

COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

October 27, 2023

PLANNING

401 Mission Avenue Mixed-use Project (Regal Cinemas site) – A community outreach meeting was held for the project on October 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Library Community Room. The applicant presented project information and answered questions. Approximately 20 people attended. The main concern raised by attendees was existing traffic in the area, effects of the property on existing development, and adequacy of public open space.



General Plan Update (GPU) Phase 2 – The project team prepared draft Green House Gas emissions reduction measures for the updated Climate Action Plan (CAP) and distributed these draft measures to the various City departments and divisions expected to have a role in CAP implementation, including Development Services, Water Utilities, Public Works, Economic Development, and Finance. The project team will work with department heads and division managers to ensure a clear understanding of each measure and verify whether there is staff capacity for successful implementation. In addition, per City Council discussion at its FY 23/24 Budget Workshop, staff has been researching the possibility of hiring a dedicated CAP administrator/sustainability coordinator position to ensure consistent monitoring and reporting of CAP progress and related sustainability efforts.

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Survey Available – As part the General Plan Update, the City is updating its CAP. Adopted in 2019, the existing CAP establishes Green House Gas emissions reduction targets. An online survey meant to inform the updating of the City's CAP has been posted to the project webpage: onwardoceanside.com. The survey seeks to provide context for local climate mitigation efforts, inquire about the ways in which households, businesses, and individual community members are managing their carbon footprints, and solicit opinion on potential emissions reduction measures in the updated CAP. The survey will be open until Nov. 10.

Cannabis Update – Staff will provide recommendations to the City Council regarding implementation of a program to permit no more than two Type 10 cannabis storefront dispensaries at its November 1 meeting.

Eddie Jones Warehouse Project – The [Draft Environmental Impact Report](#) for the proposed Jones Industrial Warehouse, Manufacturing, and Distribution Facility Project at 250 Eddie Jones Way has been released for public review. The 45-day public review/comment period commenced on October 26 and will close on December 11.

Modera Mixed-use Project (Motel 6 Site – 815 N. Coast Hwy) - The applicant has resubmitted updated plans for the project and comments will be returned to the applicant in two weeks.

Ocean Creek Development Project Award – The City of Oceanside was honored with the “Outstanding CEQA Streamlining” Award for the Oceanside Creek Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA) by the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) at its award event in San Diego on October 19. The award is given to an agency that utilized a unique technical approach to streamline a project. As the first SCEA prepared in San Diego County, the City of Oceanside, as the Lead Agency, facilitated a more streamlined CEQA approach for a project that will provide much-needed housing on a property identified in our Housing Element. This serves as an example for future projects located within Oceanside’s Smart and Sustainable Corridor Specific Plan as we:



- Accommodate future growth along major transit and transportation corridors
- Comply with Regional Housing Needs Allocation requirements
- Implement measures to reduce Green House Gas emissions in compliance with SANDAG’s Regional Plan and the Sustainable Communities Strategy

Oceanside Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (OHPAC) – The next OHPAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission - The Planning Commission unanimously approved a 164-unit condominium development on the former Pacifica Elementary school site on October 23 (6-0; Commissioner Dodds absent). The project will be scheduled for future City Council consideration.

ENGINEERING

City Wide Fiber Optic Projects – SiFi Networks construction is progressing and is currently active on Mesa Drive.

Road Slurry Seal & Overlay Project – Work continues this week: ([Work Area Map](#)):

- ADA ramp demolition and reconstruction continues at the final group 4D Peacock Hill East (20 ramps remaining); completion expected mid-November.
- Final paving work resumes on November 20, and will continue through February 2024.

College Blvd. Widening (Barnard Dr./Waring Rd. to Old Grove Rd.) –Staff is reviewing the phasing plan and grant funding opportunities. The online survey is being finalized and will be posted on social media the first week of November.

Brooks Street Swim Center Renovations – The contractor poured concrete for two additional sections of the pool deck this week. Staff anticipates that the pool deck will be completely poured with concrete by the end of next week.

Cesar Chavez Park Playground Replacement – Installation of the drinking fountain and site restoration occurred this week. In preparation for the ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 30, Public Works is completing additional improvements to the area.

Buccaneer Park Project – A community outreach meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 2024.

HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Rental Housing Application Assistance Program - The City of Oceanside has available funds to assist very low and low-income households who currently live and/or work in Oceanside to cover the costs of a tenant screening report when applying for rental housing.

