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Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report
April 14, 2015

I. Neighborhood Council Requests:

a. Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan:

1. The Project Steering Committee met on Thursday, April 2, 2015 to discuss the draft plan.
2. Most of the discussion led by the committee members involved the necessity for a PBID and its next steps.
3. LANI explained that the best path for a PBID is to contract with a BID consultant. These consultants research, conduct outreach, market the BID, and stay with the project until the BID gets approved by 50% + 1 of the property owners and the BID can be signed over to the owner leaders.
4. LANI also explained that they are moving forward with searching for funding for this plan. The plan will have to be implemented in phases because of the way funding is awarded. LANI applied for a \$1.7M Metro Call for Projects funding, and will be applying for Active Transportation program grant funding.
5. The final report should be complete by the end of this month.

b. San Pedro Courthouse

1. The Administration of Courts (AOC) and the County of Los Angeles are still in negotiations.

c. Lilyan Fierman Walkway

1. Originally, LANI intended to get permitting done through the Office of Community Beautification. However, the Bureau of Street Services intervened and informed LANI that the Lilyan Fierman Walkway project does not qualify for approval for the Office of Community Beautification.
2. Instead, it needs to go through the full approval process (Street Services, Transportation, Street Lighting, Engineering and Building and Safety), which could take 4-5 months.
3. Currently, we are working with the Public Works Departments to get the project permitted as soon as possible so we can break ground.
4. The only way this project could be completed sooner is if brick pavers are substituted for stamped asphalt. We are moving forward with the brick pavers because that is what the community desired because they will last much longer and match the historic nature of Downtown San Pedro.

5. We are expecting the project to be complete early 2016.

d. 8th Street Townhomes

1. The City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered this project on February 24, 2015 and recommended approval of the project to the Los Angeles City Council.
2. The Los Angeles City Council considered this project on March 04, 2015 and it was approved unanimously.
3. Next steps are to move forward with building/grading permits. A construction timeline will be provided as soon as possible.

II. Ponte Vista:

- a. We expect demolition to be completed at Ponte Vista this month.
- b. The iStar team is currently working with the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and the Bureau of Engineering on permits for grading the site, which we expect to begin before the end of the 2nd quarter.

III. Sidewalk Settlement Agreement

- a. On Wednesday, April 1, 2015 the City Council gave preliminary approval for a large settlement in the Willits V. City of Los Angeles lawsuit. This was a class-action lawsuit filed in 2010 that alleged the City is violating the Americans with Disabilities Act by not ensuring sidewalks were accessible to the disabled.
- b. The basic terms of the settlement are as follows:
 1. 30 year agreement
 2. \$31 million per year (in current dollars)
 3. 15% cost escalator every 5 years to keep up with inflation
 4. Will increase to \$67 million per year in the final 5 years
 5. Total: just over \$1.3 billion
 6. \$5 million per year will be dedicated to curb ramps, and \$26 million will be dedicated to sidewalks
 7. 20% will go towards addressing specific requests made by disabled persons
- c. Locations will be prioritized as follows:
 1. City offices and facilities (parks, rec center, libraries, police stations, etc.)
 2. Transportation corridors
 3. Hospitals, medical facilities, assisted living facilities and similar
 4. Places of public accommodation such as commercial and business zones
 5. Facilities containing employers
 6. Residential neighborhoods
- d. Frequently Asked Questions:
 1. **How can residents report broken sidewalks?**
 1. Call 311 or use the MyLA311 app
 2. **How soon will my sidewalk be fixed?**

1. The settlement requires repairs next to city-owned facilities first. It will take at least 2 years before that work is complete and we can move on to repairs of sidewalks adjacent to private property.
3. **How can I see where my request is on the list?**
 1. There is no list of individual locations, only general direction on what types of locations get priority over what. The Budget & Finance and Public Works Committees will hold hearings in the coming months to solicit public input and develop a fair and transparent policy about priority of specific requests, as well as all of the other policy details like:
 - a. Whether the City will pay for sidewalk repair after the 30 years or return the responsibility to the adjacent property owner;
 - b. Whether City workers or contract workers will do the work;
 - c. Whether alternative materials like porous pavement and rubber sidewalks will be allowed;
 - d. Whether the City will pay for 100% of the repair costs, or implement a cost sharing program like 50/50.
 - e. After 40 years with no repair policy, we're not going to get one in place overnight, but this action commits the City to solving this problem.

