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WPRA, Chief Sanchez share thoughts, concerns

he WPRA board of directors invited new Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez to attend its September meeting to share thoughts and concerns about public safety issues throughout the city. He graciously accepted the invitation and, accompanied by Lt. Pete Hettema and Lt. Phlunte Riddle (see the photo on page 4), opened the meeting with a general discussion about himself and his new role.

Highlights: opening comments

- Overall, crime has fallen by 6.5%, as compared to last year, but "we've more work to do, especially within the community."
- "We still have considerable economic pressures, but our capacity to respond will not change; neither will our policy toward community service."
- The chief is no stranger to crowds, such as those in the Rose Bowl area. Although Santa Monica has only 91,000 permanent residents, its population can swell to 250,000 to 400,000 on a big weekend.
- The department has launched an e-mail newsletter [Touching base: A message from the chief] to provide an overview of critical incidents and trends, suggest what citizens should be concerned about and aware of, and give the chief an opportunity to discuss department-community involvement and department accomplishments. [Note: To subscribe to "Touching base," send an e-mail to Lt. Hettema at: phettema@cityofpasadena.net]

Highlights: Q&A session

WPRA: What do you think will be your greatest personal challenge?

Chief Sanchez: Developing a clear and concise mission of respect and information-sharing. We need collaboration and integration of information. Many residents end up serving only a small group ... special interests, small constituencies. We need to expand that vision to include larger segments of the population.



Police Chief Phillip L. Sanchez

WPRA: What are your thoughts on predictive policing?

Chief Sanchez: "Predictive policing — a more intelligent use of regional crime data that can identify crime trends across jurisdictional boundaries — is all about analytics and using data to forecast trends. Historically, this concept has faltered because police departments were only looking at data from their own area. Consider this: Pasadena's 26 square miles is only a postage-stamp size as compared to all of Los Angeles County or Southern California. For example, we know that a wave of residential burglaries doesn't stop at the Pasadena city limits. Our ultimate vision is to have a representative of our department serving in the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (in Norwalk) with the ability to access and analyze extensive regional and national data."

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City swears in new chief

n July 12, Phillip L. Sanchez was sworn in as Pasadena's chief of police. The ceremony capped a thorough seven-month search for Bernard Melekian's successor and the responsibility to serve and protect the citizens of Pasadena, manage the department's 262 sworn officers and 146 civilian personnel, and wisely administer a budget of about \$60 million.

During the ceremony, the Pasadena Star-News reported that Mayor Bill Bogaard said "Chief Sanchez is supremely well-qualified for the challenging task of leading the Pasadena Police Department."

The Star-News also reported that City Manager Michael Beck said "Our new chief has a strong background in police management and a reputation as a leader who is sensitive to community issues. I am confident he will be well-received in the Pasadena community and the Pasadena Police Department."

SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler, president of the Santa Monica Police Department's union was quoted in The Santa Monica Daily Press as saying: "It is a great loss for our department. He's an outstanding individual. It's our (Santa Monica's) loss and their

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WPRA in motion

Motion made

Mission: Founded in 1962, the West Pasadena Residents' Association is dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the character of our community and the quality of life in West Pasadena. The WPRA fulfills this mission by keeping you informed of current issues, representing your interests and supporting the activities of others with whom we share interests.

Area: The WPRA focuses on the area bounded by Colorado Boulevard on the north, Fair Oaks Avenue on the east, and the city limits on the south and west.

Funding: All WPRA activities are funded through membership dues and contributions. The WPRA receives no public funding and has no paid employees. Since the WPRA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit corporation, membership contributions and donations are fully deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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Motions Carried

Mic Hansen appointed to commission

The WPRA board reluctantly accepted Mic Hansen's letter of resignation, prompted by her appointment to the Planning Commission, by Councilmember Steve Madison, to represent District 6. Mic has also served Pasadena in count-



less other ways including Land Use chair for the WPRA, chair of the Historic Preservation Commission and member of the General Plan Update Advisory Committee.

Richard McDonald appointed to board

The WPRA board approved the appointment of Richard McDonald to fill a vacancy on the board of directors, more properly a reappointment since Richard previously served on the WPRA board from 1995-2003. Richard



is a 23-year West Pasadena resident along with his wife Rosemary and daughters Bridget and Katie. He has a land-use and business-litigation law practice on South Lake Avenue. For the past 15 years, Richard has served our community in various capacities including the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Redistricting Task Force, Planning Committee for Pasadena Neighborhood Leadership Program, and Pasadena First.

Area resident's bequest honors West Pasadena, the WPRA

his has been a particularly sad time for the WPRA. Not only have we lost two important WPRA members — James Hawkes and, more recently, Dorothy Lindsey (see article on page 3), but we recently learned that we'd lost a



Sue Avery

WPRA supporter we never knew we had.

We discovered this when we were notified that Sue Avery, a West Pasadena resident, had bequeathed a sum to the WPRA in her

Sue had been a Los Angeles Times reporter for nearly 30 years, writing primarily for the paper's San Gabriel Valley section. She died at the age of 71 on May 26 at Huntington

We have learned that Sue made the bequest out of her great love of West Pasadena and wish to contribute to the betterment of her neighbors and other West Pasadena residents. We appreciate the gesture and vow to do just that with the funds.

Note about photo: We were unable to get a more current photo of Sue. The one shown is from the 1966 Stanford University yearbook. We are grateful to WPRA board member Linda Zinn, who, quite coincidentally, attended Stanford at the same time as Sue and had a yearbook handy.

WPRA remembers Dorothy Lindsey

By Joan Hearst A friend

he WPRA and the city of Pasadena lost one of its most passionate and generous community supporters on July 2, when Dorothy Lindsey lost her battle with cancer. At her memorial service, Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard astutely observed that Dorothy "was a model for all who care about Pasadena and advocate to strengthen its quality of life, to preserve its character and heritage, and to affirm its role as a caring and compassionate community."

