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Newsletter of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Spring 2014



Keith Burns, Park Advisory Board; Lucretia Clayton, Park Advisory Board; Michael Shull, LARAP general manager; Debbie Rouser, president, Leland Park Advisory Board; Joe Buscaino, LA CD15 councilman; Linda Alexander, president, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council; Kali Meredith, treasurer, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council; Mark Mariscal, LARAP supervisor, Pacific Region

Leland Park: An Almost Cinderella Story

By Sophia Morris

Leland Park is an almost Cinderella story. After steep budget cuts forced the closure of the recreation center, Leland Park, much loved by the surrounding neighbors, fell into a sharp decline. But thanks to the activism of community members and the support of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, Councilman Joe Buscaino's office, Los Angeles Police Department Harbor Division, and Los Angeles Dodgers, Leland has begun a long-awaited transformation.

Leland Park is a hidden gem, covering nearly 21 acres. Flanking both sides of Gaffey Street as it descends towards the entrance to the 47 Freeway, Leland's main entrance is off of North Herbert Street, tucked at the end of and only accessible via North Meyler Street. Its location, however, coupled with the park's closure, led to an increase in unwanted activity, including graffiti and homeless encampment. Fortunately, Leland's closest neighbors, including Debbie Rouser and Lu Clayton, refused to give up on their neighborhood treasure.

Neighbors diligently called LARAP to report graffiti. Some sent letters of complaint to local papers and politicians. But it took Clayton's shocking emailed video and Rouser's poignant photography depicting the general plight of Leland Park presented at the August 13, 2013 Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council meeting to really get things moving in the right direction. Nancy Lauer, then LAPD Harbor Division Captain, promised her full support to the Leland initiative, including increased patrols and collaboration with the neighborhood group.

Juan Benitez, head of maintenance for LARAP Harbor Area, acknowledged neighbors' concerns and promised to do all that he could. Soon thereafter, Michael Shull, assistant general manager of LARAP, personally took on Leland Park's restoration, meeting with the newly-formed Neighborhood Watch group at Leland's recreation building to brainstorm ideas and air concerns. One of those ideas was to enlist the Dodgers' help in restoring the ball field.

The result of this collaboration has been remarkable. Working together, Joe Buscaino's office and LARAP were able to earmark money for Leland's capital improvements. In addition, LARAP successfully courted the Dodgers and secured funds to refurbish the ball field. And, with great fanfare from neighbors, playground equipment was modified, the recreation building secured, cameras and lights added, trees were removed and/or trimmed, and graffiti was removed promptly.

With groundbreaking on May 19 and the majority of the project funded, the park advisory board is moving forward to work with the city and various non profits like the LA Conservation Corps and Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) to write grants for Leland Park. LARAP is providing a part time maintenance person for trash pick up and light maintenance. Leland's neighbors are positive. And the newly-formed Leland Park Advisory Board, with Debbie Rouser as president, continues to work with LARAP on a monthly basis.

Now, all that Leland Park—and Los Angeles Recreation and Park Department, in general—needs is a rich fairy godmother.



Time to Select Board Members for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council!

You have two options for voting:

**Friday, June 6, 2014
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**San Pedro Farmers Market
Sixth Street between
Pacific and Mesa
San Pedro, CA 90731**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2014
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

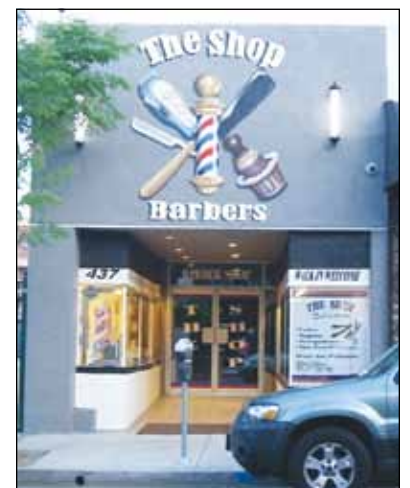
**Selection Day
POLA High School
250 West Fifth Street
San Pedro, CA 90731**

What is the purpose of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council?