IV. Legislative Update

a. Council, 03.27.15

1. Councilman Buscaino introduced a Motion directing the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Port of Los Angeles to report within 30 days to the Arts, Parks, Health, and Aging & River Committee on the feasibility of establishing a dog park in the inner Cabrillo Beach area.
 1. *Please see attached Motion for further information.*
 2. *CF 15-0365*

b. Council, 03.25.15

1. City Council considered the appointment of Ms. Heather Reppenning to the Board of Public Works.
 1. *Approved unanimously. CF 15-0292*

c. Council, 03.18.15

1. City Council considered an Innovation, Technology & General Services report instructing the Department of General Services (GSD) to negotiate and execute a market rate lease for Suite 551 of the San Pedro Municipal Building, located at 638 S. Beacon Street, Los Angeles, 90731
 1. *Approved unanimously*
 2. *CF 15-0190*
2. City Council considered a report to instruct the City Administrative Office to develop a CleanStreetsLA strategy and report in 60 days

on how to clean up our neighborhoods by better coordinating city services, improving external communication and community engagement strategies; and, how to logistically implement the recommendations.

1. *Approved unanimously*
2. *CF 14-1499*
3. http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-1499_rpt_CAO_03-17-2015.pdf (Short report)
4. http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-1499_misc_03-17-2015.pdf (Long report)

d. Council, 03.04.15

1. City Council considered an Ordinance regarding amending Sections 61.162, 62.163 and 62.169 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow landscaping, including the planting of edible plant materials, within the parkway portion of the street in an area zoned for residential use.
 1. *Approved unanimously.*
 2. *CF 13-0478*

V. Upcoming Events

- a. Hojas Tea House San Pedro Ribbon Cutting
 1. Saturday, April 18, 2015, 2pm
 2. 222 W. 6th Street, Unit 10, San Pedro, CA 90731
- b. Groundbreaking Ceremony for Terminal Island's Advanced Water Purification Facility Expansion
 1. Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 11:30am
 2. Terminal Island Reclamation Plant, 445 Ferry Street, San Pedro, CA 90731
- c. Yvonne Bogdanovich Middle School Center Dedication
 1. Saturday, April 25, 2015, 11am
 2. San Pedro Boys & Girls Club, 1200 S. Cabrillo Ave, San Pedro, CA 90731
 3. Reception and celebration in honor of Ms. Yvonne Bogdanovich. Entertainment by the BGCLAH Arts Academy Students. Refreshments and appetizers will be served.
 4. Please RSVP by April 15 to:
 1. Special Events Director Deanna Deering, 310.833.0514, deannad@bgclaharbor.org
- d. Pacific Ave Arts Colony Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting
 1. Saturday, April 25, 2015, 12pm – 3pm
 2. 303 S. Pacific Ave, San Pedro, CA 90731
 3. On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, Council District 15, Meta Housing Corporation, EngAGE & Western Community Housing you are cordially invited to help us celebrate the opening of this newly completed affordable housing development for artists and families.

4. Questions please contact Nicole Pizzuto at: 949.748.8207 or npizzuto@wshousing.com
- e. Cabrillo Aquarium Grand Grunion Gala
 1. Saturday, April 25, 2015, 6pm
 2. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr, San Pedro, CA 90731
 3. POC: Caroline Brady, 310.548.7410
- f. Grand Vision Foundation presents the Los Angeles Philharmonic
 1. Sunday, April 26, 2015, 5pm
 2. Warner Grand Theatre, 478 W. 6th St, San Pedro, CA 90731
 3. Grand Vision Foundation presents the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Warner Grand Theatre on Sunday, April 26, 2015, 5:00 p.m. A rare opportunity to see the LA Phil perform as part of its Neighborhood Concert series. This one-hour concert, conducted by Dudamel Fellow Gemma New, opens with Dvořák's Slavonic Dances and features his Symphony No. 9, the "New World Symphony." The program also includes a short original composition by Max Lessor, a South Bay resident and participant in the LA Phil's prestigious Composer Fellowship Program for high school students. FREE CONCERT. \$1 Service Charge per seat reservation. Reservations required. Program subject to change. Seats will be assigned and tickets mailed.
 4. POC: Liz Schindler Johnson, 310.833.4813