



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: CITY MANAGER *CP*
DATE: JUNE 12, 2013
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 13-23

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER *CL*
DATE: JUNE 12, 2013
SUBJECT: WEEKLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

SHERIFF’S MOBILE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS COMMAND CENTER

On September 7, 2010, the City Council approved a recommendation from the Regional Law Enforcement Committee to contribute towards the purchase of a mobile emergency operations command center for the Lomita Sheriff’s Station. The mobile command center is a trailer outfitted with communication equipment, police supplies, technological equipment and other materials that can be towed to a strategic location and used by the Station as their base of operations during a disaster or other emergency. On June 10th, the City received the attached letter from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors accepting the delivery of the trailer and thanking the City of Rancho Palos Verdes for our contribution towards this important acquisition. The cost of the command center is being shared between the Cities of Lomita, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates.

SAN PEDRO BIKE LANE ISSUES

In late-April 2013, the City of Los Angeles’ Department of Transportation (LADOT) restriped Westmont Drive and Capitol Drive between Western Avenue and Gaffey Street to add on-street bike lanes. The addition of these bike lanes is a part of the implementation of the City of Los Angeles’ 2010 Bicycle Plan, which was approved by the Los Angeles City Council in March 2011. The restriping added a separate, dedicated bike lane to each side of the street, but also resulted in the elimination of one (1) travel lane in each direction, leading to increased congestion and delays during peak travel periods. In addition, many motorists have reportedly found the new lane markings to be confusing (see attached *Daily Breeze* articles).

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) discussed the issue of the new bike lanes at its monthly Board and Stakeholder meeting on May 13, 2013. As a result of those discussions, the NWSPNC Board asked Los Angeles 15th District City Councilman Joe Buscaino to appoint a panel to study the impact of the bike lanes.

Councilman Buscaino subsequently agreed to convene a town hall meeting on the subject on June 11, 2013. Staff sent out a listserve message about this meeting to our "Border Issues" subscribers last Friday.

Staff also recently learned of LADOT's plans to restripe 25th Street between the city limits and Patton Avenue to add a bike lane in each direction (again, as a component of the 2010 Bicycle Plan). Preparation of the roadway and restriping began last week. The restriping has eliminated one (1) of the eastbound travel lanes of 25th Street. It remains to be seen what effect this project may have upon motorists leaving the City along Palos Verdes Drive South/25th Street during peak travel periods. It should also be noted that the restriping of the transition area at the city limits will not be finalized until construction related to the San Ramon Canyon project is complete.

The town hall meeting convened by Councilman Buscaino was held last night at Peck Park (see attached flyer and questionnaire). The panel included representatives of the LAPD Harbor Division, CalTrans, LADOT, the Los Angeles Bike Advisory Committee and the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition. Some of the questions raised by Councilman Buscaino included:

- What is the purpose of the bike lanes? (to improve traffic safety)
- What other options to bike lanes are feasible? (LADOT said it would look into options)
- What community outreach was conducted? (LADOT admitted that its outreach efforts "may not have been perfect")
- What is the source of funding for the bike lanes? (gas tax, Measure R and grants)

Members of the public spoke both in favor of and in opposition to the bike lanes as currently configured. The greatest concern seemed to be related to the bike lanes on Westmont Drive and the effect that they have on traffic during school drop-off/pick-up times at Taper Avenue Elementary School, Dodson Middle School and Mary Star of the Sea High School. Speakers also raised concerns that eliminating travel lanes on Westmont Drive, Capitol Drive and 25th Street would divert cut-through traffic into neighborhood streets as motorists seek relief from peak-hour congestion.

At the conclusion to public comments, Councilman Buscaino announced six (6) steps that he would take to address community concerns about traffic congestion related to the new bike lanes:

1. Work with LADOT and CalTrans to add a left-turn signal for westbound Westmont Drive at Western Avenue;
2. Work with Taper Avenue Elementary School to modify its drop-off/pick-up location to ease back-ups onto Westmont Drive;
3. Work with Mary Star of the Sea High School to revise its drop-off/pick-up location as well, including the possibility of taking all access directly from Western Avenue;

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4. Work with LADOT to resolve problems with signal timing and pavement loop detectors at 25th Street and Anchovy Avenue;
5. Work with LADOT to improve its public outreach and notification procedures; and,
6. Engage LAUSD in discussions about possibly modifying start and end times at Taper Avenue Elementary School and Dodson Middle School in order to ease traffic congestion.

Since some of these initiatives may have direct effects upon City rights-of-way or neighborhoods, Staff will monitor this issue as a part of the Border Issues Status Report.

Some furious, others rejoice over San Pedro bike lane changes

By Donna Littlejohn Staff Writer donna.littlejohn@dailybreeze.com @donnalittlejohn on Twitter Daily Breeze

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Bike lanes in urban centers have grown in popularity as residents begin to recognize their benefits to both personal health and air quality.

But they don't always translate onto real pavement without problems. And that means they sometimes become big political headaches for well-meaning officials who envision and plan the newly designed roadways.

In San Pedro, a network of freshly-painted white stripes, dashes and boxes on two well-traveled thoroughfares - Westmont and Capitol drives - sparked a firestorm of debate last week among residents who complained that the unexpected modifications were simply ill-conceived.

"How can anyone drive on this mess?" posted one resident on a San Pedro group Facebook page. "What are the boxes for???"

"Must remember to avoid the intersection of Westmont & Western when school is letting out," posted another.

It's all part of a citywide Los Angeles bike lane initiative that's been in the works since 2008. The Bike Plan of 2010 was approved the following year.

But for local residents who either had forgotten about it - or who say the specifics were never really spelled out to begin with - it's all created what one person online called a "nightmare."

The dismay is centered around the elimination of car lanes on both streets, crowding the existing car traffic into one lane instead of two, each way.

The unfamiliar markings have also confused many drivers.

"I've never seen striping that's so difficult to (understand) to find out where you should be," said Sandra Flowers who lives in a condominium development on Westmont Drive. "I'd really like to know where I'm supposed to drive."

A couple days later, after the striping work was completed, she said the finished markings were a bit easier to understand.

But, Flowers added, it remains problematic as motorists jockey for what is now reduced lane space along streets used for school and shopping center access.

"They've actually taken away about half of the street for car traffic," she said.

As a result of the complaints, Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino said he'll ask the city's Department of Transportation to provide an update on traffic numbers since the bike lanes went into place.

"This has been ongoing since 2008," Buscaino said, adding that the city's bike plan is in response to the state's Complete Streets Act that requires all streets to be designed to accommodate bikes. It was signed into law by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger that same year.

"The city of L.A. is falling in line with the state requirement," Buscaino said.

Capitol and Westmont drives - east-west streets that connect Gaffey Street to Western Avenue - were deemed as underutilized streets by city traffic officials. But they are both lined with homes and shopping centers - and nearby schools bring significant drop-off and pick-up traffic to the thoroughfares twice a day.

Said Duane Torstensen on Facebook: "I drop my daughter off at school every morning ... this project has made

traffic a nightmare. "

More signage was being added Friday that appeared to clarify some of the new markings. The box shapes next to the bike lanes that are new to most drivers are meant to designate buffer "safe" zones that cyclists can use when motorists park and begin to open their car doors out into the bike lane.

Some welcome the new bike lanes.

Supporters argue that the push to encourage bike riding will help improve air quality and public health.

Allyson Vought, a downtown San Pedro art gallery owner and professional racing cyclist, said it's about time that bike lanes were expanded in the town.

"As a cyclist, any designated bike area is a good thing, people in vehicles think they own the road," Vought said.

"Too bad" for those who are complaining, she said. "Cars aren't entitled. ... We need to eliminate our reliance on four-wheeled transportation. "

But the reaction has been largely one-sided. The problem, opponents say, is that no one seemed to realize the new lanes would take away traffic lanes.

"The neighbors are furious," said David Rivera, a member of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council's issues committee. "Coming out of those shopping centers, you're going to have to be real careful. "

John Mavar, a member of the neighborhood council who has been active in community issues for several years, said he had no recollection of the bike lane plan being presented.

"This should not be another rubber-stamped street improvement project," he said. "We're different here. We have a different topography and less bike commuters. "

Dan Dixon, chairman of the neighborhood council's issues committee, said he also doesn't remember any of the specifics being laid out. "I may be mocked and I may be dead wrong, but to me this is the first notification to the community," Dixon said.

Buscaino said city documentation indicates the plans were rolled out for Westmont and Capitol specifically some years ago.

For now, Rivera said he and other motorists appear to be charting out alternative routes to avoid the streets during congested times.

But San Pedro motorists may just have to adjust.

Other streets also will be eyed for bike lanes, possibly Pacific Avenue, the council office said.

Some 100 miles of bike lanes already have been installed activated throughout the sprawling metropolis with another 100 to come.

Rivera said discussions are ongoing among neighborhood council members about what can be done at this point. Among specific problems, he said, are dedicated left- and right-hand lane turn lanes that are simply too short and wind up blocking the only motorist lane remaining.

"Between 7:45 and 8:15 in the mornings, you have traffic stacking up and people honking horns," he said.

Aside from occasional bike teams that use the streets on weekends, many residents said they rarely see bicyclists on either Westmont or Capitol.

"With very few exceptions, bikes are just not that prevalent in this area," Flowers said.

Buscaino Communications Director Branimir Kwartuc said the goal of the city's Bike Plan is to change that by making streets more accommodating for bicyclists.

"Everybody's saying, 'I've never seen a bicyclist on this street,' but this is a comprehensive plan that aims to put bicyclists on the street," Kwartuc said. "It wasn't created to accommodate (existing) bicyclists but to encourage (new) bicyclists. "

"This is to encourage people to get out of their cars and use their bikes," Buscaino said. "To those who say San Pedro doesn't use bikes, I say, 'Let's start. Why not?' "

San Pedro neighborhood group to discuss new bicycle lanes

By Donna Littlejohn, Staff Writer Daily Breeze

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A proposal to set up a task force to assess traffic impacts of newly drawn bicycle lanes on Westmont and Capitol drives in San Pedro will be discussed Monday night at a meeting of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

The recommendation also asks city traffic officials to reconsider the patterns based on projected new traffic that will come with the construction of the Ponte Vista housing development on Western Avenue.