The purpose of the CSPNC is to function in an advisory capacity to the Council 15 District Office, Los Angeles City Departments and elected officials that have responsibilities that affect Central San Pedro. This is accomplished through meetings and various forms of communications, as well as promoting a strong sense of neighborhood by bringing stakeholders together to work on activities that enhance the livelihood of the community.

In the neighborhood council selection, your vote really counts. The candidate's statements received in time for inclusion are presented on pages 2-3 (late filers are on the website.) We urge you to show your interest in our community by coming out to vote on June 6 or June 10. A strong voter turnout increases the visibility of the council with officials in downtown L.A. and will increase our ability to have your issues listened to and action taken to resolve problems.

The candidate statements are in this newsletter. These are your neighbors who have volunteered to study, discuss, and vote on the interests and concerns of Central San Pedro—your interests and concerns. By voting, you show your support for the process.



Downtown San Pedro Welcomes New Businesses

New, independently-owned restaurants are always welcome here. The additions on Sixth Street are Otto Trattoria, Phillie B's, the NV-DA Market (organic raw and vegan restaurant and smoothie bar), Phillie B's Pizza, Subs and Salads, and Caliente Cantina opens on Seventh.

New to the burgeoning art scene are the Cabrillo Art Lofts on Centre, and the John Van Hamersveld Gallery on Sixth.

The renamed Topaz building has two new tenants: Blue Logistics and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (Alta Sea). Also on Sixth you can satisfy your sweet tooth at Sweet Susie Candy Store and sharpen up your look with a visit to The Shop Barbers.

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Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Candidate Statements

Candidate statements appear in the order in which they will be listed on the ballot. Statements are as submitted by the candidates and do not reflect the opinion of the CSPNC.

Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu

As a new San Pedro resident, I see great potential in this hidden gem within the Los Angeles landscape. I would like to be an active and effective participant in the ongoing and continuing efforts to strengthen the health, economic, education and environmental security of the San Pedro community. I bring 9 years of experience as a Negotiator and Contract Administrator which will allow me to work with various stakeholders to make for a participatory democracy in the transformation of our community. My experience in labor and employee relations has afforded me the opportunity to meet with and advise government officials and local community members throughout the state not unlike the role the Central SPNC plays in representing the community. Given the opportunity, I would like to serve on the Central SPNC board as a positive force in making San Pedro a better place to live, work, and play for us all.

Donald Galaz

Donald Galaz has been a resident of San Pedro for the past 39 years. He attended San Pedro High School and was a member of the Class of '89. He is a classic car restorer and casual longshoreman. His community involvement includes:

- Past softball coach at Peck Park
- Participation in area recovery homes throughout the year and during the holidays
- Volunteer on Mayor Eric Garcetti's San Pedro phone bank team
- Participant in P.O.L.A. High School's "Green Fair" with Mrs. Brunky.
- Member of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council for the past two years serving on the Outreach Committee, Port Committee and Land Use

Committees. Also served as alternate attendee to meetings between the Council Presidents and the Port of LA Public Relation staff.

He runs a garage at the south end of town that has an open door policy to all youth and young adults to work on and learn about their cars.

We all look forward to continuing to work with Donald to improve our community as a whole.

Jose Guerrero

I am interested in continuing as a Board Member for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council because I care deeply for my community. I have been a San Pedro resident for 41 years. I am currently a gang interventionist at Toberman Neighborhood Center.

My children are being raised here in San Pedro and attend local schools. I have a deep concern for the youth in our community and would like to see more youth oriented events. I assisted with the Pathways to Employment event being sponsored by the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

I have concerns with the safety of our youth and especially with the very dangerous practice of skateboard bombing which is an issue that needs to be addressed.

I look forward to continuing my work with the diverse group of community leaders on the neighborhood council board and feel that I have a lot to offer the council and its stakeholders.

President's Message

By Linda Alexander

What very positive thing does the City of Los Angeles have that is unique in our United States and in fact the world? Neighborhood councils which are tax payer funded.

The neighborhood council system was established by Los Angeles City Charter in response to efforts in San Pedro and the San Fernando Valley to secede. Visitors come from around the world to learn about this system and leave inspired. The three neighborhood councils in San Pedro exist to serve you.

