

Busy Days for Coastal Council



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The Los Angeles Unified School District wants to build an 810-seat high school at Angels Gate Park, the Port of Los Angeles wants to build a cruise ship terminal at the southern end of Kaiser Point, Pier 400 is about to become a large receiving terminal for petroleum and possibly LNG in the future, the inner Cabrillo Beach is still being "treated" for pollution, the Clearwater Program is seriously considering tunneling under the heart of San Pedro for a new sewerage outfall tunnel, an entrepreneur wants to open a new 7/11 24-hour business, including alcohol sales, on Pacific Avenue, and we are still working to put together a master plan for Angels Gate Park so that we can avail ourselves of \$2 million for infrastructure improvements in the Park.

In the meantime, thousands of motorcyclists invade Joan Milke Flores Park on a weekend, marathons are held blocking off Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenue, and everyone seems to have discovered just how wonderful Point Fermin Park and Cabrillo Beach are to hold enormous festivals and events.

Wow! Are we ever popular at our end of town. Over the years, Coastal has had some wonderful annual events: Shakespeare by the Sea, Sunday Music in the Park, the Taste of San Pedro, and the Filipino Festival, to name a few. Because of the success of these activities, our public amenities are highly sought after, and we are no longer a well kept secret hiding place.

But our popularity has brought the usual problems of parking, traffic, and law enforcement, too. These are just some of the issues, along with housing development and master planning in the city, Department of Water and Power rates, safety and emergency preparedness issues, and the numerous requests the Coastal Council receives to support youth, art, and educational programs that benefit our populace that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council addresses through its committees and at its general meetings.

Thanks to all of you, the Coastal board has a great reputation as hard working, professional, and effective, and next year will see the Board continue to grow and thrive with your help. The Council will be holding elections for two year terms for a new board will be coming up in October. If any or all of these issues are important to you, consider running for one of the 17 seats, or urge a civic minded activist stakeholder to run.

We are an exciting and energetic board, working to benefit the community by listening to stakeholders' voices, and we welcome your participation, either as a candidate, a board member, a committee member, or public speaker.

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low-emitting materials.

LAUSD has also committed to adding an environmental educational component to the campus by building a green roof that will allow students to learn more about the vegetation native to the area.

The new high school ensures that growth in LAUSD facilities coincides with the growth in population and the corresponding need for additional centers where community can enjoy group activities.

The campus is designed so that recreational facilities like the proposed pool and playfields are safely accessible after school hours, providing opportunity for partner organizations like the City of Los Angeles to run programs for students and the community.

LAUSD has held four community meetings regarding South Region High School #15 to date and is working to address concerns raised at these meetings regarding noise and safe access. LAUSD will continue to make every effort to be responsive to local concerns.

The Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Hearing was held August 20 and on September 4, the draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and design development drawings was presented to the community. Both meetings were held at Barton Elementary School's auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

For more information on upcoming community meetings or other aspects of LAUSD's \$20.3 billion new school construction and modernization program, please visit www.laschools.org.

Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Committees

BUDGET and FINANCE: Responsible for the council's financial matters, including budget and expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS: Responsible for informing the community about issues and activities related to the neighborhood council.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE: Considers matters involving public works.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS: Considers all matters related to culture and the arts.

PLANNING and TRANSPORTATION: Considers all city planning and traffic and transportation-related issues.

PORT and ENVIRONMENT: Considers all matters relating to the Port of Los Angeles and environmental issues such as air and water pollution.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Considers all public safety matters, including police, fire, and emergency preparedness.

RECREATION and PARKS: Considers all matters related to recreation and parks facilities and policies.

RULES and BYLAWS: Considers all matters related to the bylaws and procedural rules of the neighborhood council.

If you are interested in serving on a committee (you don't have to be a board member), please email info@coastalsanpedro.org or call (310) 290-0049 and leave a message.

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councils, downtown and Ports of Call businesses, and the American Institute of Architects.

The proposal would build the long-promised, European-style promenade all along the waterfront while adding a new cruise ship terminal near the Gateway Fountain at Swinford Street.

It would expand commercial development at Ports of Call; create pedestrian and transit links between the waterfront and the downtown business district; relocate long-term cruise tourist parking away from the waterfront; and add to the salt marsh at Cabrillo Beach.