The bike lanes, which took away lanes for cars, have been widely criticized by many residents who say they're causing traffic jams during school pickup and drop-off hours. That, in turn, they say, is prompting unsafe driving and some incidents of "road rage. "

Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino is reviewing the matter but said in a video posted by his office that traffic is moving more slowly - and more safely - because of the bike lanes.

The meeting is at 6 p.m. at Peck Park Community Room, 560 N. Western Ave., San Pedro.

Councilman urged to name panel to look at alternatives

By Donna Littlejohn Staff Writer donna.littlejohn@dailybreeze.com @donnalittlejohn on Twitter Daily Breeze

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Still seething over the elimination of traffic lanes to make way for new bikeways, members of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council will ask that a task force be formed to assess the impacts and look for alternatives.

The neighborhood council approved a motion Monday night asking Los Angeles Councilman Joe Buscaino to appoint the panel to study traffic issues stemming from the new lanes.

Since the bike lanes appeared in April along Westmont and Capitol drives - two parallel east-west streets that see busy school traffic in the mornings and afternoons but otherwise are relatively clear - residents have complained that the loss of traffic lanes is prompting congestion and unsafe conditions.

Diana Nave, president of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, spent some time observing the traffic a couple of weeks ago.

"I saw all the bad behavior that's imaginable," Nave said.

"It's very dangerous. I saw people hanging a 'U' (turn) right in the middle of the street once they saw all the traffic. I saw people who, as they approached the intersection, would move into the bike lane but they didn't turn right; instead, they tried to beat the other car out and go in front of it.

"People are impatient, and they don't really know which way to go. I really worry about the safety. "

Motorists also are finding alternative routes and adding traffic to smaller residential neighborhoods, she said.

"You can't push here without getting a reaction there," Nave said.

The streets are congested with traffic from several schools, including Taper Avenue Elementary, Mary Star of the Sea High School and Dodson Middle School.

Neighborhood council member Chuck Hart put it this way: "It's not working. "

If the proposed 830-unit Ponte Vista housing development is built to the north along Western Avenue, Nave said, things will only get worse.

The idea behind the task force, she said, will be to look at all possible alternatives to the side bike lanes now on the streets, including possibly a green bike-share lane painted into a restored car lane. Another possibility, she said, could be to put only one bike lane in one direction on Westmont and another single bike lane - traveling in the other direction - on Capitol.

"The task force should look at all those options," she said.

Meanwhile, Charles R. Eldred Jr., a former neighborhood council board member and past vice chairman of the council's planning committee, is organizing a demonstration for 4 p.m. Monday at Western and Westmont "to protest the city government's inaction on this very important public safety issue. "

Everyone is welcome to come "short of bringing pitchforks," Eldred said. "I intend for this to be a public outreach to the leadership of Los Angeles to quit ignoring San Pedro as a constituency. "

Other than Ponte Vista and a cell tower at a local church, Nave said, the 12-year-old council has "had more people upset about this than any other issue. "

"The big thing is that people are frustrated," said neighborhood council member David Rivera, who also lives right

off of Westmont. "I'm retired so I'm not in a hurry to get anywhere. But those minutes count for people who are trying to get to the freeway and to work. "

Bike lane critics, supporters meet on San Pedro street corners

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Photo Galleries: San Pedro bike lanes protested

They may have to share the road, but they weren't about to share a street corner Monday when sign-toting groups of bicyclists and those protesting new bike lanes gathered at Westmont Drive and Western Avenue in San Pedro.

About two dozen people from each side staked out their home turf on opposite corners, cheering and shouting dueling slogans as motorists honked and passed by on their way home from work.

"Cycling is not a crime," read one hand-drawn sign. "Streets r 4 people (not just cars)," said another.

"Not Anti-Bike. But we need to get to work and school on time," said an opposing sign across the street.

Organizer Charles Eldred Jr., a former Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council board member, opened the rally by thanking those who turned out - and by taking a gentle swipe at the counter-demonstrators on bikes.

"These people have come to protest our protest but they're going around in circles," he said as cyclists periodically rode along the new bike lines.

A couple of demonstrators crossed the street at one point to chat and shake hands. Police officers stood by, but there were no skirmishes.

Residents have been fuming for weeks since the lanes appeared in late April. Because the new bike lanes took away lanes of car traffic, many say congestion is the by-product during the day as people try to drop their kids off at several nearby schools and then get to work.

Robin Gregg, who drives five boys to school in the mornings as part of a car pool, said the new bike lanes have forced her and other motorists to find alternate routes through side streets.

"It takes 45 minutes to get a kid to Dodson (Middle School), driving one-half to three-quarters of a mile," Gregg said. "Our lives are being inconvenienced for a hobby. "

She would like to see the city restore the eliminated car lanes and instead turn them into green "sharrow" lanes to accommodate both bikes and vehicles in the same spaces.

San Pedro, she said, is becoming dangerously congested, and eliminating car lanes only adds to the problem.

For cyclists, the bike lanes make streets safer, noting that Westmont is not particularly crowded most of the time. They also help encourage people to discover the joys of biking - rather than driving - to work or school.

"There's very little traffic except during the rush hour," said Brad House of Rolling Hills Estates, who was among cyclists demonstrating.

Also demonstrating were several people opposed to Ponte Vista, a housing development they say will only add to the town's traffic woes. But some of those demonstrators said they liked the bike lane additions.

The new bike lanes are being added as part of the city's 2010 Bike Plan, an ambitious 30-year blueprint designed to connect Los Angeles' diverse and geographically sprawling communities.

David Rivera of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council said Monday's demonstration brings more

awareness to the issue of finding ways to integrate bike lanes without impeding traffic flow and causing more congestion.

"There aren't too many happy people out there," he said. "Basically, everybody wants their lanes back. "

So what now?

The neighborhood council earlier this month asked Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino to form a task force to study the issue.

Buscaino also will host a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. June 11 at Peck Park Recreation Center to discuss the issue. The meeting is designed to bring together representatives from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Planning, along with the city's 2010 Bike Plan representatives, representatives from area schools, neighbors and bike activists to look at options to deal with the congestion during peak traffic times.

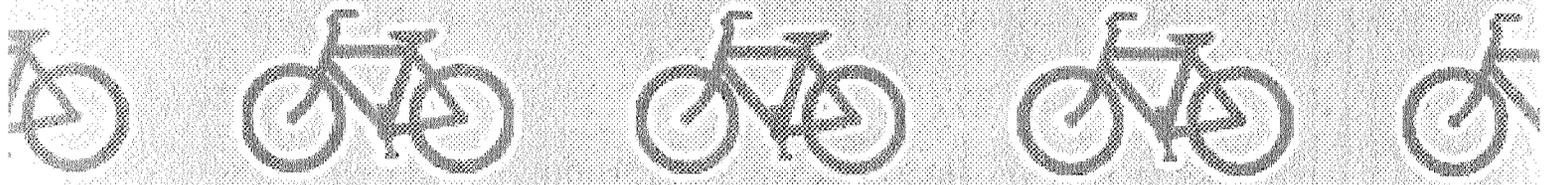
Asked how he thought that town hall meeting might play out, Rivera laughed, saying at the very least it was bound to be "boisterous. "

"Everybody's going to want to be heard," he said. "People are really frustrated with this. "

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10 BIKE PLANNING

TOWN HALL



DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRANS
OF LA BIKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CILMAN JOE BUSCAINO



PECK PARK
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013

CITY OF LOS ANGELES 2010 BIKE PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE



Name: _____

Email: _____

1. What neighborhood do you live in?

- The Gardens
- Capitol Dr.
- Rolling Hills Highlands (Taper Ave)
- Coastal San Pedro
- other San Pedro neighborhood
- RPV
- other _____

2. Are you:

- In favor of the new bike lanes
- oppose the new bike lanes
- undecided

3. Where have you experienced congestion?

- Westmont and Taper
- Westmont and Western
- Capitol Dr.
- 25th St.

4. You experience congestion when you:

- Drive your child to Dodson
- Drive your child to Taper
- Drive your child to Mary Star
- Drive to work

5. What time do you drop your child off at school? (if applicable)

- before 7:45
- between 7:45 and 7:50
- between 7:51 and 7:55
- between 7:56 and 8:00
- between 8:01 and 8:05
- after 8:05

6. Would you support starting Dodson earlier and/or Taper later by a few minutes?

- yes
- no

7. Which of the altered roads do you use the most for your commute/ other activities that involve driving?

- Capitol Dr.
- Westmont Dr.
- 25th Street

8. If you are a commuter, what time do you leave for work?

- before 7:30am
- between 7:30am and 8:00am
- between 8:00am and 8:30am
- after 8:30am

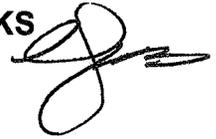
9. Are you likely to use the new bike lanes?

- yes
- no

10. Would you allow your child to ride their bike to school?

- yes
- no

TO: CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER
FROM: LES M. JONES II, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
DATE: JUNE 12, 2013
SUBJECT: WEEKLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT



SAN RAMON CANYON PROJECT UPDATE

This week the contractor continues the work on each side of PVDS. On the uphill side of the project, fill material continues to be added to the canyon in support of the inlet structure, the maintenance access road to that structure and restoration of the historical streambed elevation. The contractor has identified a large local source of fill, which is often preferable for both economic and environmental reasons. South of PVDS, the contractor continues with excavation and shoring of the launch pit for the rib and lag tunnel portion of the alignment. In addition, in preparation for work on the beach at the bottom of the bluffs, the contractor is installing a rock fall protection system. This system will manage rocks and debris that slough off the bluff and potentially endangering the workers building the outlet structure. The steel netting will keep the dislodged material close to the bluff face and prevent it from crashing onto the workers or onto the project itself.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE ON PHASE I OF THE FY11-12 RESIDENTIAL STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AREAS 3 AND 5

House address numbers on the curbs that were affected by the construction work continue to be refreshed this week as well as the cleaning up of the work areas and removal of the utility line markings. The contractor has also been mobilizing the equipment needed for the crushing operations of the waste concrete and asphalt concrete, which should begin in the City Hall overflow parking lot later this week.

