

Restoration of the Frederick Passageway

The residents of Warren Ave have plans and permits for the homeless encampment area at the west end of Penmar Golf Course. There is a gofundme available to raise the funds to complete this project. You can also see the plans and read up on the project. A contractor has been selected and is ready to move See more...

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Falguni Lakhanl Adams, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 19 Oct

1 Thank

Allison Davis, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 19 Oct

Well done Rachel! Thank you for posting! :)

1 Thank

Gabrielle Hart, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 19 Oct

Thank you for posting this and organizing it. I live on Commonwealth and want to support efforts to remove transients and beautiful the space (not to mention make it safe and sanitary - my daughter also takes class at Marine Park!)

Questions though:

Is the space in the lower left corner of the plan/rendering big enough to camp in? (It looks like it but I don't know the scale). What are the dimensions there? Can we continue the shrubbery there?

Also, can we be sure that the shrubbery will be sturdy enough that it won't just be trampled down by someone determined to set up camp there (I'm not familiar with the varieties of plants)?

If the beautification stops where it does on the plan, what's to prevent people from camping in the small space / pathway at the end of Commonwealth (between the cul de sac and alleyway, against the Penmar golf course fence)?

Were multiple bids secured? \$93K for landscape seems high. Is there anything besides plants, materials for the paths and labor included (any infrastructure such as planter boxes)? I get that the space is expansive and the plants are numerous, but it still seems very high.

The GoFundMe page says once you donate, you can't get your money back, which I get. But before we donate how can we be sure this is a buttoned-up, done deal that will definitely be brought to fruition?

If anyone has more details, or can direct me to who does, that would be great. Again, I do really appreciate these efforts, but just am looking for a little more clarification. Thank you in advance!!!

3 Thanks

Nell Coleman, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 19 Oct

Just donated. Excited to get something done!!! Thank you!

1 Thank

Jenny Carrillo, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 19 Oct

Just donated - if everyone could donate just a little - even if it's \$10 or \$20, we will get there and have our lovely park back! Then we have to make sure they don't move to Penmar which is already happening too!

1 Thank

Falguni Lakhanl Adams, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 19 Oct

To answer all the above questions. There is a thorough, well thought out plan in place. If you have any questions feel free to message me privately. My husband is in contact with the landscaper and has been diving into those details. Thanks

2 Thanks

Richard Adams, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 19 Oct

Jenny, yes all it will take is everyone pitching in a little and we will all see a huge improvement to the neighborhood and an end to what has been a massive problem for so long, one that's only getting worse! As for penmar Park, it is illegal to camp in a park, and the parks and Rec department actually does have the resources and authority to deal with that.

3 Thanks

Richard Adams, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 19 Oct

Gabrielle - happy to answer your questions - I know a bit about the project and would be happy to talk with you about it. I live on Warren Ave so it should be easy to connect. I'm not always checking next door but if you send me a message I'll send you my contact #

2 Thanks

Carol Reynes, East Venice · 19 Oct

Please, everyone, give what you can. Also, canvass your neighborhoods. We need the funds and everyone needs the peace of mind. PM me with your email address if you want a one pager on the project to give to your neighbors.

3 Thanks

Mark Ryavec, Venice-Windward Circle · 20 Oct

Rachel, who might I contact to get the name and contact info for the landscape architect?

1 Thank

Richard Adams, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 20 Oct

Hi Mark I just sent you a private message - you can call me to discuss

1 Thank

Rachel Plasencia, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 20 Oct

Mark, I recommend speaking with Richard Adams. He sent you a private message. Thanks for the support!

2 Thanks

Elizabeth Danziger, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 21 Oct

I'm all for it and I made a donation, but now I am wondering who will maintain it once it's in. Do we know? And what will happen to the money if the full amount is not raised and we cannot do the project? And what will prevent homeless people from just ruining it?

2 Thanks

Victor David, Mar Vista Hill · 26 Oct

This is great news. Perhaps all Neighborhood Councils can spread the word. Mar Vista (MVCC) Venice (VNC) Santa Monica? There must be cactus planted! I will donate.