Dorothy was a dedicated leader, who brought out the best in all of those who

worked with her. She established her place in the community when she joined WPRA in 2000 and immediately went to work trying to improve the quality of life for Pasadena's citizens. Among the campaigns to which Dorothy lent her support were the battle to place the light rail below-grade in West Pasadena; the crusade to seek the restoration, preservation and protection of the Arroyo Seco; the fight to keep the NFL out of the Rose Bowl; and the ongoing conflict to avoid over-development in Pasadena. She also served the homeless through her support of

Union Station, library lovers as a San Rafael Library Associate, the Pasadena environment as a member of Pasadena Beautiful and our city's seniors through the Senior Center.

Dorothy was a Pasadena Code Enforcement commissioner while serving as an officer (elected to every position!) on the WPRA board of directors. She served as president of the WPRA in 2005 at a critical stage in its history. She was recruited specifically to help tone down r hetoric and bring a calming presence to the board. She was known for focusing on facts, which gained her high credibility with supporters on both sides of any issue. When Dorothy appeared before City Council to advocate a WPRA position, she was always thoughtful, calm and collected under pressure, and bearing a friendly smile.

A high point of her presidency occurred when the Pasadena Doo Dah Parade organizers chose the WPRA to receive its annual "Thorny Rose" award, given annually to local citizenry who are identified for their "painfully unwavering, salty and,

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Above left: Dorothy poses in 2009 during a happy moment with friends in China; **Above**: Dorothy rides the Thorny Rose float in the 2005 Doo Dah parade; **Left**: Bill and Dorothy pose during the parade.

usually, controversial style." Dorothy graciously accepted the award on behalf of the WPRA, quipping, "That's great; we deserve it. I think that shows what we are doing is raising the level of attention of neighborhood organizations overall." The award listed the NFL battle as seminal political fight for the WPRA, which launched an all-out public relations war against the City Council to block an NFL deal. Co-founding Pasadena First with other community leaders who were concerned about the prospect of professional football gaining a foothold in the Arroyo Seco, Dorothy was a major supporter and campaigner behind the WPRA, which the parade organizers credited with "becoming a lean, mean lobbying machine."

Dorothy showed great compassion, empathy, generosity, style, tenaciousness for what she believed was right and a boundless enthusiasm for life and discovery of new things and ideas.

She kept herself informed about what was important to those around her, and she was widely known for her high intelligence, rare trustworthiness, unimpeachable character and impeccable integrity. She was kindhearted, concerned, unselfish, charitable, loving, kind and highly organized. She was also always impeccably dressed and one of the classiest and most vibrant women in our community.

Dorothy made the most of many of these traits when, in 1972, she and her husband, Bill, co-founded a communications business. With no prior formal business experience, Dorothy brought her innate ability to learn, listen and collaborate to the table. Bill credits Dorothy with creating the environment where their employees and the company would flourish.

LinCom Corporation grew into a hugely successful, world-wide, 300 employee enterprise prior to its sale to Titan Corporation in 2000.

She discretely and generously came to the financial aid of countless people and offered many more her sound, nonjudgmental counsel. What's best remembered is that she did all of this without need for recognition or fanfares. She simply did what she thought was necessary.

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A night to remember. The WPRA board of directors records for posterity the evening spent getting to know Pasadena's new chief of police. In the photo are: Front: Marilyn Randolph, Chief Sanchez, Lt. Phlunte Riddle, Fred Zepeda and Bill Urban; Middle: Judy Klump, Vince Farhat, Audrey O'Kelley and Gerry Silver; Back: Jim Boyle Jr., Joan Hearst, Michael Udell, Robert Holmes, John Van de Kamp, Lt. Peter Hettema and Blaine Cavena. Photo by Chuck Hudson

A time for farewells, greetings and, of course, the issues

By Michael Udell President, WPRA

s we say goodbye to what was an unseasonably mild, yet beautiful summer, and say hello to the familiarities of fall — liquid amber leaves turning red, college football, the Pumpkin Festival and back to school nights — the WPRA is also in state of transition.

With heavy hearts we said goodbye to our dear friend and longtime WPRA board member, **Dorothy Lindsey**, who passed away in July. Dorothy will be sorely missed and always remembered for the kindness, dedication and generosity she showed the WPRA and many other Pasadena-based organizations.

Another longtime board member, Mic Hansen, has stepped down from the board to serve District 6 on the Planning Commission. While we'll miss Mic's tremendous insight and counsel, we are delighted and honored to have someone of her caliber represent our district.

Essentially swapping positions with Mic will be **Richard McDonald**, a former WPRA board member who is back for a second tour of duty after most recently serving on the Planning Commission.

Despite the board transition, the WPRA has maintained its focus on the issues of the day potentially affecting the quality of life in west Pasadena, including:

- as the Pasadena Chief of Police. Chief Sanchez shared some of his philosophies on police tactics and community policing at our September board meeting, and he emphasized the importance of community involvement in combating crime
- Ambassador West development. The developer, City Ventures, has shared renderings and elevations of Phase I and Phase II of the development at two of our last three board meetings, and plans to attend our October meeting to show final drawings for Phase I and detailed drawings for Phase II of the development.
- Sares-Regis (Westgate). As many of you know, Sares-Regis, the previous owner, went bankrupt. It is rumored that the new owner is considering developing apartments instead of condos. WPRA is closely monitoring this situation concerning any changes that would adversely affect the neighborhood, including reduced construction quality, higher density, modifications to the massing of the proposed buildings and the impact on traffic.
- San Rafael Elementary School. We continue our efforts to support Principal Alyson Beecher through the Student Enrichment Program. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity

- at the school, please contact Principal Beecher or Marilyn Randolph.
- the efforts of those who are challenging the city's approval of the size and design of the IDS project, despite the fact that the proposed development exceeded allowable limits. On a broader scale, the WPRA is working with the city to ensure that it follows existing guidelines and plans that are the result of countless hours of community input.
- Rose Bowl Modernization. We continue to work with and track the efforts of the Rose Bowl Operating Company in its efforts to modernize the iconic Rose Bowl. Without upgrades some fear it will become obsolete, especially with the seemingly ever-present possibility that the NFL will return to Los Angeles with a state-of-the-art stadium that will compete for large events such as the BCS National Championship and friendly international soccer matches.

