7th Streets, as this lies in the pedestrian path from the satellite parking lots to the center of downtown San Pedro.*
- f) Plaza at 6th & Mesa: large kiosk removal and bench relocations in order to open up plaza space and eliminate view obstruction of the artistic retaining wall.*
- g) Lillian Fierman walkway improvement*
- h) Deficiency of Centre Street sidewalk, west side between 6th and 7th Streets. Consider boardwalk extension.*

IV. A letter shall be sent to Christopher (Kip) Rudd, title  
(go to city hall and find out?)  
(hold till after meeting with Alison on Wednesday...)

*The CSPNC presents you with the enclosed copy of our Community Design Standards. We request that these standards be known and respected by all city staff members having permitting authority over building activities within the Pacific Corridor Redevelopment Area, from new building permit applications to low-level modifications that might have a negative impact on the character of this redevelopment area.*

V. Community Impact Statement Regarding the City budget for economic development staff within the Planning Department; File #11-0086-S4

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council recognizes the importance of economic development activities as practiced by the Community Redevelopment Agency (prior to State defunding) for the purpose of reducing blight and making strategic investment in economically challenged neighborhoods. We ask that the City of Los Angeles provide reasonable funding for staff personnel who specialize in economic development in order that they may collaborate with this neighborhood council and other community groups in the interest of blight reduction and strategic capital investment. Staff should be assigned to the Pacific Corridor Redevelopment Area for regular interaction and coordinated planning.

VI. Community-based planning for the future of Ports O'Call

The Port of Los Angeles, as landlord for Ports O'Call property, is about to enter into a RFP process, or "Request for (redevelopment) Proposals". This committee recommends that a community forum be held this summer to take advance public comments on the proposed redevelopment of Ports O'Call, in order to pro-actively prepare this neighborhood council to respond to Port redevelopment actions. This community forum should be sponsored by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, or, the three San Pedro neighborhood councils acting together if it is agreed to do this cooperatively.