2013 SBBEC'S APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SEED AWARDS EXTENDED

The South Bay Business Environmental Coalition's (SBBEC) application deadline for the 2013 SoCal Environmental Excellence Development (SEED) Awards has been extended from June 10th to June 21, 2013. The SEED awards honor South Bay individuals, groups, schools and businesses that have exhibited excellence in helping to improve environmental sustainability and quality of life in the South Bay. Last year Terranea won a SEED award. As of today, SBBEC has received close to 20 applications, including two from RPV organizations (one large business and one public elementary school). Public Works is continuing to promote this environmental award and is hoping for additional interest and applications from RPV organizations. (See attached press release)



TO: Carolyn Lehr, City Manager
FROM: Joel Rojas, Community Development Director
DATE: June 12, 2013
SUBJECT: Weekly Administrative Report

Unpermitted Grading and Habitat Removal on City Property by Trump National

In last week's Administrative Report, Staff reported that the Trump Organization conducted un-permitted grading and habitat removal on City Property. A letter addressing this issue was sent to the Trump Organization on June 6th. On June 7th, Mayor Brooks, Councilman Knight and Director Rojas met with the Trump Organization's Staff in the field to discuss the issue. At the meeting, the Trump Organization expressed their understanding of the City's concerns and agreed to restore the site. On June 10th, Director Rojas and a representative from the US Fish and Wildlife Service also visited the site. Subsequently, Staff sent the attached letter, dated June 11, 2013, summarizing what had occurred at both on-site meetings and the direction that the Trump Organization agreed to take. Staff is very pleased that the Trump Organization will be working with the City to resolve this issue. If the Council has any questions, please contact the project manager, Deputy Community Development Director Greg Pfost.

Trump National - New Zealand Christmas Tree Hedge Coming Soon

On June 11th, the Trump Organization notified Staff that they will be planting the City approved New Zealand Christmas Tree Hedge on the western end of the Driving Range as early as this Thursday, June 13th. The Council may recall that on January 17, 2012 the Council approved the New Zealand Christmas Tree Hedge, and on May 21, 2013, the Council approved a revision to that approval modifying CUP Condition K-2b (the condition originally approving the hedge) to read as follows

"... Furthermore, the City has informed the Applicant and the Applicant acknowledges awareness that the planting of the New Zealand Christmas Tree hedge at the western edge of the Driving Range per the City Council's approval on January 17, 2012, does not eliminate the Applicant's obligation to obtain approval from the California Coastal Commission for said hedge species to be located on the Driving Range."

As most of Condition K-2b (portions not shown above) identify the exact location and height of the hedge using GPS coordinates, Staff reminded the Trump Organization to make sure that when they plant the hedge that it fully comply with the location and height requirements of the Condition. Once planted, Staff will verify that it meets the Condition

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and inform the Council of such in a follow-up weekly Administrative Report. If the Council has any questions, please contact the project manager, Deputy Community Development Director Greg Pfost.

Marymount - Removal of the Temporary Gravel Parking Lot

As reported to the City Council in the May 7th Staff Report, the Temporary Gravel Parking Lot is required to be removed and the site restored to its pre-existing condition once the Permanent Parking Lot has been completed. Because the gravel base material used for the temporary lot is required to be removed from Marymount's campus, City Staff looked into whether the gravel base could be repurposed at one of the City's gravel parking lots. After assessing the situation, Public Works Staff determined that the gravel could be used at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park since Public Works needs to bring in base material to Abalone Cove and allowing Marymount's base material to be reused at the site would result in savings to the City's tax payers.

Thus, since early May, Public Works Staff has been coordinating with Marymount's construction team on a plan for safely and efficiently transporting the base material to the Abalone Cove parking lot. After carefully weighing the pros and cons, the Public Works Department approved the transport of material using Palos Verdes Drive East (PVDE) as the haul route, with a number of strict conditions including the ones noted below:

1. Hauling of the material shall start not earlier than 9:00 a.m. and shall be stopped at 3:00 p.m.
2. Truck speed limit on PVDE is 25 mph.
3. The volume of material is estimated to be approximately 700 cubic Yards. Truck loads shall not be more than 8 CY and shall be covered with tarp.
4. The location of unloading at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park shall be coordinated with Public Works' staff at the site.
5. Loading, hauling and unloading shall be at no cost to the City.
6. Public Works will spread and compact a 6-inch thick Base layer starting on the second day of the hauling operation.
7. Work is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 10th, 2013 subject to CDD's approval and Public Works' Staff coordination with San Ramon Project.
8. Work shall be completed within a week.

The hauling operation began today (Wednesday, June 12, 2013). However, due to San Ramon construction activity scheduled for the remaining part of this week, Public Works changed the previously approved haul route and is now requiring both loaded and unloaded trucks traveling between Marymount and Abalone Cove to use Miraleste Drive, Western Ave and 25th Street to access PVDS. As a result of the change to the haul route, the hauling operation is now expected to take 4 days rather than the original 2 days. In order to ensure the hauling operation adheres to the Encroachment Permit conditions

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imposed by the City, Public Works Staff, including its inspectors, are monitoring the operation.

Planning Commission Follow-up Agenda

Attached is the Follow-up Agenda for the Planning Commission meeting on June 11, 2013.

Applications of Note

Attached is a table with a summary of the applications of note that were submitted to the department between.

Attachments

- June 11, 2013 Letter to Lili Amini (Trump National Golf Club)
- PC Follow-up Agenda for June 11, 2013
- PC Approved Minutes of May 14, 2013 (under separate cover)
- Applications of Note

June 11, 2013

Ms. Lili Amini
General Manager
Trump National Golf Club
One Ocean Trails Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Subject: Un-authorized Grading and Habitat Removal on City Property

Dear Ms. Amini:

Thank you for meeting on-site with Mayor Brooks, Councilman Knight, and Director Rojas last Friday pertaining to the un-authorized grading and habitat removal that occurred recently on City property. While I was out of the office and could not attend the meeting, I understand from Director Rojas that the meeting was very productive in making sure that all parties understood the issues brought up in my June 6th letter pertaining to this issue.

More specifically, at the meeting, I understand that you and Mr. Martin Howard explained that the grading in that area was to be temporary in nature so as to conduct a feasibility study and in no way was meant to be a permanent back tee for Hole No. 14. I also understand that Director Rojas provided a map (attached) that identified the various habitat areas on the project site, which you found helpful as you expressed that you were un-aware that the subject Site was owned by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Further, I understand that you will be moving forward with obtaining a biology report that identifies the amount of CSS that was removed and a proposed grading and landscape remediation plan to restore the grade, if proposed, and to restore the CSS of the Site to its previous condition. As stated in my June 6th letter, the biology report shall account for past and potential new impacts to sensitive and protected species as a result of the grading operations that have already occurred and the grading operations that may be proposed to restore the site, as applicable.

As you may know, per the Habitat Conservation Plan's (HCP) Implementation Agreement, while it is the Trump Organization that is responsible for the implementation of the project's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), it is the City's responsibility for monitoring the success of the HCP, and the Resource Agencies' [US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)] responsibility to ensure that the City meets its obligation. Coincidentally, Director Rojas was scheduled to meet with Mr. Eric Porter from the USFWS on June 10th regarding other City matters.

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During their meeting, Director Rojas and Mr. Porter met at the site to investigate the issue. Mr. Porter also expressed surprise in the un-authorized work and habitat removal that occurred. As expected, Mr. Porter expressed his position that his agency will need to review and comment on the biology report upon its completion. Once the biology report is completed, please submit four copies directly to my attention and I will forward it on to the reviewing agencies.

The City is very pleased to hear that you are moving forward to address the matter and is eager to work with you to see the site restored back to its original function as habitat preserve. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (310) 544-5228 or via email at gregp@rpv.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Post', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Gregory Post, AICP
Deputy Community Development Director

cc: Mayor and City Council
Carolyn Lehr, City Manager
Carol Lynch, City Attorney
Joel Rojas, Director
US Fish and Wildlife Service
California Department of Fish and Game
California Coastal Commission
Jill Martin, Assistant General Counsel to Trump National
Project File



FOLLOW-UP AGENDA

**RANCHO PALOS VERDES PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013
FRED HESSE COMMUNITY PARK, 29301 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD**

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.

SCHEDULING NOTES

REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE REMARKS OF THE FIRST SPEAKER ON THE ITEM. NO REQUEST FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT TIME.

PURSUANT TO ADOPTED PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEDURE, UNLESS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AGREES TO SUSPEND ITS RULES, NO NEW BUSINESS WILL BE HEARD AFTER 11:00 P.M. AND NO ITEM WILL BE HEARD PAST MIDNIGHT. ANY ITEMS NOT HEARD BECAUSE OF THE TIME LIMITS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CONTINUED TO THE NEXT COMMISSION AGENDA.

NEXT P.C. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-16

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE: LED BY COMMISSIONER LEWIS

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER GERSTNER EXCUSED ABSENT, COMMISSIONER TETREAULT ARRIVED BEFORE ITEM # 1.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED AS PRESENTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

City Council Items: DIRECTOR ROJAS REPORTED THAT AT THE JUNE 4TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING, THE CITY COUNCIL AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEACON AWARD PROGRAM THAT REWARDS CITIES THAT REDUCE THEIR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND DIRECTED THAT THE PROGRAM ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ITS INPUT SINCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE.

Staff: DIRECTOR ROJAS DISTRIBUTED ONE ITEM OF LATE CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO ITEM # 1.

Commission: COMMISSIONER TOMBLIN NOTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH RESIDENTS ABOUT THE CHASE BANK LIGHTING, WHICH HE COMMUNICATED TO THE DIRECTOR.