3 Thanks

Carol Reynes, East Venice · 26 Oct

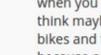
@Elizabeth, you can reach out to Richard and Allison on this thread to answer your questions, but I can tell you that the design is such that it would make it next to impossible to camp on (see the plan that's on the GoFundMe page), thorny plants, boulders, berms, etc.

1 Thank

Rachel Plasencia, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 1 Nov

Please join us on on November 7th at 7:30pm at the home of our very gracious neighbors at 846 Warren Ave to discuss the Frederick Ave Pass-Through landscaping project. You will have an opportunity to ask your questions directly to the community organizers as well and speak directly to a representative from Mike Bonin's office. Please come and meet your neighbors! Looking forward to meeting you in person!

2 Thanks



Rachel Plasencia, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 13 Nov

Reposted: For those who couldn't attend, here's a summary of some of the most pertinent points about the Frederick Passageway Beautification project:

1) The plan to landscape the Frederick Ave pass-through at the western edge of Penmar Golf Course is a hefty price tag until you consider the facts:

- The passageway is big--19,000 square feet!
- The plan calls for moving large amounts of earth to create mounds and raised barriers with dense plantings of cacti and other drought-tolerant growth, restricting the open flat area while making it much nicer to walk, run, bicycle, etc. The earth-moving component is an important part of the plan and is the expensive part.
- The funding goal includes critical maintenance needed in the first six months after planting, to make sure the plants root permanently.
- The passageway plan includes two pedestrian (and bicycle) paths.

2) This project is FULLY PERMITTED and SHOVEL READY with a contractor who has been approved by the city.

This landscaping endeavor began many years ago by a former Warren Ave resident who was putting her house up for sale. Before moving, she had successfully navigated the city's permitting process which included convincing city engineers of the technical aspects of the plan.

In the interest of time and efficiency, the current organizers are picking up where she left off in an effort to get the project completed in a timely fashion.

3) Penmar Golf Course is also very motivated to clean up this area and may provide water for maintenance of the passageway going forward. Residents have begun talks with the golf course to work out those details.

4) Two other areas had similar beautification projects--the DWP station in Venice and the Erewhon on Venice Blvd. (behind the store). In those places, a similar landscaping plan was implemented and, in both cases, the areas have been cleaned up.

5) A real estate agent representing a buyer for a home on Rose spoke at a meeting on behalf of his client, who is willing to contribute a "significant" amount to the GoFundMe campaign. However, the agent says his client wants to see more financial support for the project from current homeowners. Update: the funds have increased a good deal since the meeting (from \$25K to \$41K).

6) A neighbor from Commonwealth spoke about the importance of meaningful contributions (she contributed \$500) from every resident in the neighborhood. The fact is, small contributions of \$20-\$50, while appreciated, is just not going to get us over the finish line.

7) If the GoFundMe goal of \$92,000 is not reached, the organizers of this project will refund your contribution.

Please seriously consider giving as much as you can to the GoFundMe campaign by December 15th. We want to break ground by early 2019.

Spread the word!

4 Thanks

Rob Alexander, North Venice Beach · 14 Nov

What about those guys living out there? There's some good people there. Honestly it's not like you all think it is. Has anyone of you had the balls to stop and maybe have a conversation with any of them? There is no violence going on out there. Nobody there is dangerous. Yeah they may look it but to be honest with you the residents in the surrounding area are safer than anywhere else because there not trying to get ran off there trying to keep peace and be something close to neighbors. As far as all the trash goes it would be a lot cheaper to go fund me a dumpster for those guys.

2 Thanks

Carol Bodlander, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 14 Nov

I hope the plans include a sprinkling system for the plants. Especially appear to be succulents, they still need water

Thanking getting started!

1 Thank

Carol Bodlander, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 14 Nov

Well it also occurs to me that a bathroom would be good. It is not the people but the potential for disease that is troublesome if the area isn't kept clean of human waste.