These are just some of the issues that the WPRA continues to monitor. If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing, or about any other issues affecting west Pasadena, please let us know.

As always, you are invited to attend our board meetings. Our next meeting will be on October 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Westridge School.

Hope to see you there. ■

The best of times, the worst of times

By Steve Madison

Pasadena City Councilmember District 6

thought long and hard before I decided to use Dickens' famous phrase (the opening line of A Tale of Two Cities and probably the most overused quote in literature) as the title for this



Steve Madison

article. I concluded that there truly is no better way to describe the city's current budget situation. We, as a community, have accomplished great things over the last decade. To cite some examples, we've:

- Renovated City Hall, our iconic landmark and civic focal point, bringing it into the 21st century in terms of earthquake safety and technology, at a cost of \$117 million;
- Completed a \$150 million expansion and renovation of our convention center and historic civic auditorium;
- Approved in concept a \$152 million renovation of the Rose Bowl, which will complete a Pasadena renaissance "trifecta" of sorts.

In West Pasadena, specifically, the city:

- Spent \$10+ million on Avenue 64 upgrades and utility undergrounding
- Acquired over 20 acres of open space at Annandale Canyon
- Reinvested in neighborhood parks like Singer Park and San Rafael Park
- Created new neighborhood parks on Arlington Mediterranean Garden and Linda Vista Elementary School

So in many ways it truly has been the best of times both for Pasadena at large and West Pasadena in particular. Why is it also the worst of times?

Pasadena has been effected by the worst national economic recession in 80 years, and all levels of government in California are in a budgetary tailspin. Principally as a result of sharply decreased municipal revenues, beginning in fiscal year 2008-2009, Pasadena faced budget deficits that required a rapid and rigorous response. Fortunately, Pasadena has not been hit as hard as most California cities, and I believe we'll rebound

more quickly once the economic recovery is in full swing, but let's examine the state of the city's budget situation and what we're doing to address it.

A major element — arguably the most important element — of the city's budget, is projected revenues. For Pasadena, and virtually all other California cities, projected revenues from sources like sales tax and property taxes are way down.

To make matters worse, Pasadena and other local jurisdictions have had to weather repeated attacks on local resources from the state, which continues its practice of shifting local revenues away from their intended purpose, rather than living within its means.

Recent efforts to prevent the state from taking more than \$2 billion from local redevelopment agencies appear to have failed as a result of a ruling by a Sacramento Superior Court. For Pasadena, this will mean the loss of \$10.8 million in fiscal year 2010 and \$2.2 million in fiscal year 2011. Local gas-tax revenues also remain under threat.

The city's overall fiscal year (FY) 2011 adopted budget is \$725 million, which includes an operating budget of \$615 million and a capital improvement budget of \$110 million, but most of those costs and revenues are in special funds (the utility fund is a good example) in which both revenues and expenditures are limited to specific purposes.

Most of City Council's budget discussions — and most of our ability to actually shape the budget — is about the general fund, which is approximately 30% of the city's overall budget, and represents all the city's general financial resources and government activities (other than those specifically required to be accounted for separately). It also provides for police, fire, human services and recreation programs, as well as general city administration.

For fiscal year 2011, general fund revenues are estimated at \$212 million — about \$5.5 million less than projected revenues. Even after substantial cuts both last year and this, the general fund operating budget anticipates expenditures of \$217 million — \$5.5 million more than expected revenues.

The adopted FY 2011 general fund operating budget is down approximately \$13 million in actual dollars from the fiscal year 2009 budget, even though in real terms costs have risen notwithstanding the recession.

How have we reduced expenditures notwithstanding increasing costs? Mainly by reducing personnel costs. Like all cities, Pasadena is a municipal services organization, so it is not surprising that more than 76% of general fund expenses are related to personnel.

This year's budget requires additional personnel cuts; since FY 2009, we have reduced the number of city employees from 2,427 to 2,292, a total reduction of 135 full-time employees. (These figures include a reduction in the general fund of 108 full-time employees; 991 today, down from 1,099 in FY 2009).

The irony of our reduction of personnel costs is that according to many economic forecasters, creation of new jobs is the key to economic recovery. By cutting jobs we are certainly not contributing to recovery, here or in the state, but revenue projections left us no choice. We have had to reduce our operating budget by many millions of dollars.

Our challenge has been to find ways to work smarter and more efficiently with fewer resources while we deliver the same level of services consuming fewer resources. Unfortunately, we have seen some reduction of services, which were required to achieve a spending plan consistent with the city's five-year financial plan. Thankfully, those service reductions have had little impact on West Pasadena. Community budget input workshops will begin in October 2010 to help fine-tune priorities and use of resources for future budgets.

In recognition of the impending budget crisis, beginning in fiscal year 2009, we on the City Council and the Executive Leadership Team (the city manager and department heads) have regularly participated in strategic planning sessions designed to focus on the key priorities for the city.

We've identified specific goals:

- Maintain fiscal responsibility and stability
- Improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure
- Increase conservation and sustainability
- Improve mobility and accessibility throughout the city
- Support and promote the local economy
- Ensure public safety

Pasadena City Hall digest & update

By Vince Farhat *Director, WPRA*

City to split planning and development department

ity Manager Michael Beck is recommending City Council split the Planning and Development Department into two separate departments. The idea was first discussed when in

December former planning director Richard Bruckner announced his resignation. Development is responsible for promoting business interests and developing a strong local economy. Planning makes independent decisions on whether proposed developments meet city zoning laws. The WPRA and some council members have argued that having planning and development together can lead to conflicts of interest. The issue came up during discussion of the \$75 million IDS Playhouse Plaza project. Under the Beck's proposal, development would be placed under Assistant City Manager Steve Mermell. Planning would eventually be under the supervision of a new director, who will replace Bruckner. In August

Beck hosted a community meeting during which residents, business owners and others commented on the city's search for a new Planning Director. Recruitment for the position closed in mid-September. Beck will appoint a community committee to assist him in selecting three or four finalists. He anticipates appointing a new Planning director by the end of the year.