CHAIRMAN EMENHISER REPORTED THAT HE UPDATED THE MAYOR AND OTHERS ON THE RECENT WORK OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE MOST RECENT MAYOR'S BREAKFAST.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (regarding non-agenda items): **NONE**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

1. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT – ARTERIAL FENCES AND WALLS: City/Citywide (AH)

Request: A Code Amendment to amend RPVMC Section 17.76.030(E) to require consistency between walls or fences that are being repaired or replaced and the pre-existing wall or fence.

ADOPTED P.C RESOLUTION NO. 2013-14, RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:
1) FIND THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT TO THE ENVIRONMENT RELATED TO THIS CODE AMENDMENT AND THUS ADOPT ADDENDUM NO. 6 TO THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ORDINANCE NO. 510; 2) ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RPVMC SECTION 17.76.030(E), THEREBY REQUIRING PRIVATELY OWNED REAR AND STREET SIDE YARD WALLS OR FENCES THAT NEED TO BE REPAIRED AND/OR REPLACED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER MATCH THE PRE-EXISTING WALL OR FENCE THAT ABUTS THE ADJOINING ARTERIAL STREET, EXCEPT FOR CHAIN LINK FENCING WHICH MUST BE REPLACED WITH A CITY APPROVED MATERIAL, AND HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS WHO PROPOSE TO REPLACE A WALL OR FENCE WITH A NEW WALL OR FENCE FOR THE ENTIRE TRACT; AND 3) RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION AND LANDSCAPING WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY TO ALLOW THE PLANTING OF VEGETATION TO SCREEN TRACT FENCES/WALLS ALONG THE MAJOR ARTERIAL STREETS (CASE NO. ZON2012-00355), AS AMENDED (5-0) WITH COMMISSIONER LEWIS RECUSED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, GRADING PERMIT, MINOR EXCEPTION PERMIT (CASE NO. ZON2012-00257): 28637 CRENSHAW BLVD. – AT&T (SK)

Request: A request to conduct 675yd³ of grading to create a level area to accommodate a 19'-6" tall, 2,930ft² equipment shelter, which will include retaining walls up to 8' in height, a combination wall up to 11.5' in height, a 6' tall wrought iron security fencing and plant foliage for screening purposes at 28637 Crenshaw Blvd.

ACTION: ADOPTED P.C. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15; THEREBY APPROVING, WITH CONDITIONS, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, MAJOR GRADING PERMIT AND A MINOR EXCEPTION PERMIT AS AMENDED (5-0) WITH CHAIRMAN EMENHISER RECUSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3. MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2013

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (6-0-1) WITH COMMISSIONER LEWIS ABSTAINING SINCE HE WAS ABSENT FROM THE MEETING.

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS:

4. PRE-AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON JUNE 25, 2013

ACTION: ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED (6-0)

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2013

Americans with Disabilities Act: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call the Community Development Director at 310 544-5228 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Notes:

1. Staff reports are available for inspection at City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard during regular business hours, 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Monday – Thursday and 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Friday. The agenda and staff reports can also be viewed at Hesse Community Park, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard during the Planning Commission meeting.
2. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Planning Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the front counter of the Planning Division lobby at City Hall, which is located at 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes during normal business hours as stated in the paragraph above.
3. You can also view the agenda and staff reports at the City's website www.palosverdes.com/RPV.
4. Written materials, including emails, submitted to the City are public records and may be posted on the City's website. In addition, City meetings may be televised and may be accessed through the City's website. Accordingly, you may wish to omit personal information from your oral presentation or written materials as they may become part of the public record regarding an agenda item.

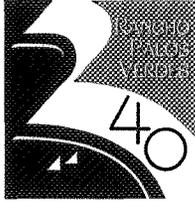


Applications of Note as of June 12, 2013

Case No.	Owner	Street Address	Project Description	Submitted
VRP2013-00020	PHILIP SHIN	6755 EL RODEO RD	View Maintenance request for foliage located at 29208 Posey Way (VPP 78)	6/6/2013
<i>View Maintenance</i>				
VRP2013-00021	GUTHRIE, QUINTUS A & SHARON L	6432 LE BLANC PL	City Tree Review Permit regarding foliage in the PROW adjacent to 30205 Matisse Dr., 30168 Matisse Dr. and 30169 Matisse Dr.	6/11/2013
<i>City Tree Review Permit</i>				
ZON2013-00220	LINTON HONDA	6312 MONERO DR	408 SF 1-story addition to the rear of an existing SFR.	6/7/2013
<i>Site Plan Review Foliage Analysis</i>				
ZON2013-00223	NIKSEFAT, KAVE T & BETSY S	6509 PALOS VERDES DR E	Demo of existing 2,144 SF SFR and construction of a new 1,793 SF residence and 351 SF garage, with 320 CY of total grading and . Project also includes request for a Interpretation Procedure to adjust the OH boundary line on the property.	6/7/2013
<i>Grading Approval Height Variation Interpretation Procedure Neighborhood Compatibility Analysis Foliage Analysis</i>				

Case No.	Owner	Street Address	Project Description	Submitted
ZON2013-00226	YEE, TRAVIS J & CHRISTINE H	27108 DIAMOND HEAD LN	406SF second story addition	6/10/2013
<i>Height Variation</i> <i>Site Plan Review</i> <i>Neighborhood Compatibility Analysis</i> <i>Foliage Analysis</i>				
ZON2013-00230	JEFFREY KURSCHNER	24 COVEVIEW DR	300SF addition to the front.	6/10/2013
<i>Site Plan Review</i> <i>Foliage Analysis</i>				
ZON2013-00231	COFFEY, BRIAN D & SANDRA S	28925 MORO BAY DR	480SF upper story addition	6/11/2013
<i>Height Variation</i> <i>Neighborhood Compatibility Analysis</i> <i>Foliage Analysis</i>				
ZON2013-00232	THOMAS INNOCENZI	6872 VALLON DR	200SF balcony at the rear	6/11/2013
<i>Site Plan Review</i> <i>Neighborhood Compatibility Analysis</i>				

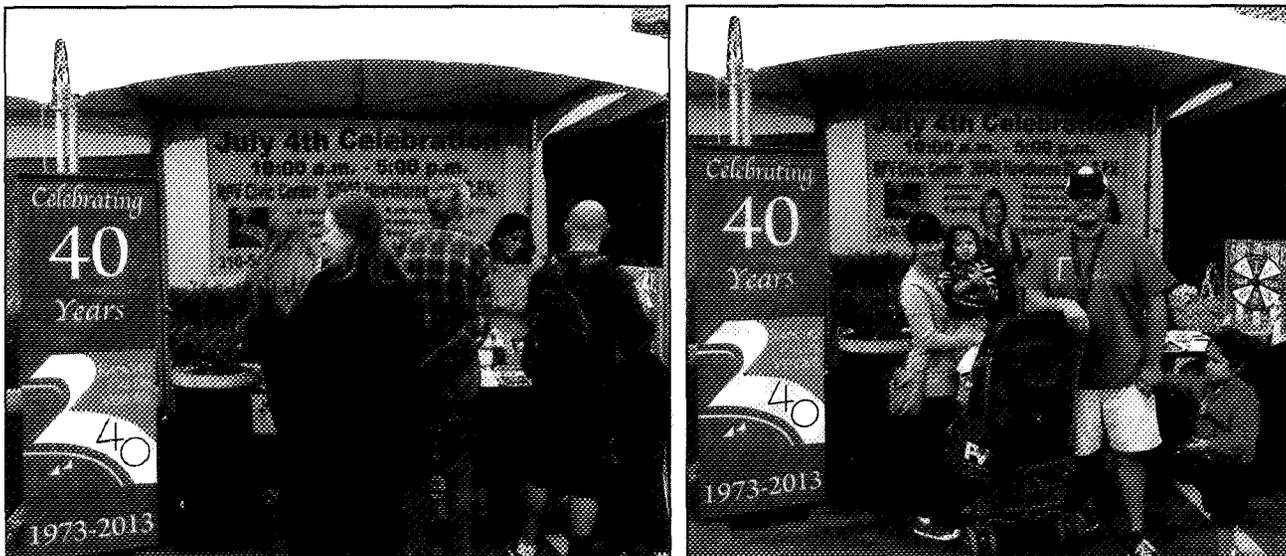
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CITY OF  RANCHO PALOS VERDES

MEMORANDUM

TO: CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CAROLYNN PETRU, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER / INTERIM DIRECTOR, 
RECREATION AND PARKS
DATE: JUNE 12, 2013
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

City Participates in Palos Verdes Street Fair and Music Festival



RPV TV Channel 33 has sponsored a booth at the annual Palos Verdes Street Fair for the last few years, which has been very successful in introducing the community to our local cable station. This year, the Recreation and Parks Department took on the booth while Channel 33 staff were busy moving about the fair, filming and interviewing the event. It was a great opportunity! Staff was on hand to share information with the public about the City's many recreation programming and events including the upcoming July 4th Celebration, Shakespeare by the Sea, Los Serenos docent-led hikes and tours, the Palos Verdes Nature Reserve, MRCA Park Ranger services and the Ranger Hotline, Rancho Caninos Dog Park, and pet adoptions. The booth also had information on emergency preparedness, recycling, and building safety and permits. Children were eager to visit the colorful booth and spin the "recreation fun wheel" to win one of the prizes, which included "Parks Make Life Better" pencils, mini-flying discs, toys, and coloring books.

Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park

Little Critter Afternoon Tales

On Wednesday afternoon, June 12th, parents and children met indoors for an hour of story time fun with one of the Peninsula Library librarians. They enjoyed songs, stories, and crafts in this relaxed and interactive program offered by the City and the Palos Verdes Library District.

