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Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report
October 14, 2014

I. Slurry Seal, Month of October (Tentative):

- a. 3rd Street between Meyler Street and Cabrillo Avenue
- b. 4th Street between Meyler Street and Gaffey Street
- c. 8th Street between Leland Street and Gaffey Street
- d. 10th Street between Leland Street and Gaffey Street
- e. 11th Street between Alma Street and Meyler Street
- f. Alma Street between 8th Street and 9th Street
- g. Alma Street between 13th Street and 15th Street
- h. Meyler Street between 1st Street and 3rd Street
- i. Meyler Street between 7th Street and 8th Street
- j. Meyler Street between 9th Street and 11th Street
- k. Meyler Street between 17th and 18th Street

II. 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. **August 2014:** The Council office is working with Animal Services to get additional traps.
 2. **October 2014:** We have a new Lieutenant for the area, Lt. Jesse Castillo. He has new energy to tackle the ongoing issue of feeding feral cats in this residential neighborhood. Neighborhood Prosecutor Lauren Halligan is teaming up with him to prove they are in violation of the Breeding Ordinance LAMC 53.15.2a which is used to prove animal ownership. Households cannot have more than 3 cats. Using this MC we can prove that by law 573 owns more than 3 cats and we can begin removing them. When identifying animal ownership it must be proven that the property owner is feeding the animals for 30 days or more on property they

control. Lt. Castillo and Lauren are working with neighbors to help build this case.

- b. **Lilyan Fierman Walkway:** LANI, along with CD15, hosted their first community workshop on Friday, March 7, 2014. I attend all Project Steering Committee meetings.
 - 1. **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.
 - 2. **October 2014:** Construction documents are on their way to the Office of Community Beautification for approval. Next steps are to receive permits and release the bid package.

III. **Ponte Vista:**

- a. For the remainder of 2014, iStar Financial will be completing on-site demolition of the existing roads and infrastructure, as well as completing geological survey work, which will be finished before grading begins.
- b. iStar anticipates that grading will commence in the first quarter of 2015, and should continue into the second quarter.
- c. Depending on the amount and duration of rain this winter installation of new, on-site infrastructure is projected to commence in the second quarter of 2015, and continue into the third quarter. Infrastructure includes storm drains, water and sewer pipes, paving and dry utilities.

IV. **Red Car**

- a. This issue has been brought to our attention, by multiple parties. The Council District Office has asked the Port of Los Angeles to provide the Neighborhood Council and our office with an explanation for this reduction in service.

V. **Legislative Update**

a. **Council, 10.14.14**

- 1. Council voted unanimously to instruct the Bureau of Engineering, with City Attorney assistance, to develop a standard and implementation plan for using artificial turf in parkways, to request funding and technical support from LADWP for said work, and report back to Council within 30 days with the developed standard and proposed implementation.

b. **Council, 10.10.14**

- 1. Resolution (Buscaino – Fuentes) to declare October 11, 2014 as Janet Shour Day in the City of Los Angeles

- 1. Approved unanimously

c. **Council, 10.07.14**

- 1. Motion co-presented by Mike Bonin, Gilbert Cedillo, Nury Martinez and Curren Price, seconded by Paul Koretz and Paul Krekorian directing the City Attorney to report to the Economic Development Committee with a draft ordinance to establish a minimum wage for

all employees working in the City of Los Angeles that will increase over the next three years, effective July 1st of each year, to \$13.25 an hour on July 1, 2017.

2. Motion also instructed the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to procure an independent study of how to raise the minimum wage, after 2017, to \$15.25 an hour by 2019, to be followed by annual increases based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

d. Council, 10.03.14

1. Resolution regarding City's support of Prop. 47 (Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act)
 1. Approved, O'Farrell and Parks dissenting

e. Council, 10.01.14

1. Council directed the City Attorney to make amendments and additions to Section 62.02 Article 2, Chapter VI of the LAMC, strengthening requirements for utility contractors working in the public right-of-way
 1. Requiring utility contractors to provide liability insurance
 2. Require all utility owners to provide to the Bureau of Contract Administration (Inspector of Public Works), written affidavits designating their authorized representative who will be performing the work described in a permit
 3. Include notification requirements on permits for utility service work cuts of less than 100 square feet
2. Councilman Buscaino motioned to have a Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee report relative to amending Ordinance No. 178103 to exempt enforcement of the prohibition on work or obstructions during peak traffic hours for Collector Streets be sent to the Transportation Committee for consideration and concurrence.
3. Council approved a Resolution (Fuentes – O'Farrell – Bonin) regarding establishing the City's position to support Proposition 1 (the Water Bond) on the November 4, 2014 statewide general election ballot which seeks to provide funding in the amount of \$7.55 billion to support water quality, water supply and infrastructure projects consistent with the City's local water sustainability objectives.
4. Councilman Buscaino introduced a Motion directing the Los Angeles Harbor Department to report to the Trade, Commerce & Tourism Committee within 30 days on the Ports O'Call Redevelopment Financial Feasibility Study.

f. Council, 09.24.14

1. Council considered an ordinance regarding raising the minimum wage for hotel workers in the City of Los Angeles to \$15.37 an hour. This included amendments to raise the threshold for

exemption to 150 rooms, and a request for a report on the feasibility to exempt adaptive reuse building hotels, and an amendment to exempt historical landmark hotels.

1. Approved; Englander, Krekorian and Parks dissenting

VI. Upcoming Events:

- a. CD15 Small Business of the Month: Emerson Knives
 1. Thursday, October 16, 2014, 1:30pm – 2:30pm
 2. 1234 254th Street, Harbor City, CA 90710
 3. We would love to have you stop by and see our factory/training facility in Harbor City. Here is the web link to our website that shows our products and information about our company. <http://emersonknives.com/> We are 100% made in the USA and very proud of that. We use local companies to create parts as well. Emerson Knives is a local family owned business that is respected all around the world. We supply a lot of knives for the Military as well as make special knives for SEAL team 6 and the Navy Search and Rescue Swimmers.
- b. San Pedro Elks Lodge #966 “Rising from the Ashes” Golf Tournament
 1. Friday, October 17, 2014; Shot Gun at 7AM
 2. Los Verdes Golf Course, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
 3. Charity Golf Tournament to support the Rebuild of the San Pedro Elks Lodge
 4. *Please see attached flyer for additional information if interested.*
- c. Italian-American Heritage Month City Council Presentation
 1. Friday, October 17, 2014, 10AM
 2. John Ferraro Council Chambers, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- d. Harbor Gateway Oldies but Goodies 60s Party
 1. Sunday, October 19, 2014; 12PM – 4:30PM
 2. Normandale Recreation Center, 22400 Halldale Ave, Torrance, CA
 3. The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks invites you to the Oldies but Goodies Club’s “Groovy 60s Party”. Dine and dance to the sound of L360 Band! Prizes to the 5 best dressed in 60s attire!
 4. Fee is \$12/person