



# Historic Northwest PASADENA Northwest Commission Monthly Newsletter

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## Save the Date

**Northwest Commission Meetings** are scheduled the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena

La Comisión se reúne en el Centro Jackie Robinson cada Segundo Martes de cada mes a las 6:30 p.m.,

A petición se proporciona traducción 24 horas antes de la reunión, llame al (626) 744-4371.

## Northwest Commission Chair Message

This newsletter offers an effective way to stay in touch with our neighbors and keep you informed about upcoming issues affecting residents in the Northwest. We hope to continue working with you to help make our community better and keep you abreast of the latest issues affecting our region. The Northwest Commission wants to provide you with the necessary tools and information to ensure, that together, we optimize the quality of services for our residents.

*Esta información ofrece una manera efectiva para mantener a nuestros vecinos informados sobre temas que afectan a los residentes del Noroeste de Pasadena. Esperamos trabajar con ustedes para asegurar que nuestra comunidad reciba la información necesaria que afecta a esta región. La Comisión del Noroeste quiere asegurar que usted tenga la información y las herramientas adecuadas, para que juntos, mejoremos la calidad de vida para todos los residentes.*



NWC Chair Craig Washington and his daughter Drew Washington, 2012 Queen of the Tournament of Roses, attend the December 30 Presidents' Dinner at Tournament House.

## Northwest Commission to Hold Special Meeting at Villa-Parke in March – Get Involved!

In an effort to continue to engage the community at-large to help improve quality of Life issues for residents, the Northwest Commission last Summer approved Commissioner Delgado's and newly-elected Vice Chair Schneulle's request to alternate meetings between Jackie Robinson, Villa Parke and La Pintoresca Park during 2016.

This is a historic move from the NW commission, the first meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Villa-Parke Community Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. According to the City Attorney, these special alternate meetings can only discuss agenda items. Please make sure to participate to address concerns in your area.

*En un esfuerzo por asegurar que la comunidad se involucre en asuntos que afectan la calidad de vida de los residentes, la Comisión del Noroeste aprobó el verano pasado una moción de la Comisionada Delgado y la Vice Presidenta Schneulle para alternar las reuniones de la comisión entre el Centro Jackie Robinson, Villa Parke y la Pintoresca durante el 2016.*

*Este es un paso histórico de parte de la comisión, la primera reunión se llevará a cabo el 8 de Marzo en el Auditorio de la Villa-Parke a las 6:30 p.m. De acuerdo al Fiscal de La Ciudad, estas reuniones especiales solo pueden discutir temas predispuestos en la agenda. Por favor involúcrese y proporcione sus ideas de cómo mejorar la calidad de vida en su área.*

## In the News

### **City Manager Departure in Feb. 2016, Mermell appointed interim City Manager**

Pasadena City Manager Michael J. Beck left his position with the city this past week and will assume a new role at the University of California at Los Angeles.

In a letter to city employees, Beck wrote "I will be leaving my position as city manager effective February 14th 2016 to embark on the next chapter of my professional journey. Beginning on March 1, 2016 I will assume the role of Administrative Vice Chancellor at UCLA."

The Pasadena City Council has appointed Assistant City Manager Steve Mermell as Interim City Manager.



Interim City Manager Steve Mermell

### **City Hired Consultant to conduct Police Oversight**

Kathryn Olson is the lead consultant retained by the city to analyze various forms of police oversight to determine which model best suits Pasadena. Olson has been awarded a two-part, \$50,000 contract to produce the analysis and to oversee community outreach and discussion of the different options for

## Police Chief Sanchez, City Officials update community re: heightening safety in the NW



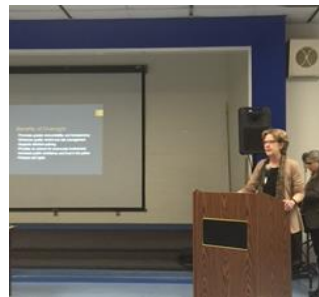
In January, Police Chief Phillip Sanchez and local city officials met at Villa Parke to address community concerns regarding the surge of violence in area. In response to the recent shootings, Chief Sanchez indicated that they have deployed more officers and have established greater police presence in the Northwest. In relation to the police shortage, the city council members indicated that they have approved

an increased budget for the Pasadena Police Department.

