

# CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

February 27, 2020

## PLANNING

**Home 2 Suites by Hilton at El Corazon** – Staff has worked with the applicant to satisfy condition of approval no.143 that states, “Prior to final design and issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall work with staff to consider additional architectural features on the southeast corner of the building to the satisfaction of the City Planner.” The final design submitted to address architectural features in the southeast corner of the building was the addition of a wood trellis element along with a wood veneer on the horizontal bands along the southeast corner of the building (renderings below). The City Planner has determined that the proposed design modifications are consistent with the intent of the City Council’s action. The applicant is now presenting the design changes to Hilton for approval.



*Listed below are the public hearing items that the Planning Commission reviewed and acted on at their meeting on Monday, February 24, 2020.*

**1888 OCEANSIDE GAS STATION & CONVENIENCE** – Consideration of a DEVELOPMENT PLAN (D19-00014) and CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP19-00017) to allow for the construction and operation of new gas station and convenience store located at 1888 Oceanside Boulevard, within the Loma Alta Neighborhood Planning Area. ***Item has been continued to the March 9, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.***

**7-ELEVEN SOUTH EL CAMINO REAL** –Consideration of a DEVELOPMENT PLAN (D19-00005) and CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP19-00002) to allow the development of a 7-Eleven convenience store and fueling station within the Loma Alta Station commercial center located at the southwest corner of Oceanside Boulevard and South El Camino Real, within the Loma Alta Neighborhood Planning Area at 1401 South El Camino Real. ***The Commission adopted the resolution by a 5-2 vote (Krahel, Goodkind – No) approving the project. The call for review/appeal period ends on March 5, 2020.***

## ENGINEERING

**El Corazon Aquatics Center** – Grading operations continue. Utility work is underway. Contractor submittals continue to be reviewed and approved.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Harbor Dredging** - The pre-construction meeting was held on Wednesday, February 26 and was attended by US. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) staff, Manson Construction and City staff. Dredging operations are anticipated to start on Thursday, March 5. Pipe will start being delivered on Friday, February 28, and parking lot #12 in the Harbor will be closed on March 1 for contractor staging/storage. It was requested of the contractor that sand be pumped as far south of the pier as possible to fill some much-needed areas. The contractor indicated they should be able to dredge 15,000 cubic yards per day on average, and as high as 25,000 cubic yards per day if conditions are optimal. The USACE still anticipates the possibility of dredging 400,000 cubic yards, with approximately 300,000 cubic yards being available at the main Harbor mouth and another 100,000 cubic yards at the Del Mar Basin entrance.

**San Luis Rey River Flood Control Project** – Staff continues to press the USACE to finish the Post Authorization Change Report (PACR) which will assess the remaining costs needed to complete the project and cover sediment removal, geotechnical investigations, levee inspection/repair/certification, water quality monitoring, population monitoring, Flycatcher mitigation, preparation of the economic updates and other needed repairs. The PACR, when approved by Congress, will allow additional funding for the project to hopefully move towards completion; it has been 50 years since the project was originally authorized. In 2016, the 902 limit (project cost limit) was increased to \$116,167,000 and has since been reached. The project has been mostly stagnant for a couple of years awaiting the completion of the PACR and additional funding. Congressman Levin is scheduled to speak with top staff at the Los Angeles District and South Pacific Division this week to ask about progress. District staff recently indicated that they are behind schedule on the PACR and it may not be completed until June 2020. District staff also indicated that a new Environmental Impact Statement for the project may be needed which would set it back much further.

## **WATER UTILITIES**

**Loma Alta Creek Cleanup** - On Saturday, April 25, the City will partner with Waste Management Inc. for the I Love a Clean San Diego's 18th annual Creek to Bay cleanup at two locations within the Loma Alta Watershed. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for a location in their neighborhood: Loma Alta Creek at Ord Way, or Loma Alta Creek at Union Plaza. Last year, over 30 volunteers removed 510 pounds of trash from both sites.

**Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI)** – The City was notified we were selected to receive a \$1.5M grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for Phase II of the Automated Metering Project. The total cost of the project phase is \$4.497M and will replace 11,429 water meters with smart meters. Last year, the City had received an award of \$1.5M for Phase I of the project and staff anticipates contract award in mid-2020 with implementation occurring shortly thereafter. Oceanside is the only water agency in San Diego County to receive funding under this particular grant offering. The AMI Project will procure an integrated system of smart meters, communications networks, and data management systems that enable two-way communication between the utility and customers. During the project, the City's existing water meters, many of which are near or past their service life, will be replaced with smart meters. By having near real-time data, water users will be more quickly able to identify abnormal usage and proactively repair leaks within their system, saving themselves money and the community water.

