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Dear Friends:

If you have lived here for any significant length of time, you will remember when the area connected Frederick St from Rose to Dewey was clean, empty and safe for running, walking, playing with your dogs and/or kids. But for at least three years now, that has not been the case. The police and sanitation department come out and clean up the area every once in a while, but within 24 hours, the area is back to its now-customary state - piled up with garbage, bicycles, filth and more than 30 people per night.

We have been working with the local city council office for the past two years and have a permit to landscape this area so that a clean, attractive pedestrian Pathway will be created, and the empty space surrounding it will be filled in with native plants and landscape features.

We have a plan. We have a licensed landscape company ready to implement the plan. We simply need to raise the funds to pay for it.

If you live here, this will improve your quality of life. If you jog around Penmar Golf Course, we need your help! If you walk through this area on the way to church, shul, mosque, or school, this will make that walk better! In other words, we are all in this together. Some of us may have more resources than others but if we all commit to the common good, we can share the burden and create a better future for all.

Please note that if we are unable to reach our \$80,000 goal the money will be returned to each individual donor and the project will not move forward.

Frequently Asked Questions:

WHO CAME UP WITH THIS PLAN AND WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO MAKE CHANGES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

The plan we are working from was commissioned by the former owner of 846 Warren Ave. She was trying to sell her home at a time when the homeless encampment was almost as bad as it is now. As a result she paid an landscape architect to design the plan we have now. It has been amended slightly as per the request of a couple neighbors living closest to the Pathway. This plan, in its current form, has ALREADY received a city permit to build.

All we need to do is to reinstate that permit and construction can begin. The city councilman's office tells us that it will take less than one day to reinstate the permit.

With that in mind, we believe it would be extremely counterproductive to start at zero again and look for some other plan. So we're going with what we've got!

As for us, we are your neighbors! We live on Warren Ave. Some of us have been here more than 20 years, some of us have moved here within the past five years, and some of us are in between. We all love this block and our immediate community and we look forward to getting to know you as we work to improve our surroundings!

SHOULDN'T WE HAVE A MEETING TO TALK ABOUT THIS?

As mentioned, we would love to get to know you and everyone in the neighborhood! Yes, your input matters! Yes, your opinions matter! We would love to get together in small groups to discuss all of this.

What we do NOT want is to have the type of meeting where people who don't live in our neighborhood show up with their own agenda and shout down others who don't share their point of view. We do NOT want to waste time with long and pointless debates about who caused the homeless crisis, and why so many of these folks come to Venice and not Marina del Rey, etc etc etc. We do NOT want to waste time criticizing the current city councilman or the city government. We DO want to improve the area at the western edge of Penmar Golf Course. Any meetings we hold will be towards achieving that immediate goal.

IS THIS PART OF SOME ANTI-HOMELESS AGENDA?

No! This is a grassroots effort that we neighbors started with the sole purpose of creating a clean, pedestrian-friendly environment at the end of our blocks. We are not involved in any larger political issue involving Venice, the City/County of LA and homeless activists. We all have compassion for the homeless. But we used to have a clean open space at the end of our block and we need to create one again.

MY FRIEND/COUSIN/COLLEAGUE IS A LANDSCAPER. I BET HE COULD DO THIS JOB FOR CHEAPER. WHY DON'T I CALL HIM AND SEE?

We appreciate the enthusiasm! That said, a project this size, on a public easement requires the contractor to be fully vetted, insured, and experienced with municipal-type projects. It has taken quite a long time to find this landscaper and we feel confident that he will do a good job.

THE PLAN LOOKS NICE, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD ADD DIFFERENT PLANTS. AND, WHY DO YOU WANT TO USE DG INSTEAD OF CONCRETE? ALSO, WHAT ABOUT A VEGETABLE GARDEN?

We must NOT allow the Perfect to become the enemy of the Good. In other words, there's always going to be something that could be better. Ours is an imperfect world. But we can't allow this to drag on and on, like it has done for years. We have to focus on priority #1 - to have a clean, safe, pedestrian-friendly area at the end of our quiet residential blocks.

HOW DO I KNOW THAT MY MONEY WILL ACTUALLY BE USED FOR THIS PROJECT?

That's exactly why GoFundMe was created! To ensure a secure, effective way for crowds (that's us!) to fund a larger project. The company has safeguards in place to guarantee that the money will ONLY be used for its intended purpose. Saul Janson, one of the organizers of this project and a fellow neighbor, will be solely responsible for withdrawing funds and making payments directly to a landscaper.

Thank you for your partnership and we look forward to crossing paths soon!

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Janet Revell

9 days ago

I am looking forward to feeling safe enough to once again walk my dog around the golf course.

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Inne Chung

9 days ago

I totally agree on what your neighbors are saying and planning for a nice garden passage on Frederick. I am the listing agent of the home 870 Rose Ave., I have tough time to hear about a big concern of this homeless encampment right across street from our listing. It is shame to hear that they all love the home to sell but 70% of the candidate buyers really concern about this issue and pass the opportunity of living on this street. I hope this project to start early January or February. I want to see the deference of real nice garden passage for all who uses

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maryclaire Buchanan

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We are all going to benefit for this lovely park and be able to do rounds around the golf course again!

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I care about my neighborhood!

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Jeff Still

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It's getting worse and this is a small step. Next is getting rid of the RVs on Rose!

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Rachel L Guerra

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My grandkids live in that area.

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Jay

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I'm all for this project. The fear, of course, is where will they go? In Tuesday's meeting I voiced this concern, that they would migrate to the nearby alleyways and was told, no that can't happen, alleyways are off limits. We have been told that if someone is camping in an alley to call the city and it would be taken care of. In the last few weeks one or two people have made an encampment in the alley behind Deuce Gym. It's small but they are there permanently, not narkning up in the morning and leaving. I just called the city and was told the following: they will

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22 days ago

What about bikes? I use the thruway on my bike nearly every day.

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Allison

23 days ago

Hey Erin, great question. We've taken this into careful consideration and we agree that cactus and agave are necessary components. Unfortunately the rendering we have doesn't perfectly reflect the final plant choices we made with the landscaper. We are totally on the same page and chose many of the plants you mentioned! Hopefully you can make it to the meeting so we can meet you in person! Thanks again for your comment.

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The Michies

25 days ago

Residents of Flower Ave, we use this passageway to walk to the park every day with our kids.

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Erin

25 days ago

Is it possible to add plants that might deter setting up new encampments? Large blue Agave and ground cover bougainvillea? The landscape design looks great, I love the pedestrian circulation and the placement of the larger trees...but the plant selection seems to be very soft and inviting.

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Behrooz Motamedi

25 days ago

As new members of the neighborhood we'd like to help both beautify and secure our community

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LJ

Luke Jones

25 days ago

Hi Saul - Very happy to be part of your efforts! It's a great project that should have a MASSIVE impact on the community. As discussed yesterday, I will also contribute by way of providing my Drone Cameraman and also access to our database of addresses and contact info for local area residents at no cost. I'll also be on hand to assist in reaching out to other members of the community. Thanks! Luke

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John Reynolds

1 month ago

I am grateful for neighbors stepping up and doing something beautiful about the unhealthy situation there.

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