Please take some time to attend a meeting and find out what they can do for you and how you can become involved. Notice the list of some of the issues our Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council has dealt with this past year. We want to hear from you on your issues.

In June we have our selection of board members for the new two-year term. The vote is open to all who live, work, own property or have a substantial interest within our Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council boundaries. Those chosen will represent you and we hope you will take a moment to learn about our candidates and vote.

Consider: what do you want from your elected officials? Do you want them to listen carefully, understand your problems or concerns, consider solutions and take action? Do you want them to be aware of programs, projects, changes that may affect you? Certainly, you will want them to let you know about such issues. Voting for the candidates you believe will represent you the way you want gives you a remarkable voice in government. Our city is unique in this grassroots opportunity; don't let it pass you by.



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Harvey Contreras Mark Contreras Donald Galaz

Jose Guerrero Leslie Jones Carrie Scoville

Andrew Silber Phill Trigas

Katherine Gray

I am running for the Neighborhood Council because I can make a difference. My experience with the Council includes attending many meetings including the last 4 and I volunteered a few years ago to arrange for the refreshments provided at the meetings.

My work with Kiwanis and Toberman Center along with participation at Chamber meetings and Port meetings means I have a good understanding of the community and what it needs.

I will bring all of my experience to the Council.

James Preston Allen

James Preston Allen is the publisher of San Pedro's only local newspaper Random Lengths News, which has been covering the greater harbor area for over 35 years. He is the current Vice-President of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council and was also the founding president of the San Pedro Arts, Culture and Entertainment district, which sponsors the popular First Thursday Art Walk. He was responsible for creating the vision statement for ACE and leading the creation of that organization and procuring a \$500,000 grant from the CRA/LA.

Mr. Allen was appointed to the CRA Community Advisory committee by Councilwoman Janice Hahn and elected as Vice Chair; elected to the San Pedro Chamber Board of Directors, and has served in several parent advisory councils at both Dana Middle School and San Pedro High over his 42 years as resident. He has a daughter who graduated from San Pedro High School's marine science magnet and he resides in the Central Neighborhood district. He is a graduate of Otis Art Institute, Los Angeles.

Frank B. Anderson

I have been an active member of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council for the past six years. I chair the Council's Port Committee, and I am a representative to meetings held at the Port of Los Angeles. I regularly attend and participate in Central's committees: HANC, Finance, Land Use, Outreach and Agenda Setting. I chaired the Leland Park Ad Hoc Committee. I set up the food and literature at each monthly meeting.

I bring a strong work ethic, an ability to work with others, and a deep desire to have our community develop within strong economic and environmental guidelines.

I am actively involved in community activities. I am currently the President of the San Pedro Bay Historical Society. I am the long-time secretary of the San Pedro and Peninsula Homeowners Coalition. I serve on the Park Advisory Board (PAB) at Leland Park. I am an active member of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Labor Day Committee, and the United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) Steering Committee.

Kali Meredith

My name is Kali Merideth and I would like to continue actively serving and improving the community of San Pedro as a whole. There have been some recent improvements to our town and we have more big changes on the way, and yet some areas are still falling behind.

Throughout all these changes, it is our job to monitor and advise government officials on everything that significantly affects our way of life.

For the past four years I have served as Treasurer for the CSPNC. My main focus has been on the financial side of the organization, however in this upcoming term I look to deepen my involvement in the port, land use, and other public matters.

I was born and raised in San Pedro and I'm a proud graduate of San Pedro High. I hold degrees in Finance, International Business and Business Economics from Long Beach State University. My professional background is in banking and I'm also a casual longshoreman. I thank you in advance for supporting this democratically held selection.

Danielle Sandoval

My name is Danielle Sandoval I am a resident and a business owner in San Pedro. When I moved here I was intrigued with the history of the Central District. With the support from family and friends and over 20 years experience in the hospitality industry, I made the decision to re-open and revive a once cherished restaurant and entertainment venue, which is now the new Caliente Cantina on 7th Street. My objective is to bring new revenue by implementing strategic marketing concepts that will improve this thriving community. Although, it has been a challenge opening and operating a business with a new concept I recognize that community involvement is vital. Without the support from all the stakeholders it will be a difficult challenge. If given the opportunity as a CSPNC Board Member I will offer a new outlook compiled with creative ideas and a voice that will help our community prosper.

