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Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report  
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## I. **Neighborhood Council Requests:**

- 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 FOR FREE. 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. As an aside, CM Koretz introduced a motion last fall to increase the number of cats a resident can own from 3 to 5. It is pending in the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee.
- 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.
- c. **Harbor Division Jail:** Councilman Buscaino and the LAPD want this to happen. It boils down to funding. Our office is looking into having just the men's side of the jail staffed as it will be half the cost. Currently, we are anticipating the release of the Mayor's budget to see if funding will be allocated to reopen the jail.
- d. **Great Streets Initiative:** This initiative is spearheaded by the Mayor's Office. CM Buscaino will support any Great Street in CD15 that also has community support. Additionally, the Great Streets Initiative will bring all City initiatives under one umbrella for the streets that are chosen. There will be a series of meetings hosted by the Mayor's Office informing folks about the program and how to be engaged. There has not been any official announcement on what streets will be selected.
- e. **Parklets:** San Pedro is not being left out of a new urban development. Basically, a private business/property owner must be willing to pay for the permitting, design and build-out for a parklet. The challenge here is twofold: these parklets can cost upwards of \$30K and public space status must be maintained. Also, anyone can do it and this program is ready to go, but it is not a perfect program and there are a few more issues that need to be worked out.
- f. **Lilyan Fierman Walkway:** LANI, along with CD15, hosted their first community workshop on Friday, March 7, 2014. I sit on the Project Steering Committee, but unfortunately was unable to attend due to illness.
- g. **Warner Grand Theatre:** The Warner Grand is a historic building and has to be repaired like for like, per historical structure guidelines – this makes the cost high. CD15 is working with the Grand Vision Foundation to see what can be done.
- h. **8<sup>th</sup>/Centre St Project:** This project is slated for small lot subdivisions. CD15 will ensure that the developer appears before the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Advisory Board and the Neighborhood Council. The Design Advisory Panel was a former CRA panel that is no longer around due to the dissolution of the CRA.
- i. **301 Pacific Ave:** Pacific Avenue Arts Colony, 49 units total; More information can be found at: [www.metahousing.com/preDevelopment.php](http://www.metahousing.com/preDevelopment.php)
- j. **Anderson Center Improvements:** From 2011, improvements made using quimby funds are replacing the exterior building wall, cabinets in the kitchen, door knobs, refurbished the floors and fixed the roof leaks. They installed HVAC in the large room and added ceiling fans to the other rooms.

## II. Sharrow Lanes

- a. ~5 miles of sharrow lanes will be installed in CD15 this year. These markings warn drivers to share the lane with bicyclists. They are not special lanes for bicycles only. Bicyclists already have the right to be on the road and these markings simply remind drivers to be aware of bike riders.
- b. Notice was not given to the community or our office because no lanes or parking was being lost.
- c. The new markings are in addition to what is already out there and will not change traffic patterns. The benefit is that they may slow drivers down.
- d. Here are a list of the streets:
  1. 19th Street from Gaffey Street to Crescent Avenue
  2. 19th Street from Western Avenue to Walker Avenue
  3. 13th Street from Alma Street to Beacon Street
  4. Cabrillo Avenue from 12th to 14th Street (south bound only from 12th Street to 13th Street)
  5. 9th Street from Gaffey Street to Beacon Street
  6. Emily Street from Paseo Del Mar to 37th Street
  7. 37th Street from Emily Street to Alma Street
  8. Alma Street from 37th Street to 17th Street
  9. 26th Street from Alma Street to Patton Avenue
  10. Patton Avenue from 26th Street to 25th Street
- e. As a reminder, the Bicycle Master Plan that was approved by the City Council in 2010 laid out when these changes were scheduled to occur.

## III. Legislative Update:

- a. Council – 04 March 2014
  1. Ponte Vista Specific Plan and related ordinances approved 14-0.
    1. 30-35 community members attended the meeting. Thank you for your attendance.
- b. Council – 21 February 2014
  1. Council approved Marcie Edwards as the new, permanent General Manager of the LADWP.

## IV. Upcoming Hearings

- a. ZA Hearing – Big Nick’s Pizzeria
  1. Thursday, March 20, 2014, 9AM, San Pedro Municipal Building – Room 452
  2. Conditional Use – Beverage
- b. ZA Hearing – Jackson’s Place, 335 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street
  1. Thursday, March 20, 2014, 9:30AM, SPMB Room 452
  2. Conditional Use - Beverage

## V. Upcoming Events:

- a. CD15 Lunch Mob – Tantalice
  1. Thursday, March 13, 2014, 11:30am – 1:30pm
  2. 23770 S. Western Ave, Harbor City, CA 90710
  3. “Network & buy local at the monthly Buscaino Lunch Mob!”
- b. Assistance League Post Office – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  1. Saturday, March 15, 2014, 10am – 11:30am, Weymouth Corners
- c. Paws for a Cause
  1. Saturday, March 15, 2014, 12pm – 5pm, Joan Milke Flores Park
  2. Put on by the American Cancer Society – a non-competitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer.
  3. Doggie demonstrations, contests, raffles and much more