

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: City Officials- Wanted to drop a short note expressing my support of the Prospect Company's plans to cleanup and open Walkers and build two units in the back. I've taken a good look at the plans and seen a real good faith effort by the Prospect Company towards moving this project forward. I've seen them show up to neighborhood meetings with their team, including their architect and their owner, and they have answered every question brought forth by the community. I'm sure you know this has been a nuisance property for years, even when Walkers was open, and as the admin of the over 1600 member Pt Fermin Neighborhood Watch group, there has been a long-standing belief that something needs to be done with this property. While there is contention that units are outsized for the neighborhood, with a 1000 sq foot residence below and a 2500 sq foot residence above, the profile is actually lower than many of the adjacent structures and is dwarfed by the apartments three doors to the West and the massive home three doors to the East. The residences aesthetically are linked to the original Walkers architecture and are a great addition in housing to our neighborhood. The prospect group has made several presentations to our neighborhood, and I live within 500 feet of this project, and has garnered the support of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, the Pt Fermin Residents Association, the Pt Fermin Neighborhood Watch, the Planning Department, the Harbor Committee, along with the vast majority of neighbors in the area around Walkers. This project is dragging on for years suffering appeal after appeal by a very few who seek to gatekeep this project through red tape when it should have already been started and Walkers very well could have been open already. As the process of permitting and plans goes forward, I'd like to say that with my years of work in the decorative arts and reading plans- as well as over two decades in the restaurant business- what I have seen is nothing but encouraging and I would hope the City heartily endorses the plans as they are submitted, denies the appeal and allows this project to move forward so this fenced off asset sitting on one of the most beautiful parks in Los Angeles can become the landmark it should be. As always, I know you are all incredibly busy but I appreciate all that you and your committee does for our little corner of the city... Bob Milling 677 w 40th Street San Pedro, Ca 90731