Recreation Class Rentals (June 10th - June 16th)

- Aerobic Dance Lite Classes (McTaggart Hall): Monday, Wednesday
- Kuk Sool Martial Arts Classes (Fireside Room): Monday, Wednesday
- Suika Mommy & Me Classes (Activity Room, Fireside Room): Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Duplicate Bridge Classes (Activity Room): Monday, Friday
- Bones for Life Class (McTaggart Hall): Tuesday
- Bridge Instruction Class (McTaggart Hall): Tuesday
- Mommy and Me Classes (Activity Room): Tuesday, Thursday
- Palos Verdes Strings Classes (Activity Room): Sunday

Community Groups/Private Rentals/City Programs (June 10th - June 16th)

- AARP-Sponsored Driver Safety Class (Fireside Room): Tuesday, Thursday
- Peninsula Seniors Weekly Lecture (McTaggart Hall): Wednesday
- Peninsula Seniors Mah Jong Class (Fireside Room): Wednesday
- RPV Seniors Bridge Club (McTaggart Hall): Thursday
- Non-Profit Group Meeting (Fireside Room): Sunday
- Private Rental (McTaggart Hall, Kitchen): Sunday

Ladera Linda Community Center

Recreation Class Rentals (June 10th - June 16th)

- Adult Tap Dance Class (Multipurpose Room): Tuesday
- Mommy and Me Class (Room C): Wednesday
- Early Childhood Music Class (Room C): Friday

Point Vicente Interpretive Center

Los Serenos Docent-Led Tour

On Tuesday, June 11th, twenty-nine 3rd grade students from St. Lawrence Elementary School enjoyed a docent-led tour of the museum.

Facility Use

On Thursday evening, June 13th, the Sunset Room and Patio are rented for a non-profit social event.

On Saturday evening, June 15th, the Sunset Room, Patio, and Amphitheater are rented for a bat mitzvah ceremony and party.

Robert E. Ryan Community Park

Recreation Class Rentals (June 10th - June 16th)

- Super Soccer Stars Youth Classes (Grass Field): Tuesday, Saturday

REACH Program

On Wednesday night, June 12th, REACH participants stopped for dinner at Chicken Maison, then headed to the links at Mulligan's Family Fun Center, for an evening of miniature golfing fun.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Note: Time Estimates include 30 mins. for the first section of the agenda (Mayor's Announcements, etc. through the Consent Calendar) and 15 mins. for the last section (Future Agenda Items through Adjournment).

July 16, 2013 - (Time Est. – 2 hrs 20 mins)

Closed Session:

Study Session:

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent

Award of Contact-Construction FY11-12 Areas 3 & 5 Resid. Streets Imp. Project Phase II

Authorize Transfer of Land from LA County for San Ramon Canyon Storm Drain Project

Authorize Purchase of Land from Richards Trust

Award Professional Services Agreement for Stormwater Master Plan

Award Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract

Award Professional Services Agreement for Citywide Street Lighting Audit

Public Hearings

Storm Drain User Fee (15 mins)

Code Amendment – Fence Wall and Hedge Permit Clarification (15 mins)

Annual CMP Certification (5 mins)

Regular Business

Approve Work Plans for Committees for FY13-14 (15 mins)

PV Transit Dial-a-Ride (15 mins)

Options for Reinstating the Equestrian Committee (30 mins)

July 30, 2013 (Adj. Reg. Meeting) - (Time Est. –)

Closed Session:

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent

Public Hearings

Regular Business

August 6, 2013 - (Time Est. – 1 hr 15 mins)

Closed Session:

Study Session:

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent

Border Issues Status Report

Public Hearings

Code Amendment – Walls Along Arterials (15 mins)

Regular Business

Agreement with Tyler for Financial Software (15 mins)

August 20, 2013 - (Time Est. –)

Closed Session:

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent

Award Pavement Striping Maintenance Contract

Public Hearings

Regular Business

September 3, 2013 - (Time Est. –)

Closed Session:

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent

Public Hearings

Regular Business

September 17, 2013 - (Time Est. –)

Closed Session:

Study Session:

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

**Consent
Public Hearings
Regular Business**

Future Agenda Items (Identified at Council Meetings)

July 3, 2012 – Consideration of Implementation of a Wireless Master Plan (Campbell) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

August 21, 2012 – Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline (Duhovic) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Mayor Pro Tem.]

City Maintenance Yard – View, Location and Safety Issues (Campbell) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

November 20, 2012 – Compensation Value Model for Senior Management (Misetich) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

March 19, 2013 – Explore outreach program to residents to incorporate 100% participation in Neighborhood Watch Program (Misetich) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

April 2, 2013 - Transparency regarding Labor Negotiations (Campbell) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

Revisit Policy regarding Naming of Public Facilities and establish a protocol for acknowledging the passing of former City officials, civic leaders, and military personnel (Campbell) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

Revisiting the Skateboarding Ordinance (Brooks) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Mayor.]

April 30, 2013 – Council Allocations & Expense Reimbursement (Brooks) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Mayor.]

June 4, 2013 – Utilization of an independent third party, such as Kosmont, to review and address the issues raised regarding the San Ramon Project Change Order (Duhovic)
Clean-up language regarding the City Council Rules of Procedure (Campbell)

Future Agenda Items Agendized or Otherwise Being Addressed



RPVTV Channel 33 Programming Schedule Guide

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Week of 06/12/13 - 06/18/13
Wednesday through Tuesday

6:00 AM - 6:30 AM	Peninsula Fitness with DeDe Daniels	3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Playing the Field: Long Beach Grand Prix
6:30 AM - 7:00 AM	Cardio Strength Stretch - Moderate to Rigorous Exercise Routines	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Peninsula Beat - Peninsula Local News - PV Street Fair 2013 - RPV City Budget - Donald Trump - Cancer Support Community - Ride to Fly & Freedom 4U
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Peninsula Beat - Peninsula Local News - PV Street Fair 2013 - RPV City Budget - Donald Trump - Cancer Support Community - Ride to Fly & Freedom 4U	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	RPV City Talk - RPV's 40th Anniversary Gala Celebration at Terranea Resort
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	RPV City Talk - RPV's 40th Anniversary Gala Celebration at Terranea Resort	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Peninsula Fitness with DeDe Daniels
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	RPV City Talk - Mayor Susan Brooks June 2013	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Cardio Strength Stretch - Moderate to Rigorous Exercise Routines
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	RPV City Talk - Mayor Susari Brooks June 2013	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Peninsula Beat - Peninsula Local News - PV Street Fair 2013 - RPV City Budget - Donald Trump - Cancer Support Community - Ride to Fly & Freedom 4U
09:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Playing the Field: Long Beach Grand Prix	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	RPV City Talk - RPV's 40th Anniversary Gala Celebration at Terranea Resort
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Playing the Field: Long Beach Grand Prix	7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Peninsula Seniors: Santa Fe 2013 Steam Locomotive/ L.A. Fireboat #2
10:00 AM - 10:30AM	The Palos Verdes Peninsula Coordinating Council May 2013 Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Peninsula Seniors (continued)
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	The Palos Verdes Peninsula Coordinating Council May 2013 Meeting	8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Peninsula Beat - Peninsula Local News - PV Street Fair 2013 - RPV City Budget - Donald Trump - Cancer Support Community - Ride to Fly & Freedom 4U
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	RPV City Talk - Mayor Susan Brooks June 2013	8:30 PM - 9:00 PM	RPV City Talk - RPV's 40th Anniversary Gala Celebration at Terranea Resort
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	RPV City Talk - Mayor Susan Brooks June 2013	9:00 PM - 9:30 PM	RPV City Talk - Mayor Susan Brooks June 2013
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Peninsula Seniors: Red Car History - Bob Henry	9:30 PM - 10:00 PM	RPV City Talk - Mayor Susan Brooks June 2013
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Peninsula Seniors (continued)	10:00 PM - 10:30 PM	The City of Rancho Palos Verdes Planning Commission Meeting June 11th, 2013
1:00 PM - 1:30PM	Peninsula Beat - Peninsula Local News - PV Street Fair 2013 - RPV City Budget - Donald Trump - Cancer Support Community - Ride to Fly & Freedom 4U	10:30 PM - 11:00 PM	The City of Rancho Palos Verdes Planning Commission Meeting June 11th, 2013
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	RPV City Talk - RPV's 40th Anniversary Gala Celebration at Terranea Resort	11:00 PM - 11:30 PM	The City of Rancho Palos Verdes Planning Commission Meeting June 11th, 2013
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	The Palos Verdes Peninsula Coordinating Council May 2013 Meeting	11:30 PM - 12:00 AM	The City of Rancho Palos Verdes Planning Commission Meeting June 11th, 2013
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	The Palos Verdes Peninsula Coordinating Council May 2013 Meeting	12:00 AM - 1:00 AM	Community Announcements
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Playing the Field: Long Beach Grand Prix	1:00 AM - 6:00 AM	Community Announcements



PVPTV35 Programming Schedule Guide
Week of 06/17/13 to 06/23/13

Monday, June 17

3:00PM

Palos Verdes Library Dist.

