

PVP Watch Newsletter – August 29, 2008

To Our Friends & Supporters:

RPV Vision Plan

RPV Residents, This is Show Time - You Need to Pay Attention to This Matter

Some months ago planning consultant – MELENDREZ- was retained to develop a "Coastal Vision Plan" for the RPV Council. The Annenberg Foundation provided a Grant which paid for MELENDREZ services. The Plan (draft) has recently been completed and will be presented to the RPV Council at Tuesday's (Sept.2nd) meeting. Copies of the plan are limited and RPV has placed copies at City Hall, Hesse Park, Peninsula & Miraleste Library's etc for residents to read. PVP Watch has also posted the report at www.pvpwatch.com / Current Events.

A side but related issue is the Annenbergs desire to build a Complementary, Educational Public Use Facility at the Portuguese Bend Interpretive Center (PVIC)

In the past, the Annenberg proposal was for a dog / cat facility. The issue of dogs & cats residing here is now but a footnote. There have been some who questioned Annenberg's proposal. The following is from the MELENDREZ plan.

"This facility may include indoor uses such as: museum quality educational exhibit areas drawing community and school visitors, multipurpose classroom spaces for community, professional, and school groups, space for limited companion animal care and socialization, as well as a multipurpose theatre space which could be used for teaching as well as available for community and civic events and meetings. Outdoor program areas related to a use such as this could include some enclosed and screened companion animal socialization/demonstration area for supervised activities, as well as open outdoor gathering and seating areas in a promenade and plaza spaces which would link a new facility to PVIC and provide an extension of both the indoor space of PVIC and the complementary facility built on site."

Reading the staff report for the Annenberg proposal, it seems this is a "Done Deal" There are supporting letters from those in usual agreement with Council actions. There should be serious question of the practicality of this proposal at this location. While this proposal is just now been placed on the RPV Council agenda, the majority of the Council have long been aware of Annenberg's wishes and that Annenberg paid for the Vision Plan creation does give them standing in their proposal. It is doubtful that Annenberg would be making this proposal if they had received negative signals from RPV. It seems Annenberg has bought "The Hill." Those who wish to question this proposal should address their concerns to cc@rpv.com prior to the September 2nd meeting.

PV Drive East & Bicycles

Currently traffic signage on PV Drive East cautions bicyclists that it is dangerous for bicycles on this roadway. Not sure when signs posted but believe it was at least 10 years ago. At it's August 5th meeting, the majority of the RPV Council decided to change / replace signage on PV Drive East to signage more friendly to bicycles. Tom Long, reportedly an avid bicyclist, was gleeful as he had been waiting four long years for this. Doug Stern displayed his usual questionable logic in quoting the California Vehicle Code that bicycles had equal access to roads as automobiles. Should not SAFETY for all be the primary concern? Councilman Larry Clark who lives just off PV Dr East in the Marymount area, was initially opposed to making any changes stating logically that the area was hazardous for bicycles, He then voted in favor of the changes. Guess it is more important to have a harmonious relationship with his Council associates than support his neighbors and constituents.

RPV Crime Statistics

In our August 9th Newsletter we made reference to "*Vehicle Ticketing totaled 118 for the 6 month period.*" Those numbers were incorrect and thank you Captain Anda for pointing out our error. The 118 "Vehicle and Boating Law" arrests were for such violatiions as driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license or driving without a license, etc. Infractions are for driving violations such as speeding and are not considered a misdemeanor arrest. Driving Infractions for January thru June were 3,167. Looking at the statistics for the past several years this amount seems typical.

PVP Watch has received some responses from residents that they perceive some tickets are "Ticky Tack" citations. What is your view of current Peninsula policing? This includes the PVE Police Dept as well as Lomita Sheriff which serves the rest of the Peninsula. Time for residents to speak up. What are your views? Are you satisfied with current Peninsula policing? Are traffic citations fair and deserving? Make your views known to info@pvpwatch.com.

Also at the August 5 meeting, the RPV Council also agreed to Lomita Sheriff's Captain Andas' recommendation for equipping one patrol unit with an "Auto License Recognition System" Technology. The unit to be equipped is the one that usually patrols the East side. This system captures & matches auto licenses against a data base for known violators. This was suggested by Captain Anda as a trial and to measure results. While we thank Captain Anda for a logical approach, Councilmen Long & Wolowicz were distressed that RPV was not immediately equipping more cars. So much for a logical and measured approach, however, a typical RPV Council response.

RPV Salaries

RPV staff salaries, those exceeding \$85,000 annually are posted at www.pvpwatch.com / Current Events. While Tom Long may say that RPV has to pay competitive salaries to prevent employee turnover, it would seem that it is not likely that staff will be leaving anytime in the near future.

PVP Watch Web Site

There is a lot of good information posted there including the FPPC documents concerning the Doug Stern / Tom Long complaints. Click on www.pvpwatch.com and go to Current Issues and look around.

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