Ambassador West update

As reported in the Spring edition of WPRA News, real estate investment and development firm City Ventures has purchased a significant portion of the Ambassador West campus. City Ventures intends to build out the project according to the plan approved in 2007 by City Council. The plan calls for preserving 12 acres of open space on the former Worldwide Church of God headquarters site, including lawns, European-style gardens and courtyards, while preserving all

the historic buildings and 80% of the trees. Development at Ambassador West has been approved in principle, but City Ventures must comply with Pasadena's design review process before construction can begin. City Ventures intends to build out the project in three separate phases. The firm has prepared architectural plans for the first phase of the project to be developed on Del Mar Boulevard. In June, City Ventures presented



Pasadena City Hall, by Joseph Stoddard

preliminary plans to the WPRA board for 10 condominiums proposed for Del Mar. The board's consensus was that the plans are an improvement over what was proposed by the previous developer. City Ventures proposes to lower the height of the two condominium buildings and incorporate design elements that are more consistent with the neighborhood. In late July, the Design Commission conducted a preliminary design consultation with city staff and City Ventures for the first phase of the project. The WPRA advised the commission that we are closely monitoring the design of this project, including craftsmanship and materials. We will continue to focus on neighborhood compatibility, which includes ensuring the project's design, massing and set-backs reflect the context of the adjacent historic residences. The WPRA also urged the applicant and staff to come up with a proposed solution to relocate a historic rose garden that will be displaced by one of the new buildings. The next step in the public review process for the first phase will be a "consolidated design review" by the Design Commission. Given the history and pre-existing entitlements of this site, city staff is of the view that the design process is far enough along to skip concept design review and go straight to consolidated review. The expectation is that City Ventures will be required to submit very detailed design

and development plans for the next public hearing. The date of the next hearing for the first phase of the project will be October 11. City Ventures is just starting the design review process for the second phase of the Ambassador West project. Phase two of the development addresses the central portion of the property overlooking the Great Lawn, where the library and library annex buildings currently sit. Three three-story residential buildings will provide 21 condominium flats over a single level of subterranean parking. In September City Ventures presented preliminary plans to the WPRA board for phase two of the project. The WPRA asked the developer to return to our October board

meeting with additional information. In the meantime, on September 13, the Design Commission conducted a preliminary design consultation for phase two of the project. The design consultation is the first step in the city's design review process for this phase of the development. City Ventures is revising the design based on the Design Commission's feedback and will resubmit the project to the commission again.

City Council suspends pay raise

City Council voted in July to suspend its annual cost-of-living pay increases. Councilmembers will continue earning a flat stipend of about \$16,410 a year. Mayor Bill Bogaard will receive about \$24,600. The otherwise automatic raises, as provided in the city's charter, are tied to the Consumer Price Index.

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The city's financial difficulties prompted City Council to decline the salary adjustment for the second consecutive year. All eight councilmembers and the mayor have paid field representatives, receive retirement contributions and get monthly stipends for medical and life insurance benefits. With these additional benefits, the mayor and councilmembers make more than just their base stipends. For the past several years, salary ranges of Pasadena city employees have been available on the Human Resources Department page of the city website. To make it easier to find the information, a shortcut link has been established — cityofpasadena.net/salaries - in the wake of the salary scandal in the city of Bell. The information is also available on the city website at cityofpasadena. net (under FYI Pasadena).

IDS Playhouse project update

The IDS Playhouse Plaza project is a proposed five-story, 159,000-square-foot retail-office development at Colorado Boulevard and South El Molino Avenue. The IDS project has been criticized because of its size, height and projected impact on traffic. When the project was initially approved late last year, City Council waived city requirements on size, which the project exceeded. A group of residents, including former Councilmember Sid Tyler, filed a lawsuit in January to stop the project. Pasadenans for a Livable City (PLC) joined with Pasadena Heritage in the lawsuit. The court case continues on schedule. Legal briefing is now over, and the stage is set for a court hearing on Sept. 27 during which oral arguments will be presented by the parties. As the lawsuit moves forward, the IDS project continues through Pasadena's design review process. On Aug. 30, the Design Commission once again heard IDS' request for "concept design" approval. This hearing was in response to the matter being sent back to the Design Commission by City Council with direction that a subcommittee of the Design Commission work with IDS on concept design. The new and latest concept design recommended by the subcommittee and considered by the full commission reflected some improvements. However, PLC and Pasadena Heritage continue to believe that the IDS project is simply too large and out

of context with adjacent historic properties. Thus, on September 8, PLC and Pasadena Heritage appealed the Design Commission concept design approval to City Council, which will hold another hearing on concept design of the IDS proposal, probably toward late October or early November. This will be a hearing de novo, meaning the entire application will reviewed as a new proposal.

General Plan update moves forward

The city heard from the community through outreach programs for the General Plan updates of the Land Use and Mobility elements, the Housing element, the Open Space and Conservation element, the Bicycle Master Plan, and so on. Now we need to start pulling everything together and mapping out what the future will look like. In September, the city hosted two community workshops during which residents started mapping and evaluating potential land use and mobility alternatives for future discussion by the community. The WPRA urges West Pasadena residents to get involved in the General Plan update. For more information, visit cityofpasadena.net/generalplan and click "September 2010 Workshops."

New public health director for Pasadena

City Manager Michael Beck has appointed Dr. Eric G. Walsh as the director of public health and public health officer for Pasadena, effective Sept. 1. Walsh will provide overall medical direction and guidance for the Public Health Department and will be responsible for enforcing local and state public health orders, ordinances and statutes. Dr. Walsh previously worked for the Orange County Public Health Department as medical director of the Family Health Division. He is an associate professor of family medicine at Loma Linda University School of Medicine and has also served on the President's Council on HIV/AIDS and the National Advisory Council on Sexual Health. Dr. Walsh is completing doctoral studies and received his Master of Public Health degree from Loma Linda University School of Public Health. He received his medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and his bachelor of science degree from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. He and his wife Annette live in Orange County with their children Johan, Jasmine and Eric III. They plan on moving to or near the Pasadena area. Pasadena's previous director of public health, Dr. Takashi Wada, in March became the director of the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Only three cities in California have municipally managed public health departments that are not under the jurisdiction of county departments: Pasadena, Long Beach and Berkeley. For more information about the department, please visit cityofpasadena.net/publichealth or call (626) 744-6055.

