



# FRIENDS OF SUNSET PARK

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## JUNE 2013 NEWSLETTER

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### FRIENDS OF SUNSET PARK ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 22, 2013

1:30 to 3:30 PM

Mt. Olive Church, 14<sup>th</sup> & Ocean Park Blvd.



#### *Speakers*

Rod Gould — City Manager

Martin Pastucha — Director of Public Works

Jessica Cusick — Cultural Affairs Manager

Jory Phillips — Deputy Director, Planning Department



*Refreshments, Music, and Door Prizes*



*Vote for the 2013–14 Board of Directors*



In order to vote, you will need to be an FOSP member by June 12<sup>th</sup>, ten days before the election.

A membership form is on the last page of the newsletter.  
Current members can renew their memberships at the meeting.

If you received this newsletter by mail,  
the mailing label will have the date when you last paid dues.

### **Development Update**

The Bergamot Area Plan and the Downtown Specific Plan will be considered by the City Council on either July 9<sup>th</sup> or July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Since the greatest amount of development in the near future will take place in those two areas, these are important meetings for residents to attend. Agendas will be posted at <http://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx> at least 72 hours before the meetings.

#### **Bergamot Area**

**Bergamot Area Plan** – The draft plan is posted at [ww01.smgov.net/planning/bergamotplan/bergamotplan\\_draft\\_plan.html](http://ww01.smgov.net/planning/bergamotplan/bergamotplan_draft_plan.html) – You can email questions and/or comments to [bergamotplan@smgov.net](mailto:bergamotplan@smgov.net)

**Village Trailer Park** – The Removal Permit hearing before the Rent Control Board has been continued to July 11, at 7 PM, at City Hall. Residents can attend the meeting and/or email comments to [RentControl@smgov.net](mailto:RentControl@smgov.net)

Bergamot Area development agreement projects in the pipeline or recently constructed include **Agensys** (1,395 daily car trips), **Bergamot Transit Village Center** (7,755 daily car trips), **Paseo Nebraska** (possibly 4,000 daily car trips), **New Roads School** (Herb Alpert Educational Village), **SMC Academy of Entertainment and Technology** (1,482 new weekday car trips), 2834 Colorado Creative Studio Project (2,092 new daily car trips), **Roberts Center** (1,654 net new daily car trips) and **Village Trailer Park** (2,138 net new daily car trips). This adds up to about 2 million sq ft of new development,

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## SM Airport Update

### April 30<sup>th</sup> City Council Actions:

Agenda item 3-A: **Landing Fee Program** – Provide for the image capture of aircraft operations, data management and reports, billing, and payment collections for the Santa Monica Airport Landing Fee Program. APPROVED.

Agenda item 3-B: **Airport Improvements** – Award a construction contract for Airport runway, taxiway and parking lot improvements, and authorize after-hours construction permits to remove rubber deposits from the runway between the hours of 9 PM and 6 AM for a period of four nights. APPROVED.

Agenda item 8-A: **Landing fee study results, Phase III results, and the future of the Airport** – Adopt a resolution revising Santa Monica Airport landing fees and making them applicable to all aircraft as of August 1, 2013. Approve the development of a pilot program for retrofitting aircraft used in flight training with mufflers or other sound mitigation equipment, and direct staff to include \$200,000 for the pilot program in the proposed FY 2013–15 City budget. Review and comment on the proposals formulated through Phase III of the Airport Visioning Process and information provided by staff and the community; and direct staff to:

- continue to identify and analyze the possibilities for current and future actions to reduce Airport noise, air pollution and safety risks through Airport reconfiguration, revised leasing policies, voluntary agreements, mandatory restrictions, and all other means;
- continue to assess the potential risk and benefits of closing or attempting to close all or a portion of the Airport; and
- return to Council, by March of 2014, with an assessment of both, so that Council can determine whether the City should, after the expiration of its current obligations, implement additional changes that will reduce adverse Airport impacts and enhance the Airport's benefit to the community, or whether the City should undertake closure of all or part of the Airport. APPROVED.