1 Thank

Carol Reynes, East Venice · 14 Nov

Sorry Rob, but I have several pieces of evidence to the contrary. 1) yes, I have tried to talk to them and I was told to get the hell out of there before they begin their quiet fucking shit out of me. 2) a few weeks ago on an otherwise quiet Sunday afternoon, we heard police sirens heading down toward the encampment and my husband and I went there to find 4-5 LAPD who were holding a woman there (not physically, just making sure she didn't leave until the SMPD got there because this woman chased a neighbor north of the park in SM with a knife trying to stab them. Another one of your "not dangerous" new neighbors burned the backside of someone's garage when their campfire got too big. And, of course there is the fact that they have stolen so much property from the community... bikes at the very minimum (and I have watched how this organized ring moves these bikes around) but the number of recent break ins in the immediate area might suggest more.

So, if you were so keen to keep these "not dangerous not bad people" in your neighborhood, may I suggest you offer up your house or yard because the vast majority of your neighbors have completely had it. We don't even feel safe using a public easement that many of us have been using for decades.

4 Thanks

Carol Reynes, East Venice · 14 Nov

P. S. Rob, have YOU talked to the LAPD about these "neighbors" of yours? They would really disagree with your assessment.

1 Thank

Miwon Seo, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 14 Nov

Thank Carol. I love when a man like @RobAlexander tries to mansplain how these people would NEVER harass females. I have been yelled at, another person had a shoe thrown at her head, a homeless guy in a bike nearly ran over my dog, there were drug deals happening in front of kids playing sports at Penmar park, a man was vomiting on the sidewalk, a white woman was screaming that she would accuse a black man of rape to get even, a homeless man was hiding and waiting for a young female jogger to run by, a homeless man's dog was off-leash and tried to attack my dog, and more. SO DO NOT EVER PRESUME TO PATRONIZE THOSE OF US WHO ARE HARASSED DAILY AND BECAUSE WE ARE FEMALE THAT THE PEOPLE SETTING UP CAMP IN THE AREA AREA ALL HARMLESS.

2 Thanks

Rob Alexander, North Venice Beach · 15 Nov

Your claiming to be mistaken for all homeless people you have no idea that these people at the pen Mar Park Golf Course shindig area they are just kids if you look at them they are harmless and may have a bit of an attitude if you come at them from these people are peaceful people some are loud but all of them are not willing to harm anybody nor harass females you are speaking for other homeless people in the area that are older and have no manners these people at the pen Mar Park are no older then around 30 years old and you can see for yourself if you took the time to talk to them they are willing to negotiate any ideas I have talked to them before they are very nice and very helpful one of the people there pointed over the tagging that was on the wall to make the place look more presentable for the people that walk by they do not bother those people I have seen first-hand walking by that area they are just there minding their own business not trying to hurt anybody when people come at other people in a regular environment other people react these people also react if they feeling threatened or misunderstood if they are moved out of the area they're only going to flood other areas of where we live not all of these people steal or break in homes they struggle just as we do think about it if your stuff was taking from you and you had to accumulate the same amount of things that you lost which is very to store for us when they have to start over fresh every time they just deal with the fact they lost everything more than once imagine that happening to you how hard would it be to get your own home how hard would it be even be these people also have their things taken from them robbed stolen and even worse they can't even trust their own neighbors sometimes because they have their things stolen from other homeless people not all homeless people are not always thieves and when you see bikes supposedly being chopped up only if you ever think maybe they are rebuilding their bike not everybody steals bikes and for sure the pen Mar area is not a bike thieving area because one morning I passed by and the cops told every person there that they are only allowed one bike not all these bikes are stolen bikes some people leave bikes out in the trash as well have you ever thought of that you are mistaken for other homeless people in the area who do steal bikes like I said these people are just young adults trying to live their life and by causing more trauma in their life to lose it all again just because someone has a guess of what we think on homeless people that they are so horrible Maybe some people are messed up towards the Neighbors in the neighborhood because some people are really rude and have no manners as well as just as any other person we are all people and they deserve to live in peace as well

1 Thank

Carol Reynes, East Venice · 15 Nov

Robert, there's. I thing more to say than 1) you are wrong and 2) please take them in yourself. Miwon is correct...most women I know no longer go through that easement because they have been harassed and/or correctly assume that people operating bike chop shops are criminals (not to mention the drug dealing and use they don't even try to hide).

You are correct about one thing: most of them are young...and able bodied. Unemployment is at historic lows and I'm going to leave it there. BUT PLEASE bring them all into your home so the rest of us law abiding tax paying Venice residents can feel safe in our homes.

