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Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report
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I. Council Recess:

- a. The City Council is on Summer Recess from Friday, July 4, 2014 to Friday, July 25, 2014. Council will be back in session on Tuesday, July 29, 2014.

II. Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Issues:

- a. **571-573 W. Upland/Feral Cats:** Our office spoke with Lt. Tranzow with Animal Services. He is very familiar with this location, and has been a huge help in the past. On multiple occasions he has met with neighbors to offer services. This location is not considered a hoarding situation and the Health Department has no cause for concern. However, Lt. Tranzow is incredibly sympathetic to the neighbors and will do everything he can to help them. He has agreed to provide unlimited traps, food for the traps and permits FOR FREE. Neighbors can then return the trapped cats to the shelter at 957 N. Gaffey Street, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The number for Animal Services is (213) 485-8755. Make sure to speak with the Lt. or an officer.
1. **June 2014:** As of today, no one has taken Lt. Tranzow up on his offer.
 2. **July 2014:** Lt. Tranzow informed the Council Office that Animal Services is out of traps due to people checking them out and not returning them. The Council Office is working to get additional traps at the shelter.
- b. **Cruise Ship Crews detained from visiting San Pedro:** This is a federal issue. The Department of Homeland Security is the agency that makes this decision. However, not all are prohibited from leaving ship. CD15 has a dialogue with Congresswoman Hahn's office, and are working on getting a response from DHS.
1. **July 2014:** Congresswoman Hahn's office is working with DHS to get a response.
- c. **Harbor Division Jail:** Councilman Buscaino and the LAPD want this to happen. It boils down to funding. Our office is looking into having just the men's side of the jail staffed as it will be half the cost. Currently, we are anticipating the release of the Mayor's budget to see if funding will be allocated to reopen the jail.
1. **July 2014:** Unfortunately this was not funded in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. However, CD15 and LAPD are continually looking for creative ways to get the jail staffed.
- d. **Great Streets Initiative:** This initiative is spearheaded by the Mayor's Office. CM Buscaino will support any Great Street in CD15 that also has

community support. Additionally, the Great Streets Initiative will bring all City initiatives under one umbrella for the streets that are chosen. There will be a series of meetings hosted by the Mayor's Office informing folks about the program and how to be engaged.

1. **July 2014:** CD15 will work with the Mayor's Office to determine next steps for this Initiative, as well as coordinating with LANI and the Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan.

e. Parklets: San Pedro is not being left out of a new urban development. Basically, a private business/property owner must be willing to pay for the permitting, design and build-out for a parklet. The challenge here is twofold: these parklets can cost upwards of \$30K and public space status must be maintained. Also, anyone can do it and this program is ready to go.

1. **July 2014:** PBID has submitted a number of applications for parklets. They are currently waiting for a response from the Department of City Planning on the status of these applications.

f. Lilyan Fierman Walkway: LANI, along with CD15, hosted their first community workshop on Friday, March 7, 2014. I sit on the Project Steering Committee.

1. **June 2014:** Studio 111 is revising the designs to meet the community feedback. They should have an updated design by the end of next week for review.
2. **July 2014:** Steering Committee is in process of reviewing the revised update. LANI will obtain construction permits after Steering Committee is finished reviewing to begin work on the Walkway.

g. Sidewalk Vending Ordinance:

1. On November 6, 2013, Councilman Buscaino seconded a motion co-presented by Councilmembers Huizar and Price directing the Chief Legislative Analyst, Bureau of Street Services, City Attorney and County of Los Angeles to prepare and present a report with recommendations on possible regulation that could effectively permit and regulate *food street vending* on City sidewalks and parkways.
2. On May 13, 2014, the Chief Legislative Analyst presented the report to the Economic Development Committee. The Committee continued the report for 90 days pending an additional report from the CLA. The report is also pending in the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee.
3. Reports/additional documents will be provided upon request.