Agenda item 11-A: **Amend the Landing Fee Program** – Change the landing fee, from the current \$2.07 per thousand pounds of certificated maximum gross landing weight to \$5.48, and apply the fee to itinerant and based aircraft at the Airport, effective August 1, 2013. APPROVED.

**New Airport Commissioner:** On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the City Council appointed Suzanne Paulson, Ph.D., professor in the UCLA Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, to fill a vacancy on the Santa Monica Airport Commission.

## Lincoln Boulevard Task Force

ROGER SWANSON, TASK FORCE CHAIR AND  
OCEAN PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER

The Lincoln Boulevard Task Force wants to help the City transform Lincoln into an attractive, pedestrian-friendly, neighborhood-serving street that reflects the needs and desires of the neighborhood residents and local businesses from the Santa Monica Freeway south to the Venice border. The Task Force, supported by Friends of Sunset Park, Ocean Park Association, Pico Neighborhood Association and Borderline Neighborhood Group, formed in February 2012 to help make Lincoln Boulevard “Safe, Clean, Beautiful, and Green.”

**Murals:** You may have noticed some recent changes in signage and the addition of several colorful murals (Novel Café, Ameci Pizza, Dunn Upholstery, Bike Ambulance, Lucky Liquor, Metropolitan Cleaners, TRiP, Tommy's Burgers and Printing Palace), courtesy of Evan Meyer's “Beautify Lincoln” group. Santino's and the Katmandu Boutique recently added murals independent of the Task Force efforts.

**Near Future:** The Task Force is working with Santa Monica city staff in discussions to consider what can be done now that Caltrans has relinquished ownership of Lincoln to the City. Some key actions planned by the City for the next several months include:

- Repaving Lincoln with a quieter, rubberized asphalt in June,
- Addition of four speed feedback devices to alert drivers of exceeding the 35 mph limit,
- Addition of “keep clear” pavement markings at key locations to facilitate turns during peak traffic periods,
- Planting three dozen new trees after repaving this fall.

**Surveys:** In anticipation of the City's public streetscape design process that will start this summer, under the direction of Peter James, the Task Force created two opinion surveys (business and resident) to allow the community to lead the design process rather than have outside interests determine what improvements should be made.

Do we really want five- and six-story buildings at the Albertsons site? Do we want more housing on Lincoln? When will traffic stop being gridlocked? What businesses would we like to see relocate to Lincoln?

With 638 resident responses representing approximately 1,500 household residents, we feel that we have gained a valuable understanding of the needs of Ocean Park and Sunset Park residents. In addition, the business survey was completed by 15% of the businesses on Lincoln between the I-10 and Venice. For example, over 70% of resident and business respondents preferred to restrict the proposed Transit Center at Pico and the Albertsons Activity Center to no more than three stories. Survey results have been presented at various neighborhood association meetings and are posted at <http://www.opa-sm.org/lincoln>

**Further in the Future:** Some of the infrastructure and amenities to be considered in the design process include more trees, planted medians, new “smart” crosswalks with flashing lights, enhanced traffic signals, public art, bicycle amenities and an entry gateway feature. This process takes time, and finding needed resources to implement the design means that major changes will not occur for several years.

**Clean Up:** Meanwhile, thank you to Killeen Pilon who, along with Evan Meyer, organized the April 20th Earth Day Clean Up Event to help make Lincoln Boulevard “Safe, Clean, Beautiful, and Green.” Volunteers collected 40 bags of trash, weeds, and debris.

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in only 15% of the Bergamot Area, and more than 20,000 additional daily car trips.

