

President's Message

By June Burlingame Smith

Neighborhood activism is alive and well as demonstrated by the 100-plus citizens who turned out to protest the proposed condominium development at 20th and Walker on January 28. Outraged San Pedrans, young and old, addressed the Coastal NC about their plight because of zoning loopholes that would change their neighborhood in ways the residents adamantly opposed.

Gordon Teuber and Frank Hong from Janice Hahn's office were on hand to field questions and give potential solutions. The loud protest reached the ears of the developer, evidently, because he has modified his original proposal. Stay tuned for the end results, but take heart that speaking out strongly on issues that matter to you can bring change and results.

Coastal is also actively involved in the deliberations for a new Angels Gate master plan that was adopted by the steering committee on January 30 (see article on page 8). We are still a ways away from getting the plan adopted because it has to go through an environmental study and response from the Recreation and Parks staff before it goes to the board for approval. We will have updates at our monthly meetings for those who are concerned.

Meetings are a happening thing in San Pedro: city master plan; Bridge to Breakwater; permit parking; and the new proposed Angels Gate High School are some of the more immediate conclaves going on. Give us your e-mail address so that we can continue to update you on all these opportunities to participate in local government, and continue your good work. By coming together, as we have, we can affect change.



The McCowan's market at 20th and Walker is nothing but memories now.

Last McCowan's Market Flattened; Developer Plans Multifamily Units

Neighbors of the McCowan's market at 20th Street and Walker Avenue turned out in droves for the January meeting of the Coastal San Pedro council to protest the planned construction of condominiums on lots where the store once stood.

Although surrounded by an R1-zoned, single-family home neighborhood, the McCowan's property is zoned C1, which would allow 18 units in a three-story building. Residents are opposed to multifamily housing, which is

not compatible with the area.

Councilwoman Janice Hahn does not favor a large-scale development and has moved to rezone the property. Changing the zoning or placing conditions on the site entails a lengthy process and may not happen in enough time to prevent construction.

The developer has offered various proposals for fewer units and is talking with the neighbors and Hahn's staff about a compromise plan.



Buscaino's Beat: Coastal Crime Report

By Senior Lead Officer Joe Buscaino

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Crime Trends: Leave It and Lose It! A Spike in Burglary from Motor Vehicles in San Pedro

Reporting Districts 584 and 585 saw a pattern of overnight burglary from motor vehicles. Unfortunately there are no suspect or suspect vehicle descriptions. The following are the locations where the knuckleheads hit:

- 1300 block of Silvius
- 2700 block of Walker
- 900 block of 11th Street
- 800 block of West 21st Street
- 900 block of West 11th Street
- 1900 block of South Meyler
- 900 block of 18th Street

For up-to-date crime trends in your area, be sure to log into www.lapdcrimemaps.org

Also as a reminder, be sure to follow the basic crime prevention tips and remember if you LEAVE IT, you might LOSE IT!

- Do not leave valuables such as laptop computers, wallets, sunglasses and purses in plain sight. If you have to, then lock these items in the trunk.
- Invest in a steering wheel lock or car alarm system.
- Do not leave your keys in your car.
- Invest in a car alarm.
- Beware of strangers in your neighborhood.

For more crime prevention tips, log on to www.lapdonline.org

Welcome, New Neighborhood Watch Groups

It gives me pleasure to introduce three Neighborhood Watch groups. Dennison Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Reporting District 587) Point Fermin Neighborhood Watch (Reporting District 587) 30th Street Neighborhood Watch (Reporting District 584)

Congratulations, 20th Street Neighborhood Watch!

Due to their continued vigilance, the 20th Street Neighborhood Watch assisted Harbor officers with information leading to the arrest of an active burglar who was breaking into cars in the San Pedro area. Officers working in a plain vehicle spotted the knucklehead, tools in hand, walking along Pacific Avenue breaking into parked cars.

It's amazing what a neighborhood watch can accomplish with a little information sharing and information gathering. Well done!

Start your neighborhood watch today!

San Pedro Peace Vigil

The San Pedro Peace Vigil will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the San Pedro High School Pirate

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