Gerald Woodyard Named LAPD Harbor Division Commander

Captain Gerald A. Woodyard is the new commanding officer of LAPD's Harbor Division. He attended Long Beach State University on a football scholarship, graduating with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Woodyard joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1994 and served in the Southwest, Northeast, Southeast and Training divisions before being promoted to sergeant in 2002. He then was assigned to Harbor Division, Operations-South Bureau, and Counter-Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau.

Following promotion to lieutenant in 2008, he returned to Southeast Division as a watch commander. In 2011, Captain Woodyard was promoted to Lieutenant II as the officer-in-charge of Community Relations Section, where he was responsible for identifying and fostering relationships with key stakeholders on behalf of the chief of police.

In January 2012, Woodyard was promoted to Captain I as commanding officer of Southwest Patrol Division. In September 2012, he moved to Southeast Patrol Division. He came to Harbor Division in October 2013. He was promoted to Captain III in March of this year and is now commanding officer of Harbor Division.

Captain Woodyard is married and the father of three. He lives in Orange County and is an active member of Eastside Christian Church.



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Carrie Scoville

I am interested in the welfare of the people in our community and would like to make a contribution to help solve some of the problems and improve the services for the neighborhood. As a resident of San Pedro, I want to see a community that is healthy, safe, clean and accessible for everyone.

In this last term have supported the Council with fiscal planning, new Board member orientation, and conducting the latest Board Retreat. I have served as representative to the Port Community Advisory Committee and alternate to the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. I prepare written Financial, PCAC, and Retreat Reports which are available on the CSPNC website <http://www.centalsanpedro.org>.

I regard elected offices to be the highest priority as elected officials have the trust of the public and are answerable to them. As evidenced, I have the time, skills, talent and willingness to serve the Board and our community.

Andrea Serrao

No statement submitted.

Allyson Vought

We came to San Pedro by accident almost 12 years ago and fell in love with it's charm and unique character. We now proudly call San Pedro our home. Even though I have traveled the world, San Pedro is decidedly a unique and special place and where we have every intention of making this our last and final residence. We are most certainly here to stay!

We live and work in old San Pedro and I am sure many of you have visited us on the First Thursday art walk where I display many years of my artwork that I created for Disney and Warner Brothers Animation. Come by for some popcorn and maybe adopt a kitten!

I am a current Council member and I serve on our Council's Port, Land Use, Finance, and the CD15 Advisory Committees and I serve as the Outreach Chair where I introduced Blinky, our 3-eyed fish as our Council mascot. I also serve as a Board Member on the San Pedro Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Committee where I was instrumental in bringing Food Trucks to our First Thursday Art Walk. I am Councilman Buscaino's appointee for the Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee and I also serve as a member of the Mayors Crisis Response Team. I AM involved and I committed to serving our Stakeholders.

For fun when I can find the time, I am a ranked World, National and State Champion cyclist, advanced skier and SCUBA diver. I also hold a commercial multi engine pilots rating and have been flying since I was 16. Last year I took up kayaking and can be found paddling around the waters of our harbor and off the coast.

We are now ever so close to the creation of a water taxi that will link San Pedro with Long Beach in order to share access to the light rails and our respective community attractions. If re-elected it my intent to continue to working with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council in making San Pedro a better place for all of our Stakeholders.

Michael Koth

My name is Michael Koth, resident of San Pedro and business owner in the Downtown San Pedro area. Originally from Cleveland, I lived in West LA for 19 years and moved to San Pedro in 1999 not for convenience (I was working in Van Nuys at the time), but because it reminded me of a town I grew up in and wanted to be part of again. In what other towns do you see "San Pedro Mom" bumper stickers?

