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Machinery Repairman 3rd Class Hamali Enriquez from Los Angeles, re-threads a valve stem in USS John C. Stennis' (CVN 74) repair shop. Providing a ready force supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific, John C. Stennis is operating as part of the Great Green Fleet on a regularly scheduled 7th Fleet deployment. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class DeAndrae McDaniel

Lawndale Ready for Future with Advisory Boards, Public Works Projects Complete

By Haleemon Anderson

The Lawndale City Council continued its efforts to set the stage for the coming year, finalizing appointments to advisory groups and signing off on extensive public works projects, at this week's meeting.

The Council approved eight appointments to fill seats still vacant on advisory bodies. These positions are filled by residents and provide vital information and guidance to the council, allowing it to have the eyes and ears of the community on issues that directly affect Lawndale residents.

The appointments are as follows: Daniel T. Woods, to the 5-member Parks, Recreation and Social Services Commission, Ray E. Rapp to the 12-member Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and April Owens to the 7-member Youth Advisory Committee.

All five seats on the Personnel Board were appointed Monday. They are: John Stephen Clark, Marcela Paez Pak, George J. Pelzl, Mercedes Santacruz and N. Golden Thrower.

The City engages eight total advisories, including the already filled Planning Commission (5 members) and Beautification Committee (7 members). The 5-member Cable Commission still needs to fill a sole remaining seat. All posts are for two years, and run concurrent with general municipal election cycles.

Notices of completion were accepted on upgrades to the traffic signals systems and concrete-related repairs at Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach Boulevards, and Marine Avenue. The massive projects were under contract to Kalban, Inc and PTM General Engineering Services, Inc., respectively, at a combined cost of \$1,150,390.

Both projects came in slightly under budget. Staff performed a final inspection, approving compliance. Action on both projects was included in the consent calendar, and was unanimously approved by the Council for forwarding to the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office. Other items on the consent calendar included filing of

the city's quarterly investment report and routine bill paying of claims and demands at \$970,139.

The city continues to monitor crime through community policing. Lieutenant John Hocking gave the public safety report for the period of July 18 through 31. Two suspects were detained and booked on robbery charges, on July 17 and July 26. A vehicle stop resulted in an arrest on July 27. Hocking said deputies searched a vehicle, after marijuana odor was detected. They discovered what appeared to be a large quantity of supplies from Home Depot. Deputies believed the items to be stolen. The driver could not provide evidence to the contrary, and was subsequently booked for receiving stolen property.

Lieutenant Hocking also gave report of continued monitoring of Hopper Park. Last week, he and two other officers engaged a transient group attempting to set up on the park grounds. The makeshift encampment was put down. Hocking admitted that dealing with the homeless problem is a "balancing act."

"We don't violate their rights," he continued, saying that when officers make contact, they try to point the homeless to available services and other resources.

Public comments continued to focus on illegal fireworks and building permits. New concerns include parking of vehicles on lawns and work trucks. Several residents complained of work trucks taking up desired space on residential streets, seemingly skirting the 72-hour parking rule.

City Manager Steve Mandoki asserted that residents should call Municipal Services. "They will come out and mark [the vehicle]," Mandoki said.

Resident and business owner Donna Hamilton appeared before the council. Her concern is city ordinance 932-02, which Hamilton said has "cut the diversity" of shops along the Lawndale stretch of Hawthorne Boulevard. She said the ordinance, which was intended to encourage a variety of shops has had the

"opposite effect," and has impeded her efforts to re-open a consignment shop.

Council reports proceeded with Councilman Jim Osborne noting the upcoming volunteer recognition dinner this week. Previously, Osborne said he would like to see commendations brought forward for the deputies who have assisted in keeping Hopper Park safe. Mandoki also noted that the increased staffing allocation at Hopper has been effective.

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney attended the health fair at Jane Addams Park, sponsored by Assembly Member Autumn Burke's office. He thanked Burke, saying the event, which provided free eye exams and back-to-school supplies was "a great event."

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles thanked Lawndale park staff and Mike Estes for their help with the event. "They did an outstanding job with the facilities," said Pullen-Miles. The mayor continued his report, citing a meeting with Mayor James T. Butts of Inglewood, where they discussed the impending Metro and NFL expansion.

With the NFL stadium coming to Inglewood, Pullen-Miles has said the council is keen on finding ways for Lawndale to benefit from its proximity to this project. He said Butts was willing to share some useful information.