ARTS bus service changes

Effective Aug. 1, Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) has implemented several changes to bus services, including:

- All six Sunday service routes have been eliminated due to continued declines in sales tax revenues that funded the program.
- ARTS bus Route 10 will now travel on South Lake Avenue to provide better connections between Old Pasadena, the Playhouse District and South Lake, but will no longer travel on Wilson Avenue. Buses will operate at intervals of 25 minutes.
- New limited Saturday service on Route 51 will travel to the Rose Bowl stadium from the Memorial Park Gold Line station. From the station, riders can board the bus at the northwest corner of Raymond Avenue and Holly Street. The bus stop at the Rose Bowl Stadium will be on the south side of Seco Street at Arroyo Boulevard.

ARTS bus fares are 75¢; fares for youths K-12 are 50¢, and fares for seniors 60 years or older and disabled persons are 35¢. Transfers between ARTS buses are free of charge; between ARTS buses and other agency buses, transfers cost 25¢ for full and youth fares, and 10¢ for seniors and disabled persons. All ARTS buses have racks for bicycles. For more information, please visit cityofpasadena.net/artsbus or call (626) 398-8973.

Editor's Note: Vince Farhat is a past president of WPRA and serves on the board of directors of the Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC). Before joining PCOC, Vince was West Pasadena's representative on the Transportation Advisory Commission. He can be reached at farhat@wpra.net.

When worlds collide: search for food, water draws coyotes

By Rick Whitman

Vice President of Community Relations Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA

oyotes range throughout the state of California in mountainous terrain, the desert and urban areas. They are also natural inhabitants of our foothill communities as well as the Arroyo Seco, which serves as a wildlife corridor.

What brings them into contact with us

The search for food and water is what draws coyotes and other wildlife into the corridor and populated areas. This grew particularly difficult after this year's Station Fire, when a considerable amount of the coyote's natural prey was burned out of the mountains.

As we've seen, the coyotes are very adaptable predators in spite of efforts to exterminate them. Although coyotes are classified as carnivores, they are true omnivores — they'll eat a wide variety of foods including rodents and rabbits as well as fruits, insects, lizards and carrion.

What's in a name?

The name "coyote" is borrowed from Mexican Spanish, ultimately derived from the Nahuatl word cóyotl. Its scientific name, Canis latrans, means "barking dog" in Latin. (Wikipedia)



Coyote in Central Park, 2009 New York Post photo

An important role, but ...

Coyotes have an important role in the ecosystem, helping control rodent populations. However, they'll also eat small outdoor pets, scavenge through garbage cans and raid your garden for fruit.

It's easy to understand why conflicts between these highly intelligent and versatile creatures and humans occur in more densely populated areas. Fortunately, many issues can be diverted or avoided altogether.

Even though people usually do not feed coyotes intentionally, the natural coyote intelligence and perseverance enable them to take advantage of any easily available supply of food. And once accustomed to the sights and sounds of humans, they begin to lose their natural fear. The result is that they will not distinguish between their

"natural prey" and a small dog or cat. Take steps to protect your family pets.

Although the California Department of Fish and Game is responsible for handling coyotes and other wildlife species, the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA is available to answer your questions and intervene if coyotes are threatening. Visit pasadenahumane.org or call 626/792-7151, ext 110, for information or to report a problem.

Ways to reduce conflicts

Here are some simple suggestions to reduce conflicts with coyotes and other wild species as well:

- Keep all your pets inside at night and watch small dogs when they are outside. Do not leave them alone in the yard, if you know coyotes have been in the area.
- Spay and neuter your pets.
- Feed your pets inside. If you must feed and water animals outside, bring water and food inside at night.
- Keep your garbage in a secure container with a tight fitting lid. Some people will put a large rock on the top for extra weight.
- Clean up around bird feeders.
- Make sure your fences are more than 6 feet high and have no gaps at the bottom; coyotes enjoy digging as well as jumping.

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City Council also adopted a new mission statement: "The City of Pasadena is dedicated to delivering exemplary municipal services responsive to our entire community and consistent with our history, culture and unique character."

The FY 2011 Operating and Capital Budgets represent a spending plan that addresses the issues facing Pasadena during these difficult economic times, while at the same time promoting what has made this city so great.

It will not be an easy year, but as always Pasadena's organizations, community and leadership will persevere. When recovery comes, we will benefit greatly from our reinvestment in projects like the Convention Center/Civic Auditorium, the Rose Bowl, City Hall and the Gold Line, from our strong job base, from our vibrant retail and entertainment districts, and from our unparalleled quality of life.

In West Pasadena, we remain committed to keeping our neighborhoods great. And while it may indeed be the best of times and the worst of times for government budgets today, even better times lie ahead for our great city.

Note: Thanks to City Manager Michael Beck, Finance Director Andrew Green, Public Information Officer Ann Erdman, and District 6 Field Representative Takako Suzuki, for assistance in the preparation of this article.

For more information about the City's budget, please see the city's website cityofpasadena.net.

Sequoyah freshens its face, honors storied tradition

By Becky Koppenhaver

equoyah School's commitment to the stewardship of its historic campus continues with the most recent improvement — completion of a new perimeter fence, which runs along Pasadena and California avenues.

Alice Fung, architect and Sequoyahstudent parent, has overseen the different phases of the school's improvements, which began about two years ago.

The new perimeter fence was designed to enhance the property, as well as provide added safety at the busy corner. It was built from materials that, according to Fung, reflect the original structural patterns and surface textures of the diverse historic architectural styles of the campus.

Equally important, she says, was maintaining the campus' visibility to the community.

"We wanted to create a new edge that addresses the community in a more positive way to give something back to the street and is more pedestrian friendly."

Other improvements to the campus include:

- A shade structure near the parking lot
- Landscaping throughout the campus
- A new Gardens for Learning area.

These improvements were designed to meet the school's modern needs, while still honoring and preserving the original form



The new perimeter fence and landscaping reflects the original historic architectural styles of the campus. © CyberStern.com

and design of the campus.