3 Thanks

Rob Alexander, North Venice Beach · 15 Nov

So what do you think is going to happen after all of this "beautification" is done? Spent a bunch of money, got a nice new path, no homeless encampment problems, and everybody lives happily ever after bum free? Realize what your actually doing here, your trying to boot a group of as you say dangerous criminals, out of the only place that they have been able to call a home. How do you think there going to feel about that. How do you think there going to react?

1 Thank

Thanh Tran, Venice Walk Streets · 15 Nov

LAHSA will come and do outreach to offer people shelter, hopefully some of them will accept. SPV is also very responsive to help homeless youths between 12-25.

3 Thanks

Carol Reynes, East Venice · 15 Nov

I hope some will take the help, Thanh. I would like LAPD, outreach goes out there every 1-2 weeks and so far there have been no takers. Sadly, drugs and a life of complete lack of rules, responsibilities and discipline takes precedence over having a roof over their heads.

5 Thanks

Ryan Tills, North Venice Beach · 15 Nov

Rob, what did plants do to you to as a child? We live in a city mostly filled with concrete and metal. We choose locations for plants and wildlife, grass and open air, etc. and expect those locations to be sanctuaries for that environment. We do not expect our neighbors to decide that our parks are their 'safe' space. It's not, it's all of our space. The only reason I can think you're against people planting plants in parks is because some plant hurt you physically or emotionally therefore you're on a protest against all plants.

You're arguing on the wrong thread. There are plenty of threads around the treatment of homeless. This is a thread for a planting project in a park. You're really against plants in parks?

4 Thanks

Carol Reynes, East Venice · 15 Nov

Rob, you stepped WAY over the line insinuating I am doing drugs because I'm up so late. Not that it's any of your damn business but I happen to be working overseas this week. But, now that we're on the subject, what were YOU doing up so late/early...your comment that you posted late at tonight is basically incomprehensible.

2 Thanks

Carol Reynes, East Venice · 14 Dec

@Rachel and Allison, can someone please tell us what the status of the beautification project is? So far over \$67K has been raised, but the lack of communication on this project and boost to be raised the final \$13K is a bit concerning. Thank you! :-)

1 Thank

Carol Bodlander, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 14 Dec

Also, I have asked again for the gofundme address as it is no longer available to me. Please repost it.

1 Thank

Carol Bodlander, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 14 Dec

There is another issue in the beautification project. If it is done well, if it is beautiful, it should change the energy in the area. If the energy changes

1 Thank

Carol Bodlander, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 14 Dec

If the energy changes, it could bring about a change in the campers and a desire to treat the space with more care and respect. It is worth a try and we could come up with other ideas from there which would benefit everyone.

1 Thank

Carol Reynes, East Venice · 14 Dec

<https://www.gofundme.com/restore-the-frederick-passageway>

3 Thanks

Joy Abbott, Sunset Park-Southeast · 14 Dec

Just made my second donation. Thanks so much for keeping focus on this project.

3 Thanks

Rachel Plasencia, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 14 Dec

@Carol R. The Warner Ave residents have had 2 community meetings to discuss the project. I would check in with Alison for the details.

2 Thanks

June Hagen, Sunset Park-Southwest · 18 Dec

This camp is attracting everything we don't want in our neighborhood. Today I saw overflow homeless and a lot of junk in Ozone Alley, piled up against the residents' walls. Then I passed the baseball field and a young man (didn't look homeless, looked like a teen), using a fireplace lighter over some sort of drug set-up. I pretended to call the police and he took off very quickly, down towards the alley.

3 Thanks

Tony Bill, East Venice · 4d ago

I had lunch today with a good friend who knows a LOT about Venice land use and the ins and outs thereof. He told me about something called a "Public Works Revokable Permit." If any of you property owners bordering the Frederick Passageway know about this, then you're ahead of me. But, if you want to learn more, PM me and I'll put you in touch with him.