"Butts is our representative on the Metro board, also," Pullen-Miles said. The two discussed the Measure R (working title) ½-cent sales tax initiative, and how to capture those taxes. "We want to incorporate that into our development agreement (with Metro)," said Pullen-Miles, who also recently met with Mayor Eric Garcetti on the Metro project.

The council went into closed session near the end of the meeting. The half-hour session, in which anticipated litigation and property negotiations were discussed, netted no actionable items.

The Lawndale City Council will hold its next regular meeting on Aug. 15, at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall at 14717 Burin Avenue. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
71°/64°



Saturday
Sunny
71°/64°



Sunday
Sunny
72°/64°



PETSPETS **Pets** PETSPETS

Purrrfect Companions



Bear

Find your lifelong friend when you adopt your purr-fect match.

Bear is a unique looking tortie kitten, with beautiful big eyes! She is particularly fond of her little brother, Peel, with whom she plays and cuddles most of the time. She is energetic and daring and loves to explore. She is also very loving and affectionate with her human companions. Little Bear loves belly rubs while lying on your lap, and she relaxes and falls asleep in your hands. She hilariously meows when you kiss her little head.

Peel will steal your heart with sweetness! He particularly loves to play with his sister Bear, and to learn from her. He has very expressive eyes, and they are magnetic when he looks into yours. He loves human companionship. He enjoys being held close to you, and sometimes he falls asleep tucked in under your chin.

Beautiful **Mia** was trapped by management at DWP and taken to a county shelter. The person who had been feeding her asked for Kitten Rescue's help in getting her out of the shelter. Because Mia was deemed "feral", she could only be adopted by a rescue group. The plan was to spay her and find a place where she could be a barn cat and live out her life as a feral. But something happened when her rescuer put her in a cage for recovery after being spayed.... Sweet Mia meowed. Feral cats do not meow. Meowing is a cat's way of communicating with humans. It was Mia's way of saying "I want a home". Mia is a sweet, lovable cat with captivating green eyes, who likes to be petted and held. A



Peel

quiet home with a kitty companion would be an ideal choice for her.

Bonnie is a gorgeous, very curious and very playful Tabby cat that loves to be on camera. She is also very loyal and cuddly. Bonnie is great with children and will follow you everywhere. Her favorite things to play with are pipe cleaners, toilet paper rolls, paper towels, and tinfoil. She also loves to wrestle and pounce on her brother, Clyde and meows when he is out of her sight. She is a good eater, and is very healthy! Bonnie is very soft, fun to pet and doesn't scratch or bite. She and her brother will make a wonderful addition to any loving home!

Clyde is a super playful, super loving, snuggly boy who is a joy to have around. He loves people and his sister Bonnie. He wants lots of love and attention. Clyde loves to chase and be chased and to wrestle and pounce on his sister. He is always ready for the next game or adventure. He often comes up to your leg to nuzzle so he can get a nice pet and also loves to be picked up and turned upside down. Bonnie and Clyde should be adopted together as they are so bonded. This playful pair will add a wonderful energy and joy to any loving home.

Audi was rescued from the engine of a car (an Audi) after crying for 3 days. He was terrified, covered with grease and fleas, and skinny. After a bath, good food and loving care, he tamed immediately and now is a loving, playful, adventurous little guy. Audi started eating nonstop and soon gained weight and lengthened out, but he may always be on the small side. He sleeps on his foster mama's neck at night. A couple



Mia

of weeks later, we found Chevy who may be his brother. They're now bonded, playing and sleeping together, so they should be adopted together. Another foster cat, Anabel, served as the foster mama too, giving both Audi and Chevy love, care and discipline. He's accustomed to adult cats, kittens and small dogs.

Chevy appeared in our front yard, several days after we heard him crying. He must have been on his own for many days. When caught, he was terrified, very thin, and covered with fleas. It was decided that he's probably Audi's brother, as he was found close by. He's a calm, quiet and affectionate little guy who loves to play gently. His fuzzy coat will be handsome when he's grown. Chevy loves to sleep on his foster mama's neck with Audi. Chevy is also accustomed to adult cats, kittens, and small dogs.

These kitties are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA, 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655



Audi

Lincoln Blvd. just south of Manchester Ave. and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Ave, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location. •

*Saving one animal
won't change the world,
but the world
will surely change
for that animal.*



Bonnie



Chevy



Clyde