Three of the school's buildings, which are now used as classrooms, were designed in 1956 by well-known Pasadena architects (Whitney R.) Smith and (Wayne R.) Williams. These structures are prime examples of the popular modernist architecture of that time.

Additionally, Garrett Eckbo, known for inspiring the modern landscape movement in Southern California, created an outdoor environment for the campus in 1953 that was functional as well as beautiful. Proof is that

Julius Shulman, celebrated photographer of modernist architecture, photographed the campus for the Architectural Record. Eckbo's work has served as a blueprint for recent campus landscaping.

Three of the school's buildings are now eligible for inclusion in the National Register. These include the school's library, which once served as a children's chapel for the historic Neighborhood Church that once sat on the grassy field behind the fence. Also, the stately 1910 Craftsman structure, once the church's parsonage, which now serves as the school's administration offices, remains part of the Markham Place Historic District.

Equally important has been the use of sustainable green building design, reflecting a core value of the school that emphasizes stewardship and respect for one's environment and community.

Sequoyah school is an independent day school located at 535 S. Pasadena Ave. Since its founding in 1958, Sequoyah has been committed to education that "challenges the mind, nurtures the heart, and celebrates human dignity." Today, approximately 180 students are grouped into seven multi-age K-8 classes. The school was named for the distinguished Cherokee leader who developed a syllabary for his people's unwritten language. The naming of the school reflects the love of books and reading that is at the heart of Sequoyah's education.



This photograph, by celebrated architectural photographer Julius Shulman, captures a Seqouyah classroom in 1953 or 1954. The photo also features the historic palm trees and the landscaping designed by Garret Eckbo." © J. Paul Getty Trust. Used with permission. Julius Shulman Photography Archive, Research Library at the Getty Research Institute (2004.R.10)

Hillside ordinance focuses on size, proximity and view

By Blaine Cavena *Treasurer, WPRA*

he hillside ordinance is a set of zoning rules that apply to a number of — hillside areas in Pasadena. The Linda Vista and San Rafael areas constitute most of the land covered by the ordinance, but some areas on the eastern side of the Arroyo Seco are also covered. (The ordinance also applies, with variations, to some areas of east Pasadena.)

a public hearing and formal approval prior to the granting of permits. In most cases these requirements will impose additional costs on the project.

The ordinance represents an attempt to address two different concerns:

■ In the Linda Vista area there was increasing dissatisfaction with the size, placement and scale of new homes. People were particularly concerned with new homes placed on ridge tops that were vastly larger than neighboring homes.

While it contains a number of specific elements, including rules affecting where structures can be placed, maximum structure heights, landscaping, a formal hearing and approval process and more, two rules affecting the maximum size of structures generate the majority of the community debate. These rules apply limits to the total square footage of all structures – including all floors or stories and all other structures (for example, garages).

and characteristics with a single set of rules.

The first rule limits total square footage (not just lot coverage or footprint, but total structure square footage, considering all "floors") to a percentage of the lot size, with that percent decreasing for steeper lots. The resulting allowable square footage for a small, steep lot can be quite limited.

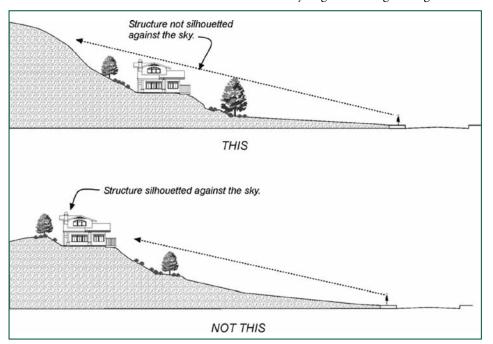
The second rule establishes a square footage limit based on surrounding homes, usually those within 500 feet. In most cases the total square footage may not exceed 135% of the median square footage of the surrounding homes.

With one set of rules for two different areas, it shouldn't be surprising to encounter some debate. Some, particularly in the San Rafael area, view the ordinance as too restrictive, particularly when, because of the small lots in San Rafael, homes are sometimes limited to much less than 2,000 square feet. Others, particularly in the Linda Vista area, find some of the limits in the ordinance not restrictive enough, especially the relative absence of rules regarding excavation and grading.

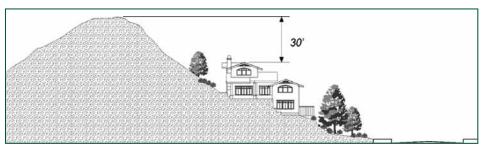
As the ordinance matures, there will be opportunities to revise and refine its provisions. For example, some believe that slight variations in the rules might better serve each neighborhood, yet still retain the overall intent of the ordinance.

In this area, as in other areas that directly affect the character of our community, the WPRA will be monitoring and participating in efforts to ensure that the community's interests and intent are well represented. If you would like to assist in our efforts please let us know by contacting me at cavena@wpra.net.

Note: This article simplifies the rules; the actual rules are somewhat more complex and consider some additional factors. For the complete ordinance, please visit the city or the Pasadena Permit Center's website.



Silhouetted Structure



Location of Structure Below Ridgeline

Hillside zoning rules overlay regular zoning rules in that they add to and sometimes alter the underlying zoning rules for new structures, as well as modifications or additions to existing structures.

In almost all cases the ordinance imposes additional requirements, restrictions and limitations on the size or placement of structures that go well beyond those in the underlying zoning rules. In addition, many projects in designated Hillside areas require

The concerns in the San Rafael area were about remodeling projects that added height and blocked neighboring views or appeared to crowd neighboring structures.

