



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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October 27, 2014 Land Use Planning & Public Works Committee Meeting Report

Meeting held in upstairs conference room of Whale and Ale Restaurant, 327 W. Seventh Street, San Pedro, at 6:30pm.

1. Public comment

none

2. Review and comment on final plans for the Lilyian Fierman Walkway (**Action Item**)

Committee recommends support, subject to verification that a historic plaque commemorating Lilyian Fierman will be installed. After the committee meeting, Liz Schindler-Johnson stated that the Grand Vision Foundation will provide this plaque. See attached draft letter of recommendation.

3. Review and comment on the proposed expansion of the Rancho San Pedro Social Hall at the southeast corner of First and Centre Streets. The area of the expansion is 3,121 sq feet, and it will be used for programmed activity areas run by the Boys and Girls Club. (**Action Item**)

Rancho residents (represented by RAC) object to the loss of facilities that they are used to occupying for various resident-run programs. HACLA reps indicated a willingness to meet with residents to work out times and locations during which they may access facilities to continue their programs. Committee asked that this occur before November 11th, and that they report on their progress at our stakeholder meeting on that date. We will need to have Spanish interpreters available for this meeting.

Both RAC and the Committee support the remodeled Social Hall, subject to a satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations between HACLA and RAC.

4. Review and comment on a proposed Coastal Development Permit to change the use of the building and parking lot on the 400 block of Ninth St to a charter High School owned by "461 West 9th St Charter Facilities LLC by Alliance for College Ready Public Schools." (**Action Item**)

School owner, represented by Principal Robert Canosa-Carr, accompanied by their land use attorney, explained that they had all entitlements and necessary permits "by-right", but that City and Coastal Commission determined that a

*Coastal Development Permit was required at a very late stage of development. They did not request that we issue a letter of support, but they would be interested in knowing of any objections to their project prior to the public hearing. **Committee recommends no action.***

5. Review and comment on a request by the Toberman Neighborhood Center at 131 N. Grand Avenue to add diagonal parking within Grand Avenue. (~~Action Item~~).

*Ryan Ferguson of CD15 attended to explain City's position on this. Toberman representative Bill Keenan did not attend. Ryan explained the LADOT is opposed to diagonal parking due to existing bike lanes. Street would otherwise meet minimum width requirements for diagonal parking. **Committee recommends no action until further notice.***

DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE LILLIYAN FIERMAN WALKWAY

Paul Racs
Director
Office of Community Beautification
200 North Spring Street, Room 356
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: San Vicente Median Improvement Project (Grant Request)

Dear Mr. Racs:

On November 11, 2014, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopted a resolution of support of the Lilliyán Fierman Walkway improvement plans that were recently prepared with the assistance of LANI, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative. This walkway is located in Downtown San Pedro, and connects the burgeoning retail corridor of 6th Street with surface parking lots frequently used by visitors and shoppers. Currently dark, unattractive and uninviting, coordinated improvements to the alley will reshape perceptions, encourage active use, support patronage of the commercial zone and make a lasting impact.

In close partnership with the Office of Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles City Council District 15 (CD15), LANI and Studio 111, a design firm, engaged stakeholders in the process of developing a community supported design to improve the walkway. These improvements include replacement of concrete with decorative paving, landscaping and planters, installation of canopy lights, signage, benches, and a gateway arch.

Improvements to the alley will have a catalytic effect in attracting new interest and economic vitality. Furthermore, the alley has the ability to become a community gathering place, a part of our Friday Farmers Market, and music and art activities that celebrate the unique cultural heritage of the neighborhood.

We are deeply supportive of this project that would bring great benefit to this community.

Sincerely, etc...