

**Follow-up to questions recently posed to Councilmember Bonin:
Report by Lisa Cahill, CD11 Palisades Deputy – July 24, 2019**

- **Dog Park Funding** --- We are committed to continuing our support of the dog park. We are working with RAP [Recreation & Parks] to secure funding and get this project underway.
- **Status of pilot program for sidewalk fixes** --- BOE [Bureau of Engineering] says that in residential areas, as long as one side of the street is compliant, then that's fine. For issues of disability and access, that department will take request if it is an access issue and we were just awarded two new City-wide staff to help with that process. When the new fiscal year begins, BSS [Bureau of Street Services] will do small spot improvements regardless of where they are, upon discretionary approval . . . but in general, sidewalks are private owners' responsibility. There is also a targeted pilot program for sidewalks near City property. Many of the sidewalks that are brought to our attention have several inches between sections, creating a significant hazard. Others are only fractions of inches. We are collecting locations for BSS to see if they will be part of the pilot. The sidewalk repair program (outside of this one pilot) is something that is on-going. People can call [Mobility Deputy Alex Bartrosouf] in our office [213-473-7011] for more information.
- **Extricating contract for community-funded used library book store from the Mayor's office** --- I have been in touch with Friends of the Library and pertinent City departments, and this seems to be moving forward. If there are any other slow-downs, the leaders in charge of the library program can contact me and we will continue to remind the departments of the importance of this project so that it is completed asap.
- **Regulation of dockless scooters** --- Hit and run laws do apply in cases like the recent one where Father Kidney of Corpus Christi Church in Pali, was hit by a scooter on April 13th, and spent the night in the hospital. They apply because scooters are considered motor vehicles under the CA Vehicle Code, all traffic laws apply to them. There aren't separate sections for most offenses, like hit-and-run. There are a handful of statutes that apply specifically to operators of motorized scooters. Sidewalk riding is prohibited by CVC 21235(g). Other motorized scooter rules are in the same general code section. Breaking these rules is a moving violation and citations result in a fine and points on your license, just like if you committed the infraction in a car. The Councilmember also supported a motion that was approved by the City Council to require companies to improve their cooperation with law enforcement by creating a law enforcement portal for information requests and designating a liaison to work with LAPD to expedite them. State law prohibits companies from just disclosing customer data without a search warrant, but the Council asked for a report back from the City Attorney to see if there are ways to expedite sharing that information while still complying with State law. Though there has been encouraging progress, the Councilmember is not yet satisfied and has directed LADOT to develop new rules that will address the oversaturation of scooters in specific areas. He believes that in order to make this program work for our city, it needs to work for our neighborhoods.
- **Implementation of strict penalties for developers who indiscriminately remove street trees** --- The rules are the same for everyone. If you are removing a protected tree or a parkways tree, you need a permit. If that procedure is not followed the consequences are determined by the departments. The Councilmember is committed to the protection of our urban forest and environment. Our office will continue to respond to illegal removals when we hear about them from the community and work to further strengthen ordinances moving forward.
- **Brush clearance along Palisades Dr.** --- LAFD and RAP are aware of the concerns on Palisades drive and remove brush in accordance with the current codes. In the past year, RAP and LAFD staff have visited and inspected this area several times, often with CD11 staff there as well.

- **Potential redesign of Chautauqua and PCH intersection** --- Much of this is a state/Caltrans issue. The city has done a great deal on our end to improve the intersection. The Councilmember has asked that his Transportation Deputy, Eric Bruins, put together a task force to help ensure that these other agencies work together to find solutions.
- **Trash recycling at City Parks** --- I asked RAP, and they do not do it because of scavenging. This is similar in Santa Monica and the issue of mixing trash with recycling. We'd need to create a pilot/whole new program and to coordinate between multiple city departments, but our office is currently exploring what that would take and how we could best align that with the Mayor's sustainability goals.
- **Installation of Left Turn signal at Sunset and Chautauqua** --- I believe this is in the works, but will ask our Transportation Deputy and circle back.