

COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

December 2, 2021

PLANNING

General Plan Update Phase 2 – The project team is developing project alternatives that consider different ways to accommodate anticipated housing and non-residential growth over the next three decades. While focusing on infill and redevelopment with the City’s major commercial corridors and the potential for limited housing development in the South Morro Hills area, these alternatives also account for accessory dwelling units and other forms of new housing in existing single-family neighborhoods facilitated by recent state legislation (e.g., SB 9). All of these alternatives are informed by market analysis. An alternatives report will be released for public review in early 2022.

Ocean Creek Mixed-Use Project – This mixed-use project proposal is located on a vacant parcel on S. Oceanside Blvd. and Crouch St., adjacent to the Crouch St. Sprinter Station. The project includes 3,000 square-feet of commercial, 295 apartment units, a walking trail and dog park. The project applicant will also connect S. Oceanside Blvd from Crouch St to the existing commercial area to the west by removing the existing dead end, and constructing a two-lane street. As part of the street improvement, the proposal will also protect and restore Loma Alta Creek along its frontage. The applicant will place a conservation easement on the existing hillside area towards Grandview St., which currently contains sensitive habitat. The applicant held a community meeting on 11/23/21 at the project site. About 25 community members attended, and there are plans for future community meetings after the holidays. City staff and the applicant are working on final site design components and anticipate starting environmental review of the project in early 2022.

712 Seagaze Mixed-Use Project – This proposal is an eight-story mixed-use project located at 712 Seagaze Drive within the Downtown Transit Oriented District. The project would provide 103 market rate and 12 low-income affordable studio apartments, with the top two floors as hotel space (64 rooms) and ground-level commercial space. The Downtown Advisory Committee considered a Development Plan, Conditional Use Permit, and Request for Density Bonus at its 12/1/21 meeting (*Approved 5 – 2, with conditions*).

ENGINEERING

Annual Slurry Seal Project - Final repair work in District 3 and crosswalk markings were completed on 11/24/21. Street sweeping continues.

Overlay Project – The City’s contractor has substantially completed the scope of work, including finished dig-outs, pavement repairs, and placing HMA overlay pavement in all districts. The contractor has also completed final pavement markings and utility adjustments to-grade, as well as addressed punch list items.

Buccaneer Park Project – Staff has reviewed the draft restroom and park conceptual designs and has provided comments to the consultant. A stakeholder meeting will be scheduled after the holidays to present the restroom and park conceptual designs and the survey responses. The goal of the meeting will be to receive community feedback on the conceptual designs.

Beachfront Improvements Phase I – Construction of the future Police substation, maintenance building, and public restrooms continues this week. Under-slab sewer plumbing is complete and under-slab electrical is under construction. Roof framing of the public restroom is 98% complete. Interior wall framing is 85 percent complete and plumbing/electrical rough-in of the Maintenance Building is under construction. The Maintenance Building roofing system installation will start next week.

Neptune Stairway Repair – Reconstruction of the public access beach stairs continues (*photo, right*).



WATER UTILITIES

Buena Vista Lagoon Enhancement Project Awarded \$3M Grant - On November 18, 2021, the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) awarded \$3 million in State funds to assist with the engineering design of the Buena Vista Lagoon Enhancement project. SANDAG is the lead agency for the design effort and prepared the grant application. The project intends to restore the Buena Vista Lagoon to an estuarine wetland from the current freshwater marsh to enhance and maintain sensitive habitats and native species. The project is supported by both the cities of Oceanside and Carlsbad and the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, who owns the majority of the Buena Vista Lagoon. The funds originate from Proposition 50 and will progress the restoration design for the modified saltwater alternative identified through the project's certified CEQA document.

LIBRARY

Winter Reading Challenge - Celebrate Winter with the Oceanside Public Library! The Winter Reading Challenge runs through January 31, 2022. Kids ages 0-18 years can read (or be read to) five books to earn a free prize book, available to pick up at any Library location. Throughout the Winter Reading Challenge, participants will be entered into weekly drawings for gift cards. Register for the Winter Reading Challenge through the Library's [website](#). In addition, the Oceanside Public Library invites you to a special **Winter Story Stroll** at the Adelante Bookmobile on Monday, December 13 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Balderrama Park, located at 709 San Diego Street in Oceanside. This free program will feature a bilingual story stroll in the park, Champurrado and pan dulce, take home crafts, book giveaways, and much more. No registration is needed, and all ages are welcome. The Adelante Bookmobile can be found at Joe Balderrama Park every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Dec 13** Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 14** Economic Development Commission. 3:00 p.m.
- Dec 15** Cultural District Steering Committee. 9:00 a.m.

Dec 16 Measure X Citizen's Oversight Committee. 2:00 p.m.

Dec 28 Housing Commission. 6:15 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS / EVENTS

Dec. 2 Tree Lighting Event. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Regal Cinema Plaza.

Dec. 5 Rock-n-Roll Christmas Concert. 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Civic Center Plaza. [Info](#)

Dec 7 Rising Star Student Recognition by Chamber of Commerce. 7:45 a.m. [Info](#)

Dec 9 Community Needs Assessment Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Bishop Recreation Center. [Info](#)

Dec 11 Gifts Galore Library Holiday Fundraiser. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Library Community Rooms. [Flyer](#)

Dec 11 Harbor Parade of Lights. 6:00 p.m.

Dec 11 Holiday Mercato. 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Beach House Winery. [Details](#)

Dec 17 Winter Festival at Balderrama Recreation Center.

Dec 17 Oceanside Firefighter's Charity Fund presents Jazz and Jokes. 7:30 p.m. Country Club Senior Center. [Info](#)