I opened a business in San Pedro in 2007 because I believed in the potential this town has for success. With the arrival of the USS Iowa, the possibilities are endless but we must make some serious changes in the way we perceive ourselves. It seems we have accepted the fact that we are an afterthought in the eyes of the City of Los Angeles. I'd like to change that.

Collin B. King

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to demonstrate my skills for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. I was introduced to the San Pedro community stationed at Fort MacArthur in 1990, later retiring with 22 years of active duty as an Air Force medic. I moved from the Washington D.C. area back to San Pedro where I opened an appliance business. This venture gave me exposure thru sales and service to the San Pedro community. I am one of the first businesses to meet and greet new people moving into the community. Also, I participate and attend many local functions. I am very concerned about the direction, progress, and policies that affect San Pedro. This is now the optimal time for me to get physically involved. Again, thank you for giving me an opportunity on becoming a member of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

John A. Napolitano

Having been a resident of San Pedro for over four years now, I feel that I am in a position to represent the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council with unique perspective. My candidacy will be involved, without apathy, and for the greater good of the community. My purpose is to serve on the board as a voice for the voiceless. I believe I am a keen listener, observer and am connected to the community. And based on the goals, which I have reviewed, I feel that I will be a valuable asset to the Council.

Sue Castillo

I live in downtown San Pedro, joined the neighborhood council movement in 2004, and have sat on the board in one capacity or other for 10 years! With a primary interest and background in land use and public works issues, I currently serve as the chair of the combined Land Use & Public Works Committee. Why have I hung in there for so long? Because I believe in the promise of neighborhood councils - what the City of Los Angeles promised its citizens in 2001: that a system of neighborhood councils would be empowered to "promote public participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs."

I feel that it is important to participate and work towards the improvement of our communities. It's not too hard to do - one stakeholder meeting a month, and a committee meeting here and there to learn more, discuss details, and develop some consensus. How much impact do we have? That depends upon how many people participate. The neighborhood council system is our main opportunity to let the City know what we want locally, so shame on us if we don't seize the opportunity. Far more interesting than reality TV, and far more relevant in its potential impact on our daily lives.

William Scott Carter

I, Scott Carter, have been a successful insurance owner in San Pedro CSPNC area since November 1994. I am a 28 year insurance agent and broker. I have also been very active with downtown San Pedro promotions and special events since before my business was located here, in the Arcade building on 6th Street.

Locally, I helped organize the San Pedro Christmas Parade OVER 15 years (now called the Holiday Parade). I am still active with a number of organizations in Downtown San Pedro. I am past member of the Merchants Watch in Downtown San Pedro, Past President of the San Pedro Toastmaster Club 111 and a San Pedro Elks Club member.

Many of my neighborhood business owners are my friends and I enjoy active conversations and physical efforts, with them on ideas and projects for improving Downtown San Pedro area for many reasons.

I have a modest amount of talent, a good amount of experience and committed energy for the Neighborhood Council and to volunteer for many appropriate purposes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Ceaser

Born and raised in Los Angeles, and living in San Pedro since 1985, I deeply care about our community. I attend Central SPNC meetings regularly and currently serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness. Having worked in various fields of employment in San Pedro, including health care, social service, and youth ministry, I have seen improvements in our community, but also areas that need more attention. I have served on a variety of committees involved in the good of all people in the community. Homelessness is of concern to many people in the Central San Pedro area, and I'm also a member of the South Bay Coalition for the Homeless who work to find solutions toward permanent affordable housing. Another focus of mine is to ensure that our youth have programs of interest for them during times they aren't in school with responsible, caring adults overseeing these programs.

Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

Debbie Rouser

Bringing positive energy to move things forward

I would like to be a part of Central SPNC to make San Pedro the best part of the City of Los Angeles. Ok ok that may be a little over board! But I do have a tremendous amount of energy, let's use it to make some changes in our little slice of heaven.

Tameka Ross

My name is Tameka Ross and I am a current resident of San Pedro. I find San Pedro to be a fascinating city full of pride, diversity, landmarks and recreation. It is a desired community for working families and is unique to neighboring cities within the Los Angeles County. Therefore, I would be honored to serve as a council member for this historical city.