2 Thanks

Mark Ryavec, Venice-Windward Circle · 2d ago

Hmm. I handled the revocable permit for the Terrace Restaurant on Washington Blvd. many years ago for their outdoor seating. However, I wonder if that process can be used for an improved street, which is what Frederick Way is, I believe. Maybe; worth stopping into the City's Bureau of Engineering on Sawtelle.

2 Thanks

Carol Bodlander, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 2d ago

When I moved here, I was told Frederick south of Rose was a 2 way street the city had to pave, and that the homeowners had been assessed for paving the street by Ruth Galanter's office. It never happened, but it would make sense then that Frederick parkway could also be an unpaved thoroughfare. I just gave the supposed time for paving street to help with research in case one might do that.

1 Thank

Marie Hammond, Venice-Oakwood · 2d ago

If it could be paved and be considered an alley/auto thoroughfare then it would be illegal to camp/sleep/store belongs on it and police could enforce.

3 Thanks

Thanh Tran, Venice Walk Streets · 1d ago

I think this got lost in the thread. There is already a permit for the landscaping. Bonin's office made that happen. Just need money! Donate!

5 Thanks

Donna Smith, Sunset Park-Southwest · 1d ago

I just went past Fredricks passage today and they have put large boulders on both sides of the walkway. While it makes sense from SM's part to this, because now there's no room for a tent without blocking a public walkway!!!! But what does this do the beautification project? Or is this part of it?

2 Thanks

June Hagen, Sunset Park-Southwest · 1d ago

No, the project doesn't go to this end, so this was somebody's solution.

2 Thanks

Carol Bodlander, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 1d ago

And it isnot beautiful!

1 Thank

Carol Reynes, East Venice · 1d ago

It looks like it only goes to the SM border so perhaps it was the City Of SM? Goodness, we can't get this beautification project started soon enough!

1 Thank

Carol Bodlander, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 1d ago

That line up of rocks is NOT what was shown in the rendering of the parkway. whoever deposited them should take responsibility for removing them...no way adds to a beautification aesthetic!

1 Thank

Carol Reynes, East Venice · 1d ago

@Carol B. I don't think this has anything to do with the beautification project and I don't think the project goes as far as this narrow pathway on the north end. It may not be good looking, but for now, I'm thinking it serves a purpose.

5 Thanks

The Guerras, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 1d ago

Carol R. is right. The boulders aren't in the same area the Frederick beautification project covers and so wouldn't be associated with it. I, however, really like how they look :-). Aesthetics are individualized, some will like, some won't. They do serve a very good purpose right now though regardless of whether people like them or not, so I don't know why anyone would want to remove them - especially with no other plans proposed for that particular space. I'd like to think whoever put them there - it was no doubt a ton of work! And let's continue to raise \$ for the actual Frederick project - we're almost there! <https://www.gofundme.com/restore-the-frederick-passageway>

2 Thanks

Teresa Simoni, Mar Vista Hill · 1d ago

@Marie Hammond Your suggestion is a good idea, however, I have to sadly point out that some homeless won't be & haven't been deterred from setting up camps in alleys, etc. We have many examples of alleys in Mar Vista, etc of tents, small cooking operations as examples. I would add that these particular homeless seek out our more peaceful streets because of the environment & neighbours. Merry Christmas, Happy Hockdays to you & yours.

Also, about the boulders, it may not be pretty to some, I think it serves as a deterrent to mlnt tent cities from invading yet another 8of our streets. I am for this as a temporary solutions.

1 Thank

Carol Bodlander, Venice-Lincoln/Penmar · 21h ago

I stand corrected. Didn't think it looked like the plan. But a suggestion, which will take some effort, to avoid moving the rocks, etc., probably should be dug in and set with a little cement where you all want them placed.

1 Thank

June Hagen, Sunset Park-Southwest · 20h ago

Santa Monica ends before the row of rocks, at the dirt alley along side of the golf course, at the end of the paved section of Frederick. With the building of the Frederick passageway, there will not be room to set up tents and LAPD will be allowed to remove anyone trying to camp there.

3 Thanks

Heidi Mylo, East Venice · 14h ago

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/ng-interactive/2017/dec/20/bussed-out-america-moves-homeless-people-country-study>

1 Thank

Heidi Mylo, East Venice · 14h ago

I will pitch in and share

1 Thank