According to Chief Sanchez, the Department has already hired several officers who are currently in training and will be joining Pasadena's force in the coming weeks.

City Councilmembers Victor Gordo, John Kennedy and Tyron Hampton indicated that they will continue to press the Office of the City Manager to ensure that the public safety needs in the Northwest are met.

## Northwest Commission Held Special Community Meeting with Police Oversight Study Team



*Above: Olson and Attard discussing their scope of work and study tactics.*

*Below: Neighbor Sarah Ortiz requesting in-language officers.*



Dozens of community members attended the NW Commission meeting held at Jackie Robinson Center to voice concerns to the Police Oversight Team comprised by Kathryn Olson and her partner Barbara Attard of Change Integration Consulting LLC.

This was the second hearing regarding a study of police oversight models suitable for Pasadena. Community members shared concerns regarding police harassment tactics and requested a more diverse, in-language police workforce.

The team presented an overview of their task to examine various models of police oversight, which according to the team is being exercised in various American cities. The team is scheduled to present a report with their findings to the City at the end of March.

Lastly, the team indicated that in addition to community input, they are also interviewing the Pasadena Police Union and other city representatives.

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## Northwest Commission Members

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District 1

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## Water Capital Improvement Charge to roll-out this year

The City Council held a public hearing on January 11, 2016 and received public comment to consider whether to implement a proposed average increase of \$0.45 per hundred cubic feet to the Water Capital Improvement Charge (CIC) on customers' water bills. The CIC is expected to provide revenue for capital investment in the water production and delivery systems, including water main replacements, seismic and efficiency improvements to reservoirs, upgrades and rehabilitation of pumping stations and equipment and other infrastructure improvements as necessary to ensure consistently high system reliability and water quality.

For more info. visit the Pasadena Water and Power at **Address:** 150 S Los Robles Ave #200, Pasadena, CA 91101 or call (626) 744-4005.

Download the English Flyer click [here](#).

Download a Spanish Flyer click [here](#).



The image is a public notice for a water emergency. On the left, a 'LEVEL 4 Water Shortage' sign features a red '4' and a graphic of a water tap. In the center, a red circle with a diagonal slash is superimposed over a photograph of a lawn sprinkler. To the right, a red octagonal sign with white text reads 'NO OUTDOOR WATERING ALLOWED Feb. 25 to Mar. 10' and includes a small graphic of a water tap. At the bottom, the Pasadena Water & Power logo is on the left, and the text 'PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO CONSERVE' with a red arrow and the website 'PWPWeb.com/MWDSshutdown' is on the right.

## Rose Bowl Operating Company: Music and Arts Festival Update

In December, The NWC received a briefing from Rose Bowl Operating Company Darryl Dunn and AEG Producer Nick Adler regard the vision for the vision for the RBOC. According to Adler: "AEG is producing an 'artists' festival, for artists to come and show their craft."

In response to the proposal, the commission proposed to draft a motion to recommend to the city council a community benefits agreement to allow businesses and community stakeholders in the northwest to participate as vendors and artists. The commission hopes to present a proposal as the City Council gets ready to vote on the future operations of the Rose Bowl Operating Company and set terms on the proposed Music and Arts festival.

The Commission has since then drafted a few recommendations for review, which will not be presented to the city council until April, after the City Council votes on the approval for the EIR contract for AEG.

## Around the City

Assemblymember Chris Holden to Hold Open House, also Calls for Veteran and Small Business of the Year Nominations an Open House is scheduled for March 3 from from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District, 600 N. Rosemead Blve., Suite 117. [Click here to RSVP](#) or call (626) 351-1917.

Veteran of the Year Nomination Deadline - March 24, 2016.