I have worked as a public school employee with the Los Angeles Unified School District for over twenty years. During this tenure, I have acquired a vast amount of experience in public relations and public policy. This service has entailed serving on school committees and facilitating community outreach.

Through these experiences, I have weathered the vast challenges of bureaucracy and formed optimistic approaches toward finding resolution.

As a council member I would provide such insight, as well as, my commitment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alexander Hall

I, Alexander Hall, would like the opportunity to serve with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. In the past year, I have volunteered 1,700 hours helping veterans throughout Los Angeles with Goodwill Southern California. Before that, I served my first year of AmeriCorps in Delaware with the YMCA and a volunteer firehouse teaching CPR to the community and fire safety to youth in elementary schools. Previously, I have worked at Contact Lifeline where I was responsible for phone and chat room suicide interventions. I currently recruit and coordinate teen volunteers in 60+ cities across five counties for the Youth Decoy Program. I am passionate about service in my neighborhood and community and hope to lend my skills to help make a difference and empower communities through the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

Grant Hartwell

As a lifelong resident of the South Bay, I love and believe in the beauty and power of our community. And, if you elect me as a member of the council, I will focus on maintaining our community as a safe place to live and grow. I will support the local unions, and I will look for creative solutions to alleviate homelessness. Though relatively new to San Pedro and the council, I have experience with community engagement and civic service. At UC Santa Cruz, where I received degrees in Anthropology & Philosophy, I served for four years on the student government, one of which was as the Vice President of the College Ten Senate. Working with the government's funding, I learned how to negotiate a complex budget with the various needs of our diverse stakeholders. Now, having returned to San Pedro, I work in retirement planning with a family firm. In my off time, I volunteer teaching art to kids with the non-profit, Free Arts for Abused Children.

Debra A. Hunter

My name is Debra A. Hunter. I live and work in the Central San Pedro District. I am interested in being on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council because I believe the best way to see change in our community is to participate in local government. I recently participated with the Council in planning the Community Policing Town Hall. I have been an active volunteer in school, church and other civic organizations. I believe my enthusiasm and professional experience in policy and planning will make me an asset to my neighbors and San Pedro. I am interested in improving the quality of life for the residents of San Pedro. I am also interested in advocating for better public transportation and support of our small business community.



WHAT WE DO... WHAT WE'VE DONE... WHAT WE ARE DOING:

- We provide monthly face-to-face meetings with representatives of the LAPD, CD15, POLA, and other community and regional organizations. We bring speakers on topical issues to meet community stakeholders.
- We maintain representation and communication with important community organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Property Owners Improvement District, and our downtown Arts, Culture and Entertainment District (ACE).
- We participate in and collaborate with the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils for common oversight of our mutual interests. We are working with the other neighborhood councils of the Harbor Area to build a neighborhood council-based organization to replace the Port Community Advisory Committee disbanded by POLA in 2013.
- We produced community information forums on LAPD Community Relations (September 2013) and Homelessness (April 2014).
- We advocated for the construction of landscap-

ing and a mixed use trail for the north side of Front Street abutting China Shipping. This was accepted by POLA and is currently nearing completion of the design phase with an estimated completion date in fall 2015.

- We advocated for landscaping improvements on the north side of Knoll Hill (south side of Front Street), including the southeast corner of Front Street and Pacific Avenue. This is proceeding in the design phase with the use of China Shipping Mitigation Funds.
- We continue to monitor progress and comment upon the Port's and the LA Waterfront Alliance's plans to redevelop Ports O'Call.
- Leland Park neighborhood to organize and form a Park Advisory Board to restore maintenance and services at Leland Park.
- We provided official comments on and continue to monitor the detention of Filipino and Indonesian crewmembers aboard the cruise ships when at dock at POLA (Jan 2014), the failure of the City to open and operate the newly constructed Harbor Division jail (March 2014), and the future of the

underutilized San Pedro Courthouse (July 2013).