6:00PM

PVP Coordinating Council

7:00PM

PVPUSD Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 18

7:00PM

City of RPV City Council Meeting - Live

Wednesday, June 19

7:30PM

City of PVE City Council Meeting, 6/11/13

Thursday, June 20

7:00PM

Friday, June 21

6:00PM

PVP Land Conservancy Nature Walk

7:00PM

City of RPV City Council Meeting , 6/18/13

Saturday, June 22

10:00 AM

City of PVE Planning Commission, 6/18/13

7:00PM

City of RPV Planning Commission, 6/11/13

Sunday, June 23

7:00PM

City of RPV City Council Meeting , 6/18/13

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT- LOMITA STATION
REPORTED CRIMES & ARRESTS BETWEEN 6/2/2013 - 6/8/2013**

LOMITA:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
BURGLARY (VEHICLE)	13-01986	1712	6/2/13-6/3/13	2130-0630	1800 BLK 256TH ST	UNK	"DEWALT" DRILL	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
BURGLARY	13-01992	1713	2/28/13-6/3/13	1200-1600	1800 BLK PV DR NORTH	UNLOCKED STORAGE SHED	"SNAP-ON" 4 DRAWER TOOL BOX, MISC HAND TOOLS	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN.
BURGLARY (RESIDENTIAL)	13-02016	1713	6/5/13	0730-1545	1900 BLK VIA MADONNA DR	BATHROOM WINDOW WAS OPEN AND WINDOW SCREEN REMOVED	MISC WOMEN'S JEWELRY	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
BURGLARY (RESIDENTIAL)	13-02020	1713	6/5/13	0630-1700	1800 BLK 261ST ST	BEDROOM WINDOW LEFT OPENED	PINK GLASS PIGGY BANK W/\$5, (40) \$1 GOLD COINS, "XBOX" W/CONTROLLER, MISC VIDEO GAMES, "DELL" LAPTOP, "TISSOT" WOMEN'S WATCH SIL & GLD W/WHI FACE	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
GRAND THEFT (AUTO)	13-02046	1712	6/6/13	2350-1700	253RD ST / WALNUT ST	UNK	2006 BRO CHEVY SILVERADO P/U	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
GRAND THEFT (BICYCLE)	13-02059	1713	6/7/13-6/8/13	1700-1500	1800 BLK 261ST ST	N/A	CUSTOM MADE MOUNTAIN BICYCLE BLK	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
ARRESTS: DRUGS-1								

RANCHO PALOS VERDES:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
GRAND THEFT (AUTO)	13-01982	1738	6/2/13	0500	TERRANEA WAY	UNK	2008 BLU NISSAN ROGUE SUV	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
GRAND THEFT	13-02012	1747	6/5/13	0700-0820	28000 BLK MONTEREINA DR	N/A	"NIKON" MODEL D300 CAMERA W/"NIKKUR" BRAND CAMERA LENS	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
BURGLARY / FORGERY	13-02013	1746	6/5/13	1046	28300 BLK WESTERN AV	N/A	FORGED CHECKS	SUSPECT ARRESTED. SUSP KNOWS VICT.
PETTY THEFT (UNLOCKED VEHICLE)	13-02050	1744	6/6/13-6/7/13	2330-0730	1900 BLK 1ST ST	UNLOCKED VEH	2012 C.I.F. RING-HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP PV HIGH SCHOOL, PLAID MEN'S SWEATER BLK/BRO, "RAY BAN" SUNGLASSES	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN. VEH PARKED IN DRIVEWAY.
GRAND THEFT (RESIDENCE)	13-02070	1745	6/1/13-6/7/13	0800-1700	6400 BLK VIA CANADA DR	N/A	RUBY RED W/DIAMONDS WOMEN'S RING, EMERALD GRN W/DIAMONDS WOMEN'S RING	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN

GRAND THEFT (AUTO)	13-02041	1739	6/6/2013	1400-1440	6400 BLK CHARTRES DR	UNK	1987 WHI TOYOTA P/U, "HONDA" LAWNMOWER, "ECHO" CHAINSAW, "ECHO" BLOWER, "ASTRON" HEDGE TRIMMER	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN. VEH RECOVERED.
ARRESTS: BURGLARY/FORGERY-1, BATTERY ON PEACE OFFICER-1, DEPENDENT/ADULT NEGLECT-1								

ROLLING HILLS:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
PETTY THEFT	13-01981	1760	6/1/13-6/2/13	1630-1100	WRANGLER RD	N/A	REMOTE TO RANGE ROVER, \$5 IN MISC COINS	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN. VEH PARKED IN DRIVEWAY.
NO ARRESTS DURING THIS TIME								

ROLLING HILLS ESTATES:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
PETTY THEFT	13-02003	1724	6/3/13	1150-1215	27100 BLK SILVER SPUR RD	N/A	"APPLE" IPHONE 5 WHI W/CASE	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
ARRESTS: DRUGS-1								

SAN PEDRO:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
NO CRIMES DURING THIS TIME								
ARRESTS: DRUGS-1								

WESTFIELD:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
PETTY THEFT (UNLOCKED VEHICLE)	13-01983	1754	6/1/13-6/2/13	1800-0700	27100 BLK SUNNYRIDGE RD	UNLOCKED VEHICLE	SUNGLASSES IN "MAUI JIM" CASE, "GARMIN" NUVI GPS, "APPLE" USB CORD, GRAY EAR BUDS FOR IPHONE, MEN'S EYE GLASSES, PORTABLE "I-HOME" RADIO-IPOD PLAYER	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
BURGLARY (RESIDENTIAL)	13-01991	1754	5/31/13-6/3/13	1500-1430	26700 BLK EASTVALE RD	BEDROOM DOOR PRIED, REAR WINDOW PRIED	NOTHING TAKEN	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
PETTY THEFT (UNLOCKED VEHICLE)	13-02052	1754	6/6/13-6/7/13	1700-1000	27500 BLK SUNNYRIDGE RD	UNLOCKED VEHICLE	(10) MISC MUSIC CDs, BRO 8X5 TACKLE BOX, MISC FISHING ACCESSORIES AS REELS, WEIGHTS, KNIVES, HOOKS	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN

NORTHWEST ADVOCATE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL • JUNE 2013

LA Waterfront Summer Festival August 3-4; Help Celebrate San Pedro's 125 Years



San Pedro is celebrating its 125th birthday this year. You may have noticed all of the wonderful historic displays in the store windows in downtown San Pedro.

San Pedro was incorporated March 1, 1888. At that time, there were only a handful of cities in the Los Angeles area. San Pedro's history of immigration and industry is the story of Southern California.

As part of the celebration, the San Pedro Historic Waterfront District is holding the LA Waterfront Summer Festival. This free event will be filled with activities for the entire family, including two days of live music featuring a tribute to rock n' roll, delicious foods, carnival rides and games, artisans and crafters, community booths, and a craft beer competition and tasting garden.

The Festival is happening on Saturday, August 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sixth Street between Pacific Avenue and Center Street.

For general event information, please email info@sanpedroBID.com.

Ponte Vista Update

Actually, this is more like a non-update. The NWSPNC has raised a number of concerns with the councilman, planning department, and property owner regarding this project including the fact that 830 units is still too dense, particularly in light of the projection of a 20-percent increase in peak hour traffic.

In addition, there will also be a significant increase in "red light time" for those using Western Avenue since the signals at Avenida Aprenda and at Green Hills/John Montgomery Drive will be adjusted to allow residents to enter and exit the project. A new signal will be installed at Peninsula Verde Drive, further slowing traffic on Western Avenue.

Other significant concerns include the lack of public open space and covering over the riparian area. We have called for the project to have public (not gated) roads and onsite amenities that could help reduce the need to drive absolutely everywhere. Our full comments are available on our website at www.nwsanpedro.org.

We are awaiting the next iteration of the developer's plan and will post updated information on our website and Facebook page as it becomes available. We anticipate that a public hearing on this project will be held in late summer or early fall.

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to express your opinion on the proposed project via e-mail to councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org with a copy to board@nwsanpedro.org.

Science Center Open for Summer

The Christensen Science Center, located at 2201 Barrywood (behind Home Depot) is a world away for children. Operated by LAUSD, the Center is free and open to the community Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and some Saturdays. It provides a great opportunity for children to get up and personal with a variety of animals including turkeys, ducks, geese, chickens, albino squirrels, a giant hog, goats, and a pony, etc. There is also an indoor room with many reptiles and other exhibits and two freshwater ponds containing crayfish and catfish.

Although LAUSD failed to find an outside organization to fund and operate the Center, they did locate the funds to keep it open at least for one more year. The center is in need of volunteers to help with maintenance, particularly in the garden. The community is welcome to drop by at any time, although children must be accompanied by an adult. Family picnics are welcome. To find out if the Center is open on a specific Saturday or to volunteer, contact Laurence.Daniel@lausd.net or call (310) 832-7573.



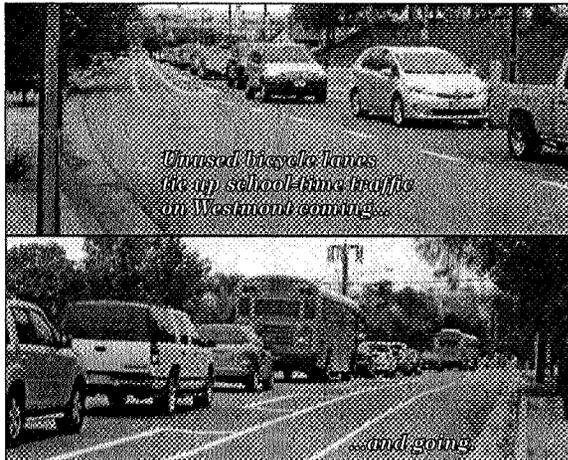
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Bicycle Lanes Snarl Traffic

If there is one thing that Pedrans don't like, it is traffic! Recently this issue became the central focus of anger for residents and users of Capital and Westmont as the addition of bicycle lanes was done without any notice and at the expense of car lanes, snarling traffic and creating dangerous conditions, particularly at the intersection of Westmont and Taper.

The NWSPNC responded immediately with calls to the council office and adoption of a resolution calling on the councilman and city to do the following:

1. That prior to any restriping that would result in a reduction in lanes for cars, the community and the impacted neighborhood council be consulted and that adequate notice be given to the community prior to initiation of any future work; and

2. That the council office establish a task force to further examine the impacts at all intersections and develop recommendations within 30 days for possible alleviation of the problems, said task force should at a minimum contain representatives of Taper, Mary Star of the Sea, Department of Transportation, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, San Pedro Homeowners United, a cyclist, and representatives of at least one of the HOAs from the Gardens;

3. The Planning Department and Department of Transportation re-analyze the traffic impacts of the proposed Ponte Vista project to incorporate the new (but previously planned) road configurations and revise the draft EIR and traffic study accordingly.

Subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, the councilman scheduled a town hall meeting to discuss the issue. This article was written prior to that meeting, so the outcome is not known. However, we will continue to press for some type of relief such as a sharrow lane (shared bicycle/car lane) which has been successfully used in many other cities. We are not alone in our concerns. Similar issues are popping up in other cities and other parts of Los Angeles.

Stay tuned!