### Downtown Area

**Downtown Specific Plan** – The draft plan doesn't seem to be posted online. The planning staff is proposing eight or more "opportunity sites" downtown which would be allowed greater heights than the current 84-foot limit (think the Viceroy Hotel at Pico and Ocean Avenue). Among them are the following:

**Miramar Hotel Expansion** – The hotel proposes expanding to more than 500,000 sq ft (larger than Santa Monica Place), adding 120 condos, and increasing heights to 320 feet (taller than the 300-foot GTE building across the street at 100 Wilshire). The scoping meeting for the Environmental Impact Report was held on May 16 and the planner is Roxanne.Tanemori@smgov.net

**101 Santa Monica Blvd.** – The developer hired Frank Gehry to design a 244-foot tall 22-story hotel with 125 hotel rooms, 22 condos, 19 rent-controlled apartments, and 460 parking spaces. A community meeting was held on March 21, and the planner is Roxanne.Tanemori@smgov.net

**The Santa Monica Holiday Inn** at 120 Colorado Avenue, now rebranded the "Wyndham Santa Monica at the Pier," plans to revamp the hotel and add three towers to the site, including one 195-foot high.

Aside from the proposed opportunity sites, the **Civic Center Village** is currently

under construction, with 158 luxury condos and 160 affordable apartments on a three-acre site stretching from Main Street to Ocean Avenue, between The RAND Corporation and the new park. [www.smgov.net/bebp/project.aspx?id=26267](http://www.smgov.net/bebp/project.aspx?id=26267)

Information about the new **Civic Center Parks** (Tongva Park and Ken Genser Square) is posted here: <http://www.smgov.net/bebp/project.aspx?id=26691> and here: <http://www.smciviccenterparks.com/>

### Sunset Park Area

**1112-1122 Pico Blvd.** – A four-story, 32-unit apartment project was filed on June 12, 2012. The planner is Russell.Bunim@smgov.net

**2101 Cloverfield Blvd.** – A proposed four-story, 156-unit, mixed-use project on the NE corner of Pico and Cloverfield, with 430 parking spaces. The planner is Tony.Kim@smgov.net

**2802 Pico Blvd.** – A four-story 100% affordable apartment project nearing completion on the SE corner of Pico and 28<sup>th</sup> – Community Corporation of Santa Monica – [www.CommunityCorp.org](http://www.CommunityCorp.org)

**3402 Pico Blvd.** – Trammell Crow had proposed a development agreement for a four-story 300-unit apartment project on adjacent parcels on 34<sup>th</sup>, Pico, and Centinela. The City Council did not vote to proceed into negotiations on the project. TC has since filed Text Amendment and Lot Line Adjustment applications for the site, in anticipation of a reduced-sized project. The planner is Paul.Foley@smgov.net

## Public Safety

SGT. RICHARD LEWIS, SMPD

On May 16, 2013, at approximately 8:00 AM, the Santa Monica Police Department received information from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) that a male subject, believed to be a Santa Monica College student, called and threatened to "shoot up the school" and afterwards, commit suicide. The caller made references to several other schools located throughout the City and County of Los Angeles.

Using the information provided by LAPD, officers from both the Santa Monica Police Department and the Santa Monica College Police Department were able to verify that the male subject was a Santa Monica College student who was scheduled to attend class(es) on campus today.

Based on the information, the Santa Monica Police Department directed that Santa Monica College and both John Adams and Will Rogers Middle Schools, which are adjacent to the college, were locked down to restrict ingress and egress. A perimeter was established around the college. As officers were being deployed onto the campus, it was learned that the suspect was on campus in the Psychological Services Office. Officers detained the subject without incident.

**Note from the FOSP Board:** Those of us who have signed up for SM Alerts received an email at 8:52 AM when SMC, JAMS, and Rogers were locked down, and another email at 9:46 AM when the lockdown was lifted. We urge you to sign up at [www.SMalerts.net](http://www.SMalerts.net)

## SM Alerts

Sign up for SM Alerts — emergency messages and important community updates when you need them, where you need them. SM Alerts allows the City of Santa Monica to provide you with critical information in an emergency situation. When a natural disaster, police activity or other emergency requires you to take action to protect yourself and your family, you'll receive texts, emails or phone calls that let you know what to do. Also, stay informed about the programs and projects that interest you by choosing from a variety of community updates.