The environments of San Rafael and Linda Vista are quite different. Relative to the hillside areas of San Rafael, Linda Vista lots are much larger. And while the San Rafael hillsides are essentially built out, the Linda Vista hillsides are not. The hillside ordinance attempts to address the two different concerns

Gone, but not forgotten

by Kirk MyersAssistant Archivist
Pasadena Museum of History

House moving in 1893 style

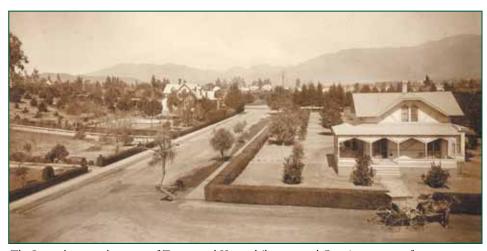
Editor's note: The Pasadena Museum of History has graciously agreed to provide WPRA News readers with a series of historical vignettes that expose Pasadena's past and, we hope, will inform the future, proving that although we've already lost much, we haven't forgotten.

n March 18, 1893, one of the local news items that the Pasadena Daily Evening Star cited was:

"H.I. Stuart, of the First National bank, has bought the Swiss cottage on the corner of Orange Grove avenue and Columbia street and will remove it to the corner of Terrace drive and Howard, where he has two fine lots."

Although the corner of Terrace Drive and Howard (now Green Street) was more than a mile away, this was not an unusual event. House-moving was a common occurrence in early Pasadena, and the Stuart home was not the first house to be moved in the immediate area. Mr. Stuart's father-in-law, Benjamin F. Ball, built a beautiful home diagonally across the same intersection several years earlier, after he had moved the home that was built there only a few years previous:

"The Mrs. Bartlett residence, lately purchased by B. F. Ball, is being moved from its former location on the hillside above Terrace avenue to a lot on Orange Grove avenue. The heavy structure was moved up the hillside without apparent difficulty. House



The Stuart home at the corner of Terrace and Howard (later named Green), sometime after it was moved in 1893. Some common features of the time are evident - a board sidewalk, a hedge and a small broom at the front door to remove dust from a carriage ride or walk. In current times, Ralphs market is on this lot. Note: Green Street is left-to-right at the bottom of this photo. Courtesy of the Archives, Pasadena Museum of History (H1-27)

moving in Pasadena has been reduced to a fine art." (Pasadena Daily Union, November 12, 1887).

Four days earlier, the Union reported that the nearest street was affected – "Alcott drive is obstructed by a house in the course of moving."

In September 1886, before building his second home on the present site of the Elks Club House, Dr. Conger moved his original home down the hill to Terrace Drive.

In August, 1890 the Pasadena Daily Star observed that "Another house was on wheels on Colorado street yesterday. There are more houses moved in Pasadena than in any other town outside the eastern cyclonic belt."

Whether or not this was true, newspapers certainly do show that many homes were moved in West Pasadena at the time.

The site of the Stuart home is now occupied by a Ralphs market. The Ball home was demolished in 1924, so that Green Street could be extended to South Orange Grove. And West Pasadena has probably had fewer houses moved recently than it was accustomed to more than a century ago, when house moving in Pasadena was "reduced to a fine art."

The Pasadena Museum of History is located at the corner of Orange Grove Boulevard and Walnut Street (470 W. Walnut, Pasadena 91103); free parking in the Museum lot. The Research Library & Archives are open to the public free of charge Thursdays-Sundays from 1-4 pm. For additional information, please visit the Museum's website, pasadenahistory. org, or call 626-577-1660, ext. 10.

Land trust needs your help to conserve Rubio Canyon

The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy, a local land trust, is attempting to preserve and restore a key piece of land in the Altadena foothills — and it will need a boost from the local community to succeed.

The land in question is Rubio Canyon, just east of Lake Avenue. The canyon was home to the Mount Lowe Railway from 1893 to 1937, but most of the land is closed to the public now, with trails falling into disuse. Preserving the canyon would stop a plan to develop the land, and would protect

important habitat for wildlife. It would allow for a continuous trail from Eaton Canyon to Lake Avenue, with a new trailhead planned off Loma Alta Drive.

With the help of the local community, AFC conserved 20 acres in the canyon last year. It is now working to acquire the remaining 21 acres. AFC is counting on grants for the lion's share of the acquisition, although it also has \$115,000 in commitments from individuals. It expects to need another \$125,000 from local people by

the end of the year to acquire the land at a favorable price.

To make a donation, visit arroyosfoothills.org, or mail a check to:

Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy P.O. Box 3 Altadena, CA 91003-0003

For more information, contact AFC executive director John Howell at (626)976-3004 or send an e-mail to johnhowell@arroyosfoothills.org.

Pasadena Heritage prepares for craftsman weekend

tribute to Pasadena's unique contributions to the American Arts & Crafts Movement will be held October 15-17. The 19th annual Craftsman weekend, which is presented by Pasadena Heritage, is the largest and most comprehensive celebration of the Craftsman Movement in the Western United States.

Enjoy three days of outstanding educational programs and events including a tour of significant Craftsman-era houses, a variety of bus and walking tours, and exclusive evening events in historic sites. New this year is the expanded Craftsman Exposition, a major exhibition and sale of furniture and decorative arts, which has moved to the Pasadena Convention Center. Featured events include:

Opening reception: Join Pasadena Heritage for an elegant opening reception at

Chief Shares (cont.)

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WPRA: What new ideas will you introduce? Chief Sanchez: It's not so much about introducing new ideas, but more about mastering the old. We need to recognize and understand the great diversity and talent we have in the department and the community. I'm starting with our employees and then extending that to the community. Once we master basics, we can become creative.

WPRA: Are you considering any changes to the concept of "1 beat. 1 cop. 1 year."?

Chief Sanchez: No, although we've had to fill in some ranks to keep the program intact, we will continue to keep patrol officers in the same beat for one year. It's a great way for residents to get to know officers better and for officers to become more familiar with neighborhood concerns and problem areas.

WPRA: What can we do to help you succeed?

Chief Sanchez: To stay engaged. Form a partnership with us to resolve problems. I am a strong proponent of community collaboration and integration. A police department or police chief cannot improve public safety alone, it requires an entire community working together.

the Pasadena Convention Center featuring a behind-the-scenes tour of this historic civic auditorium. Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and a first look at the Craftsman exposition.

Craftsman house tour: The signature event of the weekend, docent-guided tours of six privately owned bungalows

Bus and walking tours: Knowledgeable docents lead tours highlighting Pasadena's historic neighborhoods and Craftsman-era architecture.

The West Adams Historic District will also be featured as an all-day excursion.