Leonel Santiago is NWSPNC Youth Service Award Recipient

Each year, the NWSPNC recognizes a young person from our community who has shown exemplary community service and presents them with \$500, courtesy of Phillips 66. This year, we are proud to present the NWSPNC Service Award to Leonel Santiago.

In spite of a tumultuous early childhood, Leo has been able to earn a 3.6 GPA and will be attending UC Santa Barbara in the fall.

He wants get a masters in forensic psychology after a bachelors in psychology and anthropology. He hopes to work for the FBI or DEA. He thanks the Boys and Girls Club for influencing his life and helping to make him the fine young man that he is today.

Leo defines community service as "always to give back to the community, to volunteer to help others who need us the most, and make the community a better place for others to live in and enjoy. Serving my community has always been an important aspect in my life. Giving back to the community is important because it helps people attain leadership skills, but more importantly it allows people to make a difference in the community and in people's life."

This past year, he volunteered 965 hours at the Boys and Girls Club and his school. He served as a math tutor and was very active in the College Bound program. Once he realized that the middle school children had no male volunteers, he decided that was where he was most needed.

After his degrees, he plans to come back and volunteer again at the Boys and Girls Club and at schools to help them provide more resources for at risk children and families.

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Deals with youth, education, and community engagement.

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Deals with traffic and transportation, parks, community beautification, and other issues not covered by specific committees.

Planning and Land Use Committee
Deals with planning and land use issues.

Port Committee
Deals with port-related issues and advises our representatives on Port Community Advisory Committee.

Safety and Security
Deals with community safety, emergency preparedness, and evacuation planning.

If you are interested in being a member of any of these committees, please e-mail your contact information to board@nwsanpedro.org.

The NWSPNC Governing Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Peck Park Auditorium, 560 North Western Avenue

**Cirque du Soleil
Totem Show in San Pedro
October 11-27**

President's Corner

By Diana Nave, President

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is celebrating its 12th birthday this year. A lot has happened during the past 12 years and there is much more to do. Some of the highlights for me have been:

- Getting rid of the Kinder Morgan tanks, now being replaced by houses;
- Positively impacting the design and landscaping of the Target Store (Ever notice that they do not have a tall sign?);
- Getting the landscaping and multi-purpose path along North Gaffey (eventually this will connect under the freeway to a path along North Pacific/Harbor Boulevard);
- Getting the Prop. O funding and refurbishment for Peck Park Canyon;
- Stopping the proposed 2,300 homes at Ponte Vista (although we are still working to reduce the proposed 830 units even further);
- Sponsoring two youth employment events;
- Sponsoring two emergency preparedness fairs and two CERT classes;
- Approval for a new skate park at Peck Park scheduled to begin construction soon.

Key to achieving all of these things has been the partnerships we have formed with various groups along the way.

I am a little nostalgic as I write this because I will be stepping down as president as of July 1. I will continue to be active on the board, but it is

time for new leadership to emerge. It has been my privilege to serve as your president.

It has been challenging and rewarding. I have had the opportunity to interact with many interesting people and deepen my understanding and love for our community.

This Council is your Council and I hope you will get involved in our work. Some of the projects we are working on include:

- Ponte Vista;
- Butane tanks;
- Resolving the traffic problems created by the bicycle lanes on Westmont and Capital;
- Continuation of the North Gaffey Green Belt;
- Planning Pathways to Employment for 2014;
- Supporting the Science Center;
- Working with other neighborhood councils to create an alternative forum to the Port Community Advisory Committee, which was disbanded by the Port.

I encourage your attendance at our monthly meetings and at committee meetings where we go into more discussion of issues and formulate positions for consideration by the board. We are here to represent and involve you. Let us know your interests and concerns board@nwsanpedro.org.



Meet David Rivera, Volunteer Extraordinaire



David Rivera was involved in the formation of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council and was one of the first board members. Although no longer a member of the board, he continues to give tirelessly of his time.

If you have attended one of our meetings, you have probably seen him.

He is our official greeter. He also is the person responsible for posting all of our meeting notices and serves as chair of our Bylaws and Elections Committee and a member of the Planning and Land Use and Issues committees.

A lifelong resident of San Pedro, David served in the California National Guard while attend-

ing high school and then in the U.S. Army. He is retired from the Postal Service as a letter carrier and served as the union representative during his postal employment.

Upon his retirement, he became active in several organizations, serving as board member of the San Pedro Homeowners Union. He is also a San Pedro Community and Senior Center advisory board, member of the local Selective Service System board (inactive), and an active usher leader at Rolling Hills Covenant Church. Married to Olga Rivera, David is an avid L.A. Angels fan. Join us in thanking David for all that he does for our community.

Diana Nave Honored by San Pedro Rotary

NWSPNC President Diana Nave was recently honored by the Rotary Club of San Pedro at their Community Heroes Dinner as the John M. Olguin Community Leader of the Year.

In presenting this award to her, the Club noted her work as president of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, and her past work as chief youth advocate for the City of Los Angeles and past board member of the International Trade Education Programs, Rainbow Services, and Harbor Interfaith Services.

The Club also honored Karen Yoshioka, teacher at Willenberg Education Center as Educator of the Year; Livianos Pilitis as Port Police Officer of the Year; Dan Ibarra as LAPD Officer of the Year; Elizabeth Solorio as Student of the Year; Captain Ernie Ojeda as Firefighter of the Year, and the San Pedro Fish Market as Business of the Year.

The NWSPNC salutes these Community Heroes who have given so much to our community in so many different ways.

Girl Scouts Recognize NWSPNC Board Member Laurie Jacobs

NWSPNC Board Member Laurie Jacobs recently received the Girl Scout "Appreciation Pin" from the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles. This pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Laurie received the award for her work as the Team Building Games chairperson for a three-day "Camporee" attended by over 6,000 Girl Scouts.

Laurie, a former Girl Scout herself, is a troop leader of 10 Daisy Scouts (first graders) and three Ambassador Scouts (12th graders), member of the Gold Award committee, member of the San Pedro Service Unit of Leaders, and the Fall Product program chair.

Laurie says that one of the reasons she chose to be on the neighborhood council was to demonstrate to all Girl Scouts the importance of being involved in local community actions as well as to help partner our council's community efforts with the Girl Scout organization.

Laurie defines her motivation by citing the Girl Scouts "Making a Difference". This motto also describes the actions of our neighborhood council.

At the same time, the San Pedro Girl Scout Service Unit received the Presidents Award from the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles for meeting goals in membership, fund development and visibility while reflecting diversity and practicing inclusive behavior.

Spay Neuter Project Los Angeles Announces June Specials

Spay Neuter Project Los Angeles, 957 North Gaffey Street (adjacent to the animal shelter), recently announced their June Specials: \$50 dog neuters, \$15 cat neuters and \$25 cat spays. These offers are limited to weekdays and do not include feral cats. Call (310) 574-5555 to make an appointment. For more information or to volunteer, go to www.snpla.org.

State Senate Update

By Roderick D. Wright
Senator, 35th District

As I write this, we have reached the point in the legislative session where bills introduced in the Senate must have already passed all of their policy committees in our house. Those bills which have a fiscal impact must soon clear Senate Appropriations Committee and head to the Senate floor, or we will have to wait until next year to take them up again.

Bills which have a fiscal impact that outweighs any public benefit are likely to get held up at this point in the process, as it should be. If a bill costs more than it is worth, there is clearly work left to be done.

I have identified a number of bills which I consider priority bills for getting through fiscal committee to the Senate floor for the public benefit they will provide. I want to tell you briefly about a few of them: Senate bills 60, 366, 470 and 530.

Senate Bill 60 seeks to protect elderly victims of financial exploitation. Many predators see the elderly as "easy targets" for financial scams and try to take advantage of their perceived loneliness, isolation or vulnerability.

In fact, Adult Protective Services investigates some 1,600 cases of suspected elder financial abuse in California each month. This bill adds the elderly and dependent adult victims of financial exploitation to the list of those eligible for compensation through the Victims Compensation Fund.

Senate Bill 366 asks that traffic courts take into consideration the low-income status of defendants in complying with judgments. A little discretion at the court level, including options for reduced fines or community service in lieu of fines, can keep low-income traffic offenders from losing driving privileges and, potentially, the ability to work to support their families and to pay their fines.

Senate Bill 530 also attempts to protect residents' ability to secure and maintain employment. The bill updates a law created pre-WWII to protect individuals whose prior criminal record has been expunged from discrimination in employment and housing. Under the measure, eligible individuals could now more easily obtain a certificate of rehabilitation to demonstrate their employability.

Senate Bill 470 would help fill a gaping hole created in communities by the short-sighted elimination of redevelopment agencies. The bill would provide legal authority for local governments to engage in economic development activities using local funds, helping to create jobs, promote transit-oriented development, assist with affordable housing and spur much-needed economic growth.

These bills and others are at a critical point in the Legislature. By the end of May, all Senate bills must make their way to the Assembly or become two-year bills. June 'til mid-July will be focused on the state budget and Assembly policy committee hearings, with the second half of August returning to fiscal consideration of Senate bills in the Assembly.

You can follow the progress of these bills, keep up with the many events taking place in the 35th Senate District and contact my office with your questions or concerns by visiting my website at <http://sd35.senate.ca.gov/>.

Johnston Community Day School Graduates Record Number

Johnston (formerly Cooper) Community Day School, located on Taper Avenue, celebrated the largest number graduates in its 52-year history!

In the past seven years, they have gone from two or three graduates per year to over 30 graduates this year. For a small school of 180 at-risk students who were not succeeding at their regular schools, this is a big deal.

How has this been possible? According to Principal, Barbara Politz, there are several reasons why more students are succeeding:

- Amazingly talented, dedicated, caring, and hard-working staff members.
- Resilient, 'never say die' students who refuse to give up.
- Families who will not take no for an answer when their child doesn't want to get out of bed in the morning.
- The support of Los Angeles Unified

School District who guides, directs, and nurtures us to greatness and provides us with the financial resources and staff to get the job done.