One of its goals is to reduce vehicle use by waterfront visitors and lower greenhouse gas emissions. "This is the plan that the community has wanted," said Jayme Wilson, president-elect of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce.

Wilson was a member of the group that brought the plan by mid-July to Harbor Commission President David Freeman and Port Executive Director

Geraldine Knatz. Port officials in late August said they would not include the Sustainable Waterfront Plan as one of the half dozen waterfront development alternatives analyzed in DEIR, which is to be released by the Port in September. The Port Community Advisory Council on July 15 asked the Port to include it in the DEIR.

The Port instead will look at up to four alternatives that would place a major cruise ship terminal near Cabrillo Beach in the outer harbor; all would require up to 600 bus trips a day to carry cruise passengers between parking areas near the Vincent Thomas Bridge and the proposed cruise terminal at the south end of San Pedro.

"That plan makes no sense," said June Burlingame Smith, president of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, who participated in the Working Group. "The sustainable plan is what the community has talked about for 10 years and really wants to see."

Sustainable Waterfront Plan

1. All cruise ship berths to be in the north harbor near downtown.
 - a. Set aside Cabrillo Beach/Outer Harbor area for recreational/educational/research/habitat.
 - b. Maintain all cruise berths as shared berths, with no terminals dedicated to one vendor.
 - c. Limited berthing at existing Berth 46, Kaiser Point, may continue within strict, agreed-upon guidelines.
 - d. No new terminal or cruise parking at Kaiser Point.
2. Provide linkages to downtown and community.
 - a. Create pedestrian-oriented design, from bridge to breakwater and to downtown.
 - b. Incorporate/enhance regional transportation, such as express and Amtrak buses to L.A., L.B., Wilmington and other regional destinations, in order to reduce car trips to waterfront, beaches and off-site parking areas.
 - c. Run the Red Car line all along the waterfront with stops from Cabrillo Beach to the north harbor cruise ship terminal and through downtown.
 - d. Build land bridges between downtown and Ports of Call (POC), including roof gardens and pedestrian walkways on the parking structures and east-west connecting walkways.
 - e. Incorporate sustainable infrastructure and development such as green streets, bicycle streets, urban runoff treatment, constructed wetlands and LEED buildings.
3. Provide links to and protection of existing open space.
 - a. Incorporate/complete links to Harbor View Trail and the California Coastal Trail through San Pedro Waterfront, including pedestrian, jogging, skating and bike lanes.
 - b. Enhance Coastal Trail links to Royal Palm Beach, White Point Nature Preserve, Angels Gates Park, Point Fermin Park, Bandini Canyon, Leland Park and Peck Park.
 - c. Create a promenade from the Bridge to the Breakwater along the waterfront.
 - d. Create a second pedestrian walkway on the landside of Ports of Call.
 - e. Maintain the scenic designation of Harbor Boulevard, preserving views and view corridors.
 - f. Create an Outer Harbor Park along the east edge of Kaiser Point.
4. Expand saltwater marsh habitat.
5. Ports of Call—Develop/enhance 150,000 square feet of commercial space, a conference center, open space.
 - a. Commit to extensive "commons" area between shops.
 - b. Do not widen Harbor Boulevard or close it at 13th Street.
6. Create diversity of parking options to discourage traffic/pollution and encourage pedestrian activity downtown.
 - a. Create shared parking facilities for downtown and waterfront, some in downtown area to draw visitors there.
 - b. Minimize parking and roadways in tidelands, waterfront and beach areas.
 - c. Move parking, especially long-term parking, away from the waterfront, include day-trip visitor parking in structures built into the cliff under Harbor Boulevard, and building parking structures for cruise ship passengers and others along John S. Gibson Boulevard and on Terminal Island.
 - d. No parking structures on the waterfront.
7. Create a plan that reflects sustainability goals.
 - a. Require all cruise ships to plug into shoreside electricity.
 - b. Plan the entire waterfront, including Westways, Warehouse One, Fruit Terminal and Scout Camp at one time.
 - c. Maintain Cabrillo Bay for recreational use.
 - d. Create a waterfront business plan to describe the economic development goals, determine the mix of commercial, retail and educational/cultural uses development and enhance downtown businesses.