

# Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

## Issues Committee REPORT

December 23, 2008

### **In attendance:**

Chairman John Mavar, Board member NWSPNC Pete Burmister, Chuck Hart, and Director of Street Services, City of Los Angeles, William A. Robertson

### **Agenda Item:**

#### **San Pedro's Infrastructure Assessment Summary Report, by the Director of Street Services, City of Los Angeles, William A. Robertson**

What a great way to end the year with one of the best city employee I have run into in a long time. The Director of Street Services William A. Robertson attended the meeting to discuss 08 and 09 Infrastructure Assessment Summary Report for all of San Pedro. This report Mr. Robertson put together show the resurfacing and slurry seal, street maintenance/ cleaning, lot cleaning, urban forestry and sidewalk repair/replacement. The report is easy to understand and follow.

Mr. Robertson told the committee 735 miles of streets are repaired or repaved. The neighborhood councils also need to know that an increase of street services is up 137%. But the city budget has only helped this department by 30%. How can they do all this work and increase service? The Director indicated in the past it would cost \$600,000 to repair/replace 1 mile of a city street. Mr. Robertson went to the council and staff and asked them to purchase a machine that would cut the cost by half (\$300,000). This \$1,200,000 machine works in place as the street is being repaired/replaced. This cuts down on truck traffic and provides a saving of \$2,400,000 a year. The saving has been put back on the streets, repairs that is.

This year Mr. Robertson will come to us with 09/10 proposal so we can make suggestions on what street services should be complete. He feels NCs are a priority because we are living in these neighborhoods. He will also provide us with posters of street service prepares for our board meeting so we can have visuals of what will be and has been complete.

Mr. Robertson has helped save the city money. He is also asking us to let him know what we see by contacting him directly with issues so he can respond with service. Please submit photos with your email.

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**Chuck Hart and Pete Burmister had the following questions and we will follow up with Mr. Robertson.**

1. Issue: Taper Ave. sidewalks where the new DWP power poles were installed.  
Location: Taper Ave. Between Westmont and Statler  
Note: Concrete was not complete/filled in to the poles.
2. Issue: Curbs and Gutters around Knoll Hill, Swinford St south side.  
Location: Swinford St. between each access points for the hill  
Note: POLA will be doing the North side (across the street, China shipping side) We would like to see the city do the same on the south side without using China Shipping Mitigation funds. The City of LA has funds set aside for safe access to schools. Harbor Occupation is adjacent.
3. Issue: Handicap access ramp needed  
Location: Meyler Ave. from Channel st. to Capital Dr.  
Note: Never installed access ramp
4. Issue: Sidewalk, curbs and gutter needed  
Location: Channel St. between Meyler Ave and Gaffey St.  
Note: This is a heavily traveled area with cars and trucks. This area is a transition from businesses to homes. It also has a steep grade. No sidewalks which force people to use the streets.
5. Issue: Sidewalk, curbs and gutters needed  
Location: Gaffey St. between Summerland and Miraflores

OTHER Issue Items:

Westside of Gaffey St. near smog shop.. Iron fence near the property. Who owns the property?

Pete talk about the containers that "looks bad" at Taper Ave School. I contacted School Board Member staff and they will look into the placement of containers.

Finally, pictures are attached for reference. **(NOTE: I WILL BE SENDING ALL ISSUES TO STREET SERVICES)**

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Mavar  
Chairman