Small Business of the Year Deadline Feb. 18, 2016 for more info. about these events contact Matthew Lyons at [Matthew.Lyons@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Matthew.Lyons@asm.ca.gov) or call (909) 624-7876.

Councilmember John Kennedy to Hold Quarterly Community Forum

Community Forum is scheduled for Wed., March 3 from from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Center, 1081 Fair Oaks - Multi-purpose room. For more info. call Jana West at (626) 744-4738 or [jwest@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:jwest@cityofpasadena.net)

Familias of the Foothills reading by Roberta Martinez

Pasadena Central Library, Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.

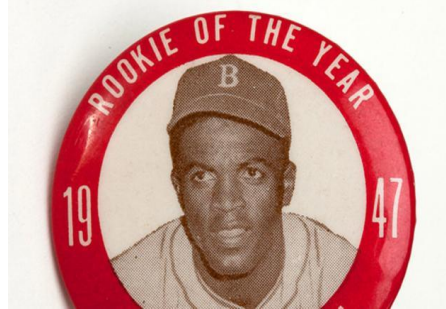
## In the Community



### CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN PASADENA

**Red, Black and Green Honors Dinner at the Hilton Hotel:** On Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> the Black History Committee honored Charles Johnson, Corrie Harris, Pearline Johnson (in Memoriam), Willie Mae Campbell Johnson, Dr. Terrence Roberts, Eddie Newman and Brandon Lamar.

### Celebrating Black History Month Quote from Famous Pasadena Black Americans



*"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." - Jackie Robinson, first African American to play in a Major League Baseball game.*

### Black History Month Event Calendar

- February 13** "I Am My Brother's Keeper: Together, We Will Rise!" Attend a panel discussion on topics that include physical, spiritual, mental and financial health, and enter to win raffle prizes, 10 a.m., First A.M.E. Zion Church, 1087 N. Raymond Ave.
- Conversation with Peter J. Harris and Pam Ward**  
Enjoy readings and conversation with local literary luminaries Peter J. Harris and Pam Ward, 2 p.m. at Allendale Branch Library, 1130 S. Mar
- Youth Open Mic and Film Festival**  
Experience an evening of enlightenment through poetry, spoken word, song, rap and film from 6-9 p.m. at the Alkebu-lan Cultural Center, 1435 E. Raymond Ave.
- February 14** **Delta Movie "Half of a Yellow Sun"**  
Watch "Half of a Yellow Sun," a romance drama inspired by the Nigerian civil war, 3 p.m. at the Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Pasadena Alumnae Chapter.
- February 16** **Marcus Miller's African Rhythms**  
Explore the world of drums and drumming with musician and educator Marcus Miller, 1 p.m., La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.
- February 18** **Yanga: Exploring Mexico's African Roots**  
Discover Mexico's African heritage, through a slideshow, codices, paintings, photographs and live music, 7 p.m., Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium, 285 E. Walnut Ave. Presented by Dr. Gloria Arjona, Spanish language and literature professor, Caltech.
- February 20** **34th ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY PARADE & FESTIVAL**  
Begins at 10 a.m. at Charles White Park in Altadena, heads south on Fair Oaks Avenue and ends at Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave. After the parade, enjoy the Black History Festival on Hammond Street and the north side of Robinson Park from 12-4 p.m. Food for purchase. fun activities for kids. displays. music and other free fun