- We reviewed and provided official comments on these land use matters:
 - Proposed 24-unit residential townhouse development at 8th and Centre Streets (Support, with conditions, Nov 2013)
 - Proposed microbrewery at the 7th Street Liberty Auditorium, San Pedro Brewing Co. (Support, July 2013)
 - Proposed Jackson's Place coffee and entertainment lounge at __ 7th Street (Support, with conditions, March 2014)
 - Proposed Ponte Vista development (Letter of Concerns, July 2013)
 - Proposed fueling station at 311 N. Gaffey Street (Support, with conditions, May 2013)
 - POLA Master Plan (Comments, April 2013)
 - San Pedro Community Plan Update (Comments, April 2013)
 - Ports O' Call Redevelopment (Comments, April 2013)



Tall Ships Festival L.A. Welcomes World's Largest Rubber Duck

Giant Duck Sails into Port of L.A. Port for West Coast Debut

Florentijn Hofman's Rubber Duck project will make its west coast debut at Tall Ships Festival L.A., August 20, 2014, sailing into the Port of Los Angeles Harbor leading the Tall Ships Grand Parade of Sail. Tall Ships Festival L.A. has the honor of welcoming more than a dozen beautiful Tall Ships to the shores of Los Angeles, affording visitors the rare chance to catch a glimpse, step aboard, and even set sail on some of the grandest ships of yore. With the addition of the internationally acclaimed enormous Rubber Duck, visitor's rare glimpse into history gets even more spectacular.

The Port of Los Angeles is the first-ever west coast port to host the globally famous Rubber Duck and only the second North American city to do so. The Duck project is the creative effort of internationally renowned artist Florentijn Hofman (The Netherlands). "The Rubber Duck knows no frontiers, it doesn't discriminate people and doesn't have a political connotation. The friendly, floating Rubber Duck has healing properties: it can relieve the world's tensions as well as define them. The rubber duck is soft, friendly and suitable for all ages," according to Hofman.



Summer at the San Pedro Waterfront

70th Anniversary of D-Day Commemoration

Saturday, June 7, 1 – 4pm

Join the celebration of the 70th anniversary of D-Day at the SS Lane Victory at Berth 46 San Pedro.

Downtown Harbor Grand Opening

Friday, June 20, 5 – 8pm

Celebrate with live music, food and strolling entertainment as we officially open the Downtown Harbor at Sixth Street and the Main Channel in San Pedro.

Cars & Stripes Forever!

Friday, June 27 5 – 10pm

100 classic cars, live music, food trucks and beer garden, patriotic songs at the Fanfare Fountain and fireworks at 9:20 pm! Vincent Thomas Bridge and Harbor Blvd. in San Pedro.

Cabrillo Beach July 4 Spectacular

Friday, July 4 Noon – 10pm

Music, activities and fireworks – a perfect day! Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro.

Movie on the Water San Pedro

Friday, August 1 7:30 – 10pm

Gather at the Downtown Harbor for a showing of "Big" from a barge on the water!



Bring your chair and find a seat on land to watch the movie.

Navy Days LA 2014

Saturday, August 10, Hours vary

Sunday, August 11, Hours vary

Two Navy ships will be open to the public for tours as part of Navy Days LA 2014. See the Port's website for specifics and to get your free tickets.

Tall Ships Festival LA 2014

Aug. 20 – 24, Weekdays, Noon to 8pm, Weekend, 10am – 6pm

Harbor Blvd. in San Pedro. The Greatest Spectacle on the Pacific! Join us for this Festival featuring a dozen majestic Tall Ships, live entertainment, educational activities, food, beer garden, art and craft vendors and the World's Largest Rubber Duck! Pre-sale tickets and parking a must – check the website at tallshipsfestivalla.com.

Paper Yacht Challenge

Wednesday, September 10, 4 – 7pm

Test your paper yacht building skills and compete against others by setting your yacht a-sail at the Fanfare Fountain in San Pedro. All proceeds go to local non-profits.

Lobster Festival

Friday, September 12, 5 to 11pm

Saturday, September 13, 11am – 11pm

Sunday, September 14, 11am – 7pm Come to the world's largest lobster festival. Feast on fresh Maine lobster and enjoy the hottest bands. Check the website for more information at lobsterfest.com.