

COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

February 11, 2021

PLANNING

Cannabis Update - The Planning Commission will consider Left Coast Distribution on February 22; and Buddiez Manufacturing and Distribution on March 8. Staff is also presenting minor changes to the Municipal Code Cannabis Facilities Regulations to Planning Commission on March 8 for recommendation to City Council. On March 24, the City Council will hear an update on the cannabis program, recommendation for fee adoption and contract amendment to support implementation of the program, and recommendation for minor amendments to the Municipal Code Cannabis Facilities Regulations.

Carmax – The Draft EIR Public Comment Period closed last week and the required “Response to Comments” are in preparation. The subject entitlement is tentatively scheduled for Planning Commission review and action in late March or early April. Follow-up meetings on the extent of the comments on the DEIR will determine what public hearing would be most appropriate.

General Plan Update Phase 2 – The Planning Division is now in receipt of all technical studies outlined in the project scope of work. Along with public input solicited over the past six months, these studies will inform the preparation of the Community Vision and Guiding Principles, which will in turn provide the basis for project alternatives, updated goals, policies, actions, and environmental review. Following staff review, these studies will be posted to the project webpage.

In coordination with Neighborhood Services, the project team has prepared an online survey specifically soliciting input from the City’s Spanish-speaking community. Flyers announcing the survey and providing contact information have been posted at the City’s three resource centers, both libraries, churches, recreational facilities, and various commercial venues.

The project team will conduct a virtual community workshop on the Smart and Sustainable Corridors Plan on Saturday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. Interested parties can register for the workshop on the project webpage: onwardoceanside.com.

Listed below are the public hearing items that the Planning Commission reviewed and acted on at its meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021:

ZENLEAF CANNABIS FACILITY- Consideration of two CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS (CUP19-00023 and CUP19-00024) to allow a cannabis cultivation and nursery facility with four greenhouses, totaling 87,230 square-feet, located at 5712 North River Road (APN 122-090-58-00) in the South Morro Hills Neighborhood Planning Area. The applicant is requesting a Waiver of Locational Criteria pursuant to Article 36, Section 3605 to allow a regulated use to be located closer than 1,000 feet from a residential zone district. The 10.26-acre project site has a General Plan land use and zoning designation of Agricultural (A) ***The Commission adopted PC Resolution No. 2021-P04 recommending City Council approval of the project. Vote: 6-0 (Custer – absent)***

BROTHER BENNO'S REVIEW - Recommendations from the Brother Benno's Standing Committee regarding revisions to conditions of approval for the Brother Benno's Conditional Use Permit (C-33-90) including revisions to existing Condition Numbers 33, 34 and 36 and addition of new conditions Numbers 37, 38 and 39 to regulate the operations of the Brother Benno's facility. The site has a General Plan designation of Light Industrial (LI) and is zoned Limited Industrial (IL) and is located at 3260 Production Avenue.

This project has been continued to the March 8, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. Vote: 4-2, (Krahe, Goodkind - no, Custer – absent)

ENGINEERING

El Corazon Aquatics Center – Still on track for completion towards early spring.

Quiet Zone Update – Staff continue outreach efforts to get responses for railroad stakeholders on the December 24, 2020 quiet zone application. The review period ends February 23. Immediately following the application, and provided any comments are easily addressed, the project will begin the 21-day Notice of Establishment period which is the last approval process for a late March/early April Quiet Zone.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fountain Patio Reopens - We are happy to announce that the Fountain Patio at Civic Center Plaza has reopened. Tables and chairs are socially distanced for safety. The seating area for take-out diners is open Tuesday through Saturday midday in support of local businesses.

WATER UTILITIES

Community Choice Energy Update - Staff and the City's consultant team have begun the process of updating the 2019 Community Choice Energy (CCE) Feasibility Study. Staff have initiated the request for the City's current energy load data from SDG&E to inform the financial viability of a CCE under multiple governance scenarios. Regular discussions are occurring with the County of San Diego and 78 Corridor cities to keep a pulse on CCE efforts in North County. The cities of Vista, San Marcos and Escondido had previously paused their joint CCE feasibility study in 2020 due to uncertainties with SDG&E rate structures and pending decisions by the CA Public Utilities Commission. These cities have since resumed work and expect their updated feasibility study to be completed within the next month and will await further direction from their respective councils on potential CCE partnerships. News from the County is anticipated in early March as to whether partnership discussions with Oceanside will continue or if the Board of Supervisors will consider joining the City of San Diego's CCE (San Diego Community Power).

RFP for Recyclables, Organics, and Solid Waste Materials Collection and Processing Services – Staff released a Request for Proposals for recycling, organics, and solid waste collection; organics and recyclable materials processing; and disposal of solid waste on December 16, 2020 to the public. Final proposals are due on March 26, 2021 by 3:00 p.m. Staff will be reviewing submitted proposals, conducting interviews, and negotiating a new Franchise Agreement from March to September 2021, and it is anticipated that final recommendations will be presented to City Council by October 2021.

CalRecycle SB 1383 Regional Webinar Series: Southern California Regional Webinar February 18 - California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) will be hosting an "SB 1383 Q & A Regional Webinar Series" throughout February and March in light of the upcoming implementation of the State mandate, beginning January 1, 2022. Each webinar in the series will cover City responsibilities for organics collection, procurement, programming, edible food recovery, monitoring and enforcement, and is directed to a different region of the State, with the Southern California Regional Webinar taking place on February 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Jurisdictional staff and City leaders are encouraged to attend. [Registration](#)

LIBRARY

Art in Conversation: Black History of Music & Dance - Saturday, February 27 at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom, registration required. In celebration of Black History Month, Alyssa Junious and BJ Robinson will create a new work inspired by the writings of Langston Hughes. In this conversation, Junious will address how art has been and can be used as an act of resistance and collective healing. This engaging, interactive conversation will include recorded performances and attendees will be invited to participate through conversation. This program is presented in partnership with the North County African American Women's Association. [Registration](#)

UPCOMING COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

- Feb 15** Harbor and Beaches Advisory Committee. 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 17** Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting. 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 22** Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 23** Library Board of Trustees. 2:00 p.m.
- Feb 23** Housing Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 25** Police & Fire Commission Special Meeting. 3:30 p.m.
- Mar 4** Manufactured Home Fair Practices Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 11** Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee. 2:00 p.m.
- Mar 16** Utilities Commission. 3:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS / EVENTS

- Feb 12** El Corazon Park Site 1 Community Zoom Mtg. 6:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Feb 13-14** WSA Championship Surfing Tour. S. Pier. 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Feb 20-21** Scholastic Surf Series. 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Mar 20** Virtual Community Workshop: Smart and Sustainable Corridors Specific Plan. 10:30 a.m. [Info](#)