Exclusive evening

events: An exclusive tour of one of Greene & Greene's most significant designs, the Robert R. Blacker House, a National Register landmark, followed by a garden reception

Craftsman Exposition: Over 50 returning exhibitors and more than 30 new exhibitors from across the U.S. offering extraordinary antique and contemporary Arts &

Crafts furnishings and decorative arts as well as restoration experts. Demonstrations highlighting our exhibitors talents and crafts will be ongoing throughout the weekend.

Free parking for the Craftsman Exposition and weekend headquarters will be available on Saturday and Sunday at the AMPCO Parking structure at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Cordova Street. This location is a two block walk to the entrance of the Convention Center. Parking will also be available at the Convention Center Parking Structure for \$9 a day or \$15 with in and out privileges. Information regarding parking for bus and walking tours will be included with your ticket order.

Ticket Information

For further information, schedules, ticket prices, and to purchase tickets, visit pasadenaheritage.org or call 626/441-6333

City swears in new chief (cont.)

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(Pasadena's) gain." Chief Sanchez is a 29-year veteran of public safety, having served his entire career with the Santa Monica Police Department. Most recently, he served the SMPD as deputy chief and was responsible for the day-to-day operations.

He's commanded a variety of units throughout his career, including Internal Affairs, Criminal Investigations, and Operations. He has extensive background in police tactics and special operations. Considered to be an expert in the use of deadly force and tactics, Chief Sanchez seems equally comfortable with First Amendment rights and the right to privacy, having had to deal with irrepressible paparazzi and celebrities, residents of Malibu, they stalk.

Phillip C. Sanchez

- Bachelor's degree, business management, University of Redlands
- Master's degree in security studies, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security
- Developed SMPD's Special Entry Team (SWAT); received Medal of Merit
- Twice awarded Medal of Courage for heroic actions during tactical operations
- Helped found Santa Monica's Chronic Homeless Project
- Developed Santa Monica's Serial Inebriate Outreach Program, an alternative to incarceration
- Officer of the Year by Rotary and Optimist clubs
- Resident of North Fullerton with wife, Deborah, four children, three grandchildren
- Avid bicyclist and former Eagle Scout

San Rafael welcomes new school year

By Alyson Beecher

Principal, San Rafael Elementary School

[Editor's note: The WPRA has long believed in the enriching and ennobling power of education. For this reason, several years ago the board "adopted" San Rafael Elementary School (1090 Nithsdale Road), the only public elementary school in its service area. In practice, that means WPRA education liaison Marilyn Randolph, through the Student Enrichment Program, works closely with the school staff to supplement classroom experience by providing students with access to talented and generous members of our community.]

very first day of a new school year is, quite literally, my new year's day. As a child, I loved getting new pencils and notebooks and that box of sharply pointed crayons on that day. Even as an adult, I find the first day of school truly exciting and energizing.

Of course, this year will be a little different; some familiar faces will be missing. Due to budget cuts, we have lost the services of many dedicated teachers and staff. As a result, it will take even more creativity and volunteer generosity for us to continue to make the gains of the past. And that's why I'm so thankful for the partnership that has developed between San Rafael and the West Pasadena community, due in large part to the hard work of Marilyn Randolph, WPRA educational liaison and board member.



Staples employees, Fred Davis, assistant manager, and Iris Morales, staff associate, prepare to send donated supplies to the school.

Marilyn and I would like to thank several businesses that generously donated products and materials:

- Staples (875 S, Arroyo Pkwy) for office & school supplies
- Robin's Wood Fire B-B-Q and Grill (395 N. Rosemead Blvd.) for support of Science Camp and Student Leadership
- Avery Denison Corporation for support of PUSD's Math Field Day.

We look forward to the return this school year of the many local artists, authors, scientists, doctors, lawyers and others who provided educational and enrichment opportunities to our students last year. We hope we'll see some new participants in volunteer program as well.

And let's not forget the *neighborhood* volunteers. In our eyes, they are heroes to the students and to the parents who cannot



San Rafael principal Alyson Beecher and school custodian Curtis Bennet carry materials donated by Staples into the school.

be there to read a story or to explain a math problem.

We continue to need even more volunteers. They are essential, given the current economic pinch, to help us bring out the best in each student. So, if, for example, you:

- Find satisfaction in coaching students in math or other subjects, or
- Enjoy organizing books and helping get them into students' hands, or
- Love to play board games or teach students how to play them, or
- Get a kick out of acting, singing, dancing and want to share those skills...

... we have a great role and great need for you.

For more information about volunteering, please call the school office at (626) 396-5790.

WPRA remembers Dorothy Lindsey (cont.)

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Emina Darakjy, of Pasadena Beautiful, reports that Dorothy was vital to making the organization's 41st Annual Design Awards Banquet a success by graciously accepting to serve on the committee. She volunteered to create the display boards for the design awards. In fact, she made 17 of them, with pictures and descriptions of each recipient, and then put them on easels around the room.

Emina also recalls Dorothy's generosity: "When she found out that I was volunteering to raise money for the annual Fourth of July Americafest celebration at the Rose Bowl, she gave generously and embraced the spirit of the event by attending with her family.

For me, Dorothy was that one-in-a-million friend I could count on no matter what." Dolores Diaz-Carrey, of the San Rafael Library Associates, testifies to Dorothy's commitment to that organization by volunteering her time and expertise to ensure completion of the Community Room renovations. Dorothy worked hard to help raise the necessary money. Another friend, Victoria Bell, credits Dorothy with helping to bring awareness and new supporters to the Pasadena Senior Center through her generous sponsorships and advocacy efforts.

Even while serving so many civic and charitable causes during her retirement years, she spent time enjoying her grandchildren and traveling the world. There was no more concerned or dedicated a grandmother than Dorothy, when her granddaughter or grandson needed anything. In summary, Dorothy's passing has left a hole in the hearts of all who knew her.

In addition to her husband Bill, Dorothy leaves behind their son John and his wife Callie, as well as two grandchildren, Lauren and James. She also leaves her sister, Norma Walker.

The family requests that donations, in lieu of flowers, be made to the West Pasadena Residents Association. The WPRA is seeking a way to recognize Dorothy's incredible contribution to her community by institutionalizing for future generations her rare spirit and high standards.

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