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Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report
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I. Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Issues:

- a. **571-573 W. Upland/Feral Cats:** Our office spoke with Lt. Tranzow with Animal Services. He is very familiar with this location, and has been a huge help in the past. On multiple occasions he has met with neighbors to offer services. This location is not considered a hoarding situation and the Health Department has no cause for concern. However, Lt. Tranzow is incredibly sympathetic to the neighbors and will do everything he can to help them. He has agreed to provide unlimited traps, food for the traps and permits. Neighbors can then return the trapped cats to the shelter at 957 N. Gaffey Street, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The number for Animal Services is (213) 485-8755. Make sure to speak with the Lt. or an officer.
 1. **July 2014:** Lt. Tranzow informed the Council Office that Animal Services is out of traps due to people checking them out and not returning them.
 2. **August 2014:** The Council office is working with Animal Services to get additional traps.
- b. **Cruise Ship Crews detained from visiting San Pedro:** This is a federal issue. The Department of Homeland Security is the agency that makes this decision. However, not all are prohibited from leaving ship. CD15 has a dialogue with Congresswoman Hahn's office, and are working on getting a response from DHS.
 1. **July 2014:** Congresswoman Hahn's office is working with DHS to get a response.
 2. **August 2014:** In speaking with Congresswoman Hahn's Office, the Congresswoman spoke personally with Commissioner Gil Kerlikowske, the head of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to work towards a resolution. Ivan Sulic has more information.
- c. **Lilyan Fierman Walkway:** LANI, along with CD15, hosted their first community workshop on Friday, March 7, 2014. I sit on the Project Steering Committee.
 1. **July 2014:** Steering Committee is in process of reviewing the revised update. LANI will obtain construction permits after Steering Committee is finished reviewing to begin work on the Walkway.
 2. **August 2014:** LANI will meet with Project Steering Committee next week to discuss 2nd revision of the design schematic and move forward into construction document phase.

II. Ponte Vista:

1. As soon as the Council Office was made aware of the road closure we brought iStar Financial, Mary Star of the Sea High School and the Los Angeles Unified School District to the table to discuss. iStar has agreed to pay for traffic mitigation measures for the duration of this phase. This includes:
 1. Traffic control officers at the intersection of Westmont Drive and Taper Avenue for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon;
 2. MSHS administration staff overtime to monitor traffic on the side streets (Statler, Englander, etc.);
 3. and paying Taper Ave Elementary School for staff for their valet program.
2. During this phase of the project emergency access will still be possible (LAFD)
3. During discussions, the Council Office stressed the need for iStar to move as quickly as possible during this phase of the project.
4. iStar passed out letters to the surrounding neighborhood informing them of the road closure and timeline. The letter also has a phone number (310.241.0699) and e-mail (info@pontevista.com) for questions/concerns.
5. Adjustments will be made as necessary, but first we need to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures in place. The Council District Office will meet with iStar, MSHS and LAUSD in the near future to discuss next steps. We will all be actively monitoring mitigation to ensure effectiveness.

III. 7th Street Resurfacing:

- a. Resurfacing on 7th Street between Harbor Blvd. and Meyler St has been completed. DOT is in the process of installing lane and parking striping.
- b. Between Harbor Blvd and Centre Street on the north side of 7th Street angled parking will be installed. Additionally, on the south side of 7th Street between Meyler Street and Gaffey Street angled parking will be installed as well.
 1. This will add approximately 15 parking spaces between Meyler and Gaffey.
 2. 10-15 spaces will be added between Harbor and Centre.

IV. East side of Gaffey St between 9th and 10th Streets

- a. In a letter dated July 7, 2014, a petition was received from the manager of Speedy Cash at 904 S. Gaffey Street to remove parking restrictions on Gaffey Street between 9th Street and 10th Street.
- b. An investigation was conducted at this location, which included inspection of the physical conditions, observation of traffic movement, and curbside parking on the street.
- c. The removal of the "One Hour Parking 8AM-6PM, Except Sunday" satisfy the parking needs of the area businesses and is therefore justified.