• A neighborhood community which cares about and supports us.

Principal Politz says, "To our friends in the NWPNC area, we appreciate that our students don't just matter to us and their families, but that they matter to you as well. You are one of our stakeholders. Our students' success is your success, too."

"You have given your support to our school for years by allowing our school to be located in one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in San Pedro, and by sending us volunteers, finances, and patience as our students have

grown into the productive individuals we knew they could become.

"You have given us informal supervision on the streets around our school, phone calls when we needed to redirect a student, struggled with us the year that we lost our bus transportation, financially sponsored our graduation reception, and provided our students with viable opportunities to participate in the San Pedro Student Job Fair.

"In short, you have embraced our school and we are grateful for all that you have done and will continue to do for us! Thank you for being there for us."

For more information, see www.johnstonnews.wikispaces.com.

What's Coming Up at Peck Park

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2013 - 9 Weeks of Day Camp June 10-August 9. The camp is a supervised recreational program for children 5-12 years of age. Camp includes a variety of games, sports, arts/crafts, field trips and special events all centered around a weekly theme. Camp hours are Monday-Friday 7:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Cost for full time (five days) is \$150 per week plus a one time \$20 registration fee. Full time includes weekly field trip and lunch daily. Various part-time options are available. Contact the recreation office at (310) 548-7580 for more information.

SUMMER TEEN TRAVEL CAMP 2013 - Teen travel camp is for ages 11-14. Five weeks of camp are planned this summer—June 24 to July 26. Teens travel every day to amusement parks, sporting events, and area attractions. Weekly fee is \$145 or \$45 per day.

TENNIS LESSONS SUMMER 2013 - Learn the game of tennis. Beginning and Intermediate level lessons are available. Classes are available for ages 6 to 99. One-hour class per week, 10-week session. Fee is \$75. For specific class times, please contact Peck Park at (310) 548-7580.

COED FLAG FOOTBALL 2013 - Don't miss the 2013 Flag Football season for ages 5-13. Online registration begins August 1, walk-in registration begins August 10. Fee is \$115 and includes uniform, game fees, trophy and park staff. Practices begin in September, games in October.

Welcome, New Business!

Canine Retreat is a cage-free dog boarding, dog daycare and dog training center. Under the watchful eye of loving attendants, dogs play all day while learning social skills and interacting with other dogs.

At night, dogs are cage-free and curl up with each other on comfy dog beds. The boarding and daycare areas are safe since only non-aggressive dogs are accepted. The over-sized doggy daycare areas are full of features to keep your dog happy including tunnels, ramps, slides, dog houses and dog beds.

For more information, check out their website at www.canineretreat.com.

Thank You, Youth Workshop Donors!

A recent Saturday morning found more than 125 San Pedro youth participating in a variety of workshops about what it takes to get a job, interacting with local employers, and participating in practice interviews.

NWPNC thanks the San Pedro Rotary Club and the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation for co-sponsoring this event. We also thank the following employers and individuals for giving of their time to help the youth of our community:

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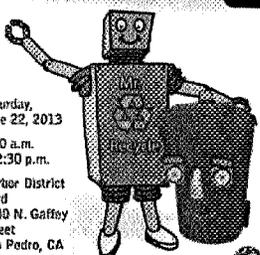
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Summer's Coming, Get Involved! Day Out with the Kids

By Cassidy Feltenberger
Youth Member, NWSPPNC

Finally the highly anticipated summer 2013 has arrived, and it is surely going to live up to all of the hype. San Pedro's youth will soon be cascading down the berm and into the cool waters of Cabrillo beach. They will be laying their towels down at local pools and munching on popcorn at discount Tuesday and Thursday night movies.

If these kids are anything like me, this past school year has felt like an eternity and while I have learned quite a lot, nothing can compare to the feelings of relief and excitement that will rush through me once I dig my toes into the sands of summertime.

The past few months have been hectic for young people of all ages. Middle school students have spent the past 10 months preparing for high school, just as elementary school students prepare for middle school.

High school students have spent hours on end trying to balance school, sports, and various other extracurricular activities. And of course, I cannot leave out the excitement that is running through the veins of countless local college bound scholars who just recently received their letters of acceptance from dream schools across the nation.

It seems there is no end to the variety of talent that exists here in San Pedro. Despite this variety, we have all shared that relentless desire for those salty summer days that are quickly approaching, and I hope this summer brings more opportunities for us than we ever could have imagined.

Now whether you are a high school graduate

preparing to embark on a journey through higher education or a timid middle school student just beginning to experience the challenges that school and life bring, I enthusiastically encourage you to get involved in our community this summer.

There are so many opportunities for young people here in San Pedro to get involved through community service, occupational experience, and even local entertainment. San Pedro is a very close-knit community with an extensive support network, especially for our youth.

As someone who took advantage of this great network, I know first-hand that the youth of our community truly has no boundaries. While learning may seem like the last thing you want to think about this summer, you may spark an interest that will burn in your heart for years to come.

Please check out some of these websites and the opportunities they provide. I hope to see many young San Pedrans out in the community this summer, and I have hope that summer 2013 will be the best one yet!

These websites are just a few of the activities and events in San Pedro that will be open to youth this summer. Check them out!

www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org/
www.bgclaharbor.org/
www.musicbythesea.org/
www.scalawagproductionco.org/
<http://nwsanpedro.org/>
www.laparks.org/dos/reccenter/facility/peckPark-Ctr.htm

By Bob Bryant

Pack your lunch and climb aboard the Red Car for a fun day out. Park at the 22nd Street Red Car Station for free. The Red Car operates from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m., Friday to Sunday and cost \$1.00 per person for all day. Children under six are free.

Exit at the downtown station. If it is a Saturday, walk across Harbor Boulevard to the City Hall and visit the Old Fire Station 36 Museum, located on the Harbor Boulevard side of the building between Sixth and Seventh streets; http://www.lafdmuseum.org/museum_sanpedro. Open to the public between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. It is free to all.

Go back to the Red Car Station and visit the Maritime Museum in the old ferry building to see the wonderful stories of the San Pedro coast and its history from the old canneries and the fishing industries. This will cost \$3 per adult. Children are free. <http://www.lamaritimemuseum.org/>

While you are there, walk north to visit the Fire Boat station in the round-topped brick building. Just north of the building, you can see the old fireboat sitting outside.

Then get back on the Red Car, or walk along the promenade past the battleship Iowa, to the Fanfare Fountains' free water show. It runs every 30 minutes from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and every 10 minutes from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. and again from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. You can eat your lunch while you are waiting for the show to start. www.portoflosangeles.org/recreation/fountain.asp

Remember, you can ride the Red Car all day for that dollar. All of this for a family with two adults and two children cost \$10 for a whole day. What a great deal!

On another day, visit the Point Fermin area. In Point Fermin Park, you can visit the light house www.pointferminlighthouse.org/, attend a free Shakespeare play, www.shakespearebythesea.org, or listen to a free concert (Sunday afternoons), www.musicbythesea.org.

Across from Point Fermin Park, Angel's Gate Park includes the Korean Bell, Animal Care Center, O Gauge Railroad Club, and art gallery, www.angelsgateart.org, all of which is free.

While you are there, you might also want to visit the Fort MacArthur Museum <http://www.ftmac.org>. (admission charged).

Then go to Cabrillo Beach, visit the Aquarium, wetlands, and tidepools. <http://www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org/>. The big cost on this trip is parking at the beach. If you don't mind a little walk, you can park for free on the street.

Enjoy your time together!

Shakespeare by the Sea FREE!

Coming to Point Fermin Park Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.

All's Well That Ends Well: June 6, 7, 8, 20, 22, 28, August 10

King John: June 13, 14, 15, 21, 27, 29, August 9

Due to the Paseo Del Mar landslide, you must take Gaffey Street to the park. There is no access off Paseo Del Mar from Western Avenue.

It will most likely be chilly and probably a little windy, dress accordingly. Bench seating is available or you may set up chairs or blankets on the side. Limited food is available or bring your own picnic. What a great way to spend the evening! For more information, visit www.shakespearebythesea.org/wp.

Stay up to date on the issues!

Check out our website ...

www.nwsanpedro.org

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- Food Trucks and Beer Garden • Dodgers Street Team
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City Manager's Office

May 31, 2013

Ms. Susan Brooks, Mayor
City of Rancho Palos Verdes
30940 Hawthorne Blvd
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

RE: Crestridge Senior Condominium Community (Trumark application May 21st approval)

Dear Mayor Brooks,

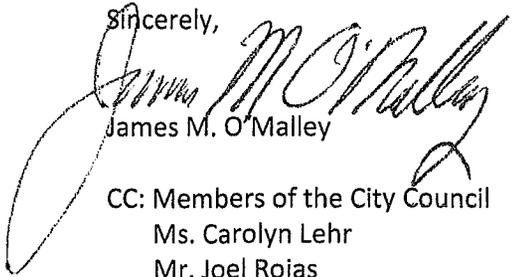
Please excuse the delay in me getting back to you this sincere thank you note pursuant to the Trumark application and your City/Staff efforts and pro business performance.

Of the many years I have been involved in development applications, and the entitlement process, I must let you know that your City Staff was the best I have ever worked with.

They are polite, professional, candid, creative and fair.

Please provide all of your staff with a hearty "thank you" and a special thank you to Mr. Joel Rojas and the day-to-day operations and efforts of Mr. Eduardo Schonborn, a most exceptional example of your great City.

Sincerely,



James M. O'Malley

CC: Members of the City Council
Ms. Carolyn Lehr
Mr. Joel Rojas
Mr. Eduardo Schonborn



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City Manager's Office

Ms. Carolyn Lehr, City Manager
City of Rancho Palos Verdes
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Dear Ms. Lehr:

At its meeting held June 4, 2013, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with gratitude, the generous donation of a Cargomate Eliminator Trailer, a mobile emergency command post trailer, valued at \$39,376 from the Cities of Lomita, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates, for exclusive use by the Sheriff's Department Lomita Station personnel.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes for this generous donation.

Sincerely,


Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer

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