**Earth Festival Vendor Applications Available** - The Green Oceanside team has sent out vendor applications to over 350 businesses and community groups for the 2020 Earth Festival, scheduled for April 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to celebrate 50 years of Earth Day. Close to 60 vendor applications have been received to date. Vendor applications are due by April 3. The online vendor application can be found here: [www.bit.ly/OceansideEarthFestival2020](http://www.bit.ly/OceansideEarthFestival2020). Visit [greenoceanside.org](http://greenoceanside.org) for more information on [Earth Festival](#) and [Earth Month 2020 activities](#) and events.

## **HOUSING**

**Consolidated Plan Update** - Presentations were made to the Housing Commission and the League of Women Voters, Oceanside. Staff is preparing for the second community meeting to solicit community and stakeholder input at El Corazon Senior Center. The meeting is scheduled for this evening from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Census 2020 Update** - Bread of Life and Brother Benno's have agreed to assist in counting the homeless for the Census 2020 Kick Off event on April 1, 2020 in the early morning hours between 12:00 – 7:00 a.m. Staff is working with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure that Census staff and/or volunteers will be present to conduct the count at both locations. Staff has Census 2020 merchandise available in the form of pens, grocery bags, t-shirts, and backpacks. Staff will be distributing messaging posters and flyers to centers and city buildings. Please contact Cecilia at (760) 435-3385 or [CBarandiaran@oceansideca.org](mailto:CBarandiaran@oceansideca.org) if you would like any of the above-mentioned merchandise or if you have any questions.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**Vaping Ordinance/Tobacco Retailer License** - Code Enforcement, Planning, and the City Attorney's Office reviewed options regarding a Vaping Ordinance/Tobacco Retailer License (TRL). Staff recommends the TRL as the most effective tool toward achieving the goal of reducing youth access to tobacco and vaping products. A draft of the proposed TRL Ordinance will be distributed for staff review within the next few weeks. The item will be presented to the Police & Fire Commission for input at its April 2020 meeting.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

**New Parks and Recreation Programming** - Parks and Recreation is expanding its quality services and programs to Oceanside residents. A variety of new programming such as ice skating, hockey, hula, jiu jitsu, futsal and tae kwon do are being offered. The new Winter 2020 classes are being conducted both at recreation facilities as well as off-site locations or through our programming partners. The activities planned for Spring 2020 include full day camps at Joe Balderrama and Melba Bishop Recreation Centers, as well as baseball, soccer, and multi-sport camps at City parks.

**Collaborative efforts save rare and valuable tree** - Thanks to the collaborative efforts of concerned citizens, Parks and Recreation and Public Works staff, and the El Corazon Aquatic Center General Contractor, PCL Construction, a rare Draconeus Tree was successfully relocated from the El Corazon construction site. It is now prominently located at the entrance to Buddy Todd Park.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Feb 29      **Opening Day for Girls Softball.** 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Luiseno Park. (760) 672-4372.
- Feb 29      **OUSD Ribbon Cutting for New Softball Field.** 9:00 a.m. El Camino HS.
- Mar 1        **Free First Sunday at Oceanside Museum of Art.** 12:00-5:00 p.m.
- Mar 2        **Valley Little League Opening Day.** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Melba Bishop Park. (760) 583-8807.
- Mar 13-15   **March Madness Pickleball Tournament.** 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Melba Bishop Park. (402) 301-3142.
- Mar 14      **Celebration of Life Event.** 12:00-3:00 p.m. Libby Lake Park. (760) 435-3340.
- Mar 19      **American Legion Post's 2020 Law & Order Awards and Dinner.** 5:30 p.m. [Details](#)
- Mar 31      **North County Works Education Summit.** 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. [Flyer](#)  
[Registration](#)
- Apr 4        **Ironman.** Harbor and Pier areas.
- Apr 5        **Oceanside Yacht Club Opening Day.** 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Harbor. (760) 722-5751.
- Apr 5        **Challenged Athletes Foundation Adaptive Surf Clinic.** South Pier. (858) 210-3529.
- Apr 18      **Earth Festival.** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tremont & Pier View. (760) 805-3414.
- May 14      **Bike to Work Day.** Various Pitstops in Oceanside. [Info](#)
- May 16      **El Camino HS Wildcat Car Show.** 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (760) 805-2277.
- May 16      **Operation Appreciation.** Civic Center Plaza.
- May 27      **Law Enforcement/Special Olympics Torch Run.** 9:00-9:45 a.m. (619) 283-6197.
- Jun 6        **VANC Car Show.** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 1617 Mission. (760) 722-1277.
- Jun 13      **Pride by the Beach.** 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Pier View Way/Civic Center Plaza. (760) 994-1960.
- Jun 13-20   **Race Across America.** Pier/Strand area. (720) 381-6053.
- Jul 8        **Heroes of Oceanside and Camp Pendleton Dinner.** 6:00-8:30 p.m. VANC. 1617 Mission Avenue. (760) 722-1534 ext. 104.