- February 23 Travelling Shoes**  
Celebrate Black History Month with amazing stories of African American heroes who had to put on their "travelling shoes" to make the long journey to freedom beginning at 3:30 p.m. at La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave. For ages 3+.
- February 25 "NOBLE Black History Breakfast"** with the Pasadena Police and Fire departments and the San Gabriel Valley Chapter, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), 8-10 a.m. at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. Call (626) 744-4547 or (626) 744-7054 for info.
- February 26 Chocolate Story Time**  
Enjoy an afternoon of storytelling and village building for ages 3 and older, featuring stories authored by and/or about African-Americans followed by a chocolate treat! Led by Dr. Ayesha Randall, the event starts at 4 p.m. at La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.
- Senior Night Out**  
Enjoy good food, conversation and upbeat fun, from 7-10 p.m. during this year's special Senior Night Out event. Pasadena City College Community Education Center, 3035 E. Foothill Blvd.
- February 28 Praise Dance & Song Jubilee**  
Enjoy music, dance and fellowship at Metropolitan Baptist Church, 3 p.m. 2283 N. Fair Oaks Ave.
- March 13 Celebrating Women**  
Celebrate women's contributions to black history, 3 p.m., Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.
- March 30 Celebration of Music**  
Enjoy music and celebrate its contribution to African American history, 3 p.m., Calvary C.M.E. Church, 135 Glorieta St.

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## Did you Know? The Gamble House Celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Pasadena Museum



A year-long celebration marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gamble House's second life as a museum in Pasadena began on Jan. 14, 2016. The Gamble Family bequeathed the huge Arts and Crafts home to the city and the University of California. It was designated a national landmark in 1978. The home was originally designed by architects Charles and Henry Greene

in 1908 for David and Mary Gamble of the Procter & Gamble Co.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12.50 for students and seniors; children are free. The Gamble House is at 4 Westmoreland Place, Pasadena. Call For more info. (626)793-3334 or visit [gamblehouse.org](http://gamblehouse.org)

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## Northwest Commission Mission Statement

The City of Pasadena is dedicated to delivering exemplary municipal services, responsive

to the entire community and consistent with our history, culture and unique character. Northwest Commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackie Robinson Auditorium 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA.

### **Commission's - Purpose and functions - 2.95.110**

**The commission shall have the following functions/ La comisión va a tener las siguientes funciones:**

- A. **Serve as a monitoring body for the northwest community.** *Servir como entidad que monitorea asuntos de la comunidad del noroeste.*
- B. **Work with the city manager and staff on updating and revising the northwest strategic plan.** *Trabaja con el Gerente Administrativo de la Ciudad y representantes de la ciudad para revisar el plan administrativo del noroeste.*
- C. **Provide ongoing oversight on the implementation of the plan.** *Provee supervisión en la implementación del plan.*
- D. **Provide periodic advice to the city council on northwest issues.** *Provee consejo periódicamente al Concejo Municipal sobre asuntos del noroeste.*
- E. **Work with the city manager and staff to promote economic development activities in northwest Pasadena.** *Trabaja con el Gerente Administrativo de la ciudad y representantes de la ciudad para promover actividades de desarrollo económico en el noroeste de Pasadena.*
- F. **Provide periodic advice to the council on economic development activities in northwest Pasadena.** *Provee recomendaciones periódicamente ante el consejo sobre actividades de desarrollo económico en el noroeste de Pasadena.*
- G. **Present an annual review of the implementation of the plan's projects and programs to the city council and the community.** *Presenta una revisión de la implementación de los proyectos y programas ante el Concejo Municipal y ante la comunidad.*

(Ord. 6820 § 45 (part), 2000; Ord. 6404 § 1 (part), 1990)

## **Agenda Items for March 8<sup>th</sup> – Agenda del 8 de Marzo**

- A. Review appeals for the PY 16-17 CDBG Non-public service proposals (Staff: Randy Mabson)
- B. Recommend to the City Council approval of the FY 2017 Capital Improvement Projects (Staff: Brenda-Harvey Williams)
- C. Review of the Northwest Commission Strategic Plan (Chair Washington)

### **INFORMATION ITEMS (60 minutes)**

- A. Presentation on Villa Parke programs and Activities (Staff: Rozanne Adanto)
- B. Presentation on Washington Park after school activities (Staff: Darrell Walker and Horace Wormely)
- C. Update on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Arroyo Seco Arts and Music Festival (Darryl Dunn, Rose Bowl General Manager)
- D. LA County Neighborhood Housing Services update – Jesse Ibarra, LA County Neighborhood Services