You may register as many devices as you like to receive

SM Alerts—home, mobile, or business phone, email, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. Many non-emergency community updates are provided via email only. To ensure that you receive emergency alerts as well as all of the community updates you select, register at least one phone number and one email address at [www.SMalerts.net](http://www.SMalerts.net)

Individuals with disabilities who need assistance registering for SM Alerts may call the Office of Emergency Management at 310.458.2263 during regular business hours: Monday through Thursday and alternate Fridays, 8 AM to 5 PM.

## Santa Monica Pier

The city of Santa Monica is rejuvenating the structure of the Santa Monica Pier. The original structure was built in the early 1900s and has been through several remodels over its 100-plus year life. The pier renewal will upgrade a significant portion of the pier stretching from the edge of the sand to approximately 365 feet westward over the Pacific Ocean, providing increased structural soundness and extending the pier's service life.

The Pier Renewal Projects will involve:

- Construction of a 20-foot wide pedestrian trestle on the south side of the pier, beginning at the western edge of the Newcomb Pier and extending 175 feet west around the construction zone.
- Installation of new concrete columns.
- Removal of the existing timber columns, timber substructure, and installation of the new concrete substructure.
- Installation of the new timber decking.

Construction is expected to conclude in spring 2014. The pier and its businesses will remain open during construction.

**Pier Bridge Replacement:** The 2016 Pier replacement will be the next pier construction project. Please attend the first community workshop to share your ideas and vote on conceptual bridge designs on Tuesday, June 18, from 6:30 to 9 PM, at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4<sup>th</sup> St.

For information on the Santa Monica Pier Visioning Process, visit [www.santamonicatownhall.org](http://www.santamonicatownhall.org)

For information on the Pier Bridge Replacement project, visit [www.smconstructs.org/smpierbridge](http://www.smconstructs.org/smpierbridge)

For events at the pier: [www.santamonicapier.org](http://www.santamonicapier.org)

## Drop-Box for Used Clothing, Shoes, and Textiles

The City of Santa Monica's Resource Recovery and Recycling Division has partnered with USAgain to host a drop-box at the Santa Monica City Yards where members of the community can conveniently drop off used clothing, shoes, and household textiles for reuse and recycling.

The bin is located at 2500 Michigan Avenue, near the Resource Recovery & Recycling offices. It's accessible during normal business hours from 8 AM to 5 PM.

The U.S. EPA estimates that textile waste takes up nearly 5% of all landfill space. The average U.S. citizen throws away 70 pounds of clothing and other textiles annually.

## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT is a community based group of volunteers who have completed a training course to assist family, friends, neighbors, and the community in case of small or large scale disasters.

CERT instructors with the Santa Monica Fire Department, Santa Monica Police Department and the city's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) teach emergency skills such as disaster preparedness, fire safety, medical operations, basic search and rescue methods, disaster psychology, and terrorism awareness.

The OEM is offering the next CERT course on August 3, 10, and 17 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Each class is limited to 30 participants, and spots are reserved on a first come, first served basis. For more information and to register, go to [www.smgov.net/Department/OEM/Programs/Santa\\_Monica\\_CERT.aspx](http://www.smgov.net/Department/OEM/Programs/Santa_Monica_CERT.aspx)

## 2013 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

I will help with:

- Airport Committee
- Annual Meeting
- Crime/Safety/Graffiti
- Emergency Preparedness
- Membership Committee
- Neighborhood Mailings
- Planning and Development
- Santa Monica College
- Traffic, Parking, Pedestrian Safety
- Website/Internet

Membership Dues:

- \$30 Regular Household Dues
- \$50 or \$100 for Sponsor
- \$10 Minimum Household Dues
- Additional Donation

(Please check):

- New  Renewal

*Please make check payable to  
"Friends of Sunset Park,"  
and mail to:*

*FOSP, P.O. Box 5823, Santa Monica, CA 90409*

What I like best about living in Sunset Park: \_\_\_\_\_

My greatest concerns are: \_\_\_\_\_