Visit [Rental Application Assistance Program | Oceanside, CA](#).

To apply for relief under this program, the following will apply:

- A maximum reimbursement of \$59.67 for each household member aged 18 years or older who is applying for housing and will be on the lease.
- Applicants must submit receipts as evidence of payment for the tenant screening reports paid beginning July 1, 2023, including any applicable refunds.
- Each household member and/or the entire household can request assistance from the City up to three times.
- Priority will be given to very low-income households.
- Assistance is subject to change without notice and dependent on eligibility and funding available.

Applications and assistance in completing the application is available at one of the City's Community Resource Centers, located in the Libby Lake, Crown Heights, Eastside, and Tri City neighborhoods on Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) - In December 2021, the Oceanside Housing Authority (OHA) was allocated 43 Emergency Housing Vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with the deadline of October 10, 2023 to lease up these EHV's. Any EHV's not utilized by this date would have been forfeited. The intent of the EHV's is to provide rental housing assistance for those individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee from violence, or those recently homeless. Oceanside specifically prioritized the use of these EHV's for those who live or work in Oceanside, seniors, persons with permanent disabilities, families with dependent children, and Veterans. To date, the OHA has utilized all 43 vouchers, with an additional 2 EHV's to be awarded. This accomplishment was the result of the hard work of OHA staff members and the case management and housing navigation services provided through our partnership with Interfaith Community Service Social Workers funded through the State of California's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program.

PARKS & RECREATION

‘Senior Volunteer of the Year’ Luncheon October 30 – Parks & Recreation is hosting a celebration to continue the acknowledgement of Diane Nygaard as the Senior Volunteer of the Year, as well as the other senior citizens that were nominated for the volunteerism that benefits the Oceanside community. The event is from 10:30 am to noon at the Country Club Senior Center.

Cesar Chavez Park New Playground Unveiling - The construction of the new playground at Cesar Chavez Park (Division Street) is wrapping up and we are planning a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 30, please join us.

WATER UTILITIES

Dump Day Cleanup Keeps Oceanside Beautiful – On October 21, Green Oceanside hosted a Dump Day event at Landes Community Center. Residents brought items beyond repair and recycling services were available for e-waste, such as appliances, televisions, computers, and other electronic devices. The event was a success with over 8 large dumpsters filled with household goods, trash, and other solid waste.



COMMISSION / COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Nov 6** Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 7** Water & Sewer Committee. 3:30 p.m.
- Nov 7** Community Relations Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 14** Citizens Investment Oversight Committee. 1:30 p.m.
- Nov 14** Utilities Commission. 3:30 p.m.
- Nov 14** Parks & Recreation Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 16** Police & Fire Commission. 4:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS / EVENTS

- Oct 28** Fire Department Open House. 8:00 a.m. – noon. Fire Training Center.
- Oct 28** DEA Drug Take Back Day. 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tri City Medical Center.
- Oct 28** Parks & Recreation’s Trunk or Treat. 2:00-5:00 p.m. Buchanon Park.
- Oct 28** Libby Lake Halloween Movie Night. 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Oct 28** Let Freedom Ring Religious Concert. 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Amphitheater.
- Oct 28** Oceanside Museum of Art Gala. 5:00 p.m. Seabird Resort.
- Oct 29** Coast City Church Services at Heritage Park. 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 2** Fire Station 8 Public Outreach Mtg. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. El Corazon Senior Center.

- Nov 4** Bike the Coast. Pier area. 5:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Nov 4** Valley Arts Festival. 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Heritage Park.
- Nov 5** Encounter Night Christian Music. Pier Amphitheater. 6:00-10:00 p.m.
- Nov 8** Ortega Park Dog Facility Community Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers. [Info](#)
- Nov 11** Tri-City Hospital Foundation Gala. 5:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Nov 13** Smart & Sustainable Corridors Plan Public Workshop. 5:30-7:30 p.m. El Corazon Senior Center.
- Nov 23** Oside Turkey Trot. Downtown Oceanside.
- Nov 25** Shop Local Sip and Shop Event. 1:00-4:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Dec 7** Downtown Tree Lighting Ceremony. 5:00 p.m.
- Dec 9** OPD Job Fair. 9:00 -10:00 a.m.
- Dec 14** Excellence in North County Economic Development Awards. 11:30 a.m. [Info](#)
- Dec 12** Parade of Lights. Oceanside Harbor.