V. Legislative Update

- a. **Council 08.08.14**

1. City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Ralph Terrazas as permanent Fire Chief of the Los Angeles Fire Department.
- b. Council 08.05.14**
 1. City Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Monica Rodriguez to the Board of Public Works.
- c. Bureau of Street Services Audit**
 1. On July 31, 2014, Controller Ron Galperin released an audit on the Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services that found that the city agency charged with fixing and maintaining Los Angeles' streets and sidewalks is beset with issues, including failing to collect/spend hundreds of millions of dollars that could be used to patch roads, keeping shoddy records and neglecting to put busy and heavily trafficked roads first.
 1. The City Council is in the process of reviewing this audit.
 2. There will be a Joint Public Works and Gang Reduction and Audits Committee Meeting in the near future to discuss and determine next steps.
 2. The audit can be read in its entirety at controller.lacity.org.

VI. Upcoming Events:

- a. Peck Park Skate Park Ribbon Cutting**
 1. The Department of Recreation and Parks and Councilman Joe Buscaino invite you to the opening Ceremony of the Peck Park Skate Park!
 2. Friday, August 15, 2014 at 5:30pm
 3. 560 N. Western Ave, San Pedro, CA 90731
- b. 150th Anniversary Celebration and Concert, The Banning Museum**
 1. "In the spirit of the Rancho-period of the Banning property, we're having a fun-filled, Western-style celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Banning Residence."
 2. Saturday, August 16, 2014, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
 3. 401 East M Street, Wilmington, CA 90744
 4. **VIP Admission** - \$35/person (includes buffet dinner served from 5:45pm – 6:45pm, reserved table seating, gated on-site parking, concert and dancing. You are welcome to bring your own wine
 5. **General Admission** - \$5/person (Kids under 12 years old are FREE! Bring your own picnic, wine, blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the concert and dancing on the front lawn of the mansion. FREE general admission for Friends of the Banning Mansion members.
 6. Information – (310) 548-2005 or www.thebanningmuseum.org
- c. Tall Ships Festival**
 1. The Port of Los Angeles will host the Tall Ships Festival along the LA Waterfront August 20-24, an event showcasing more than a dozen majestic domestic and international sailing ships. The event will start with an opening-day Grand Parade of Sail led by the world's largest floating Rubber Duck. The event will offer a host of

family-friendly activities and entertainment over its five-day run along the San Pedro portion of the LA Waterfront.

2. The Tall Ships Festival's Grand Parade of Sail on August 20 will start at approximately 2 p.m. PST. Featured ships will sail into Los Angeles Harbor, led by Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman's more than six-story tall Rubber Duck.
3. The Festival will include ship tours, cannon battles, an authentic privateer encampment, real sword fights, as well as knot tying and Tall Ships sail rigging training demonstrations. Artists from CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles will also be on hand to help children create hand-made, one-of-a-kind treasures, like rubber duck hats. Live music – from country to rock – will entertain throughout event. More than 30 regional food trucks will serve up their delights at the Festival, which will also feature beer and wine tasting venues.
4. To avoid long ticket lines at the Festival, organizers are recommending that Festival goers purchase tickets online in advance. The price of a "Single-day Dockside Viewing Festival Pass" is \$7; a Multi-day On-Board Ship Tour Pass, which includes ship boarding and tours, is \$19. Children aged 4 years or younger are free, except for day sails, cannon battle sails or pirate battle sails. Tickets for these more specialized ship-related experiences can be purchased online as well.
5. Go to TicketFly.com or call 877-4FLY-TIX to purchase advance tickets for both the event and parking. Once purchased, event tickets are not refundable, exchangeable or transferable. Pre-paid parking must be purchased online, not at the event site.

d. Pacific Avenue Road Diet 101

1. Councilman Buscaino is tentatively scheduling a Town Hall-style meeting to share information and discuss the Pacific Avenue Road Diet.
2. The tentative date and time for this meeting is Wednesday, August 27, 2014 from 6PM – 7:30PM. Location is yet to be determined.

e. La Rambla Neighborhood Gathering

1. The County of Los Angeles, 4th District, and the San Pedro & Peninsula YMCA are hosting a neighborhood gathering on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 11AM – 2PM at the San Pedro & Peninsula YMCA, located at 301 N. Bandini Street, San Pedro, CA 90731.
2. They are holding this meeting and social to provide an opportunity for our neighbors to see what is happening at the YMCA and local area. Also, stop by and visit the EARTHQUAKE "Shake Van" presented by the County of Los Angeles.