III. Legislative Update:

a. Council 06.17.14

1. Councilman Buscaino introduced a Resolution supporting AB 47 (Gatto) which would authorize law enforcement to agencies to issue an alert through the existing Emergency Alert System to notify the public of the specific description of a vehicle suspected of being involved in a hit-and-run when a person has been seriously injured or killed ("Yellow Alert").

b. Council 06.20.14

1. Councilman Buscaino introduced a Motion authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Street Services (or his designee) to receive and deposit funds from the Harbor Department for the Harbor Boulevard Resurfacing Project.
2. The Harbor Department has requested construction work to be undertaken by BSS regarding the paving of Harbor Boulevard between Swinford Street and Gulch Road, including roadway striping and replacement of traffic signal loops in the roadbed.
3. This was unanimously approved by the City Council on Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

c. Council 06.24.14

1. Council adopted a report regarding establishing a California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) inspection section on the Los Angeles Fire Department Website.

d. Council 07.02.14

1. Councilman Buscaino seconded a Motion co-presented by Council President Wesson and Councilman Krekorian to create a Sidewalk Repair Fund that is meant to fix nearly 40% of city sidewalks in disrepair.
2. The bulk of the funding (~\$20 million) is from sidewalk repair allocations in this year's budget. The rest of the money comes from unused sidewalk repair funds from last fiscal year.
3. The plan charges city officials to develop a program that puts funds toward sidewalks that are most in need of repair or are the largest sources of liability.
4. This proposal will be considered at a joint meeting of the Budget & Finance and Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee when the City Council returns from summer recess.

IV. Past Hearings:

a. Trade, Commerce & Tourism Committee/Council 06.11.14

1. Will consider the confirmation of Eugene "Gene" Seroka as Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles.
2. Gene Seroka confirmed by TCT Committee and Council unanimously.

b. Zoning Administrator 06.19.14

1. ZA 2014-0919-CUB; 347 W.6th Street; 11:30am
 1. Philie B's Restaurant in Downtown San Pedro
 2. Hearing office took case under advisement after hearing testimony from restaurant owner, his representative, the Council Office and PBID. A written determination will be issued in 4-8 weeks.

V. Past Events

a. Picnic by the Sea

1. Wednesday, June 11, 2014; 10am – 2pm
2. Citywide event sponsored by LARAP

3. Come join us and 1,200 seniors for a day of entertainment, lunch and fun at Point Fermin Park!
 4. Thank you for those who attended!
- b. San Pedro Shred: Festival of Skate II**
1. Saturday, June 14, 2014; 10am – 4pm
 2. Gaffey Street Lookout near the Korean Bell
 3. San Pedro Shred: Festival of Skate is the premier skateboarding festival in the United States where members of the public get to legally and safely skate the streets in San Pedro.
 4. Thank you for those who attended. Over 1,500 participants from all over the region!
- c. Buscaino Lunch Mob at A-1 Italian Deli in San Pedro**
1. As a means to bringing our community together to meet, socialize and get to know each other in an enjoyable lunchtime setting, Councilman Joe Buscaino is inviting you to his monthly "LUNCH MOB." This one will be at the A-1 Italian Deli at 348 W 8th St in San Pedro. "Lunch Mob is meant to bring us together to break bread and get to know our neighbors better. Please join me Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 11:30am so that we can support our local businesses while enjoying each other's company during a casual lunch," said Buscaino.
 2. Located in downtown San Pedro, A-1 Italian Deli is a great authentic Italian market that has been at its location since the 40's. They are as authentic as it gets and offer lots of Italian imports and hard to find things.
 3. We will set up tables and chairs in the park across the street.
 4. Thank you for those who attended and helped support our Monthly Lunch Mob and our local business.
- d. Downtown Harbor Grand Opening**
1. Friday, June 20, 2014; 6pm – 8pm
 2. 6th Street and Harbor Boulevard, San Pedro
 3. Live music from The Riptides, local restaurant food and beverage booths, entertainment and activities
 4. 7pm Opening Ceremony
 5. Thank you to those who attended! The Downtown Harbor is absolutely beautiful.
- e. The 6th Annual Cars and Stripes Forever Car Show**
1. June 27, 2014; 5pm – 10pm
 2. Harbor Blvd. and the Vincent Thomas Bridge
 3. Free admission, free activities, food trucks, beer garden, live music, more than 100 cars on display.
 4. Thank you for those who attended. What a fun event, great classic cars too!