

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

May 7, 2020

PLANNING

Time Extension Streamlining – Staff continues to identify ways to streamline the review of certain applications, including time extension requests, consistent with the City’s strategic goals. Staff is drafting a proposal to revise the current time extension review process to include an increased initial approval period and to allow extensions through an administrative (staff level) review process. Under the proposed process, staff would review time extension requests against objective findings, such as the project remaining consistent with the General Plan, zoning ordinance, city policies and standards. Staff is also proposing an automatic one-year time extension for projects that were unexpired as of March 16, 2020, when the City declared a local emergency in response to COVID-19. This item will be considered by the Planning Commission on 5/18/20 and by the City Council on 6/3/20.

ENGINEERING

El Corazon Aquatics Center – Excavation of the Competition Pool continues. Another two weeks are anticipated before it will be ready for installation of plumbing and reinforcement steel. The West Building Foundation concrete pours continue. The trash enclosure is anticipated to be completed the week of May 22, 2020. The Contractor, PCL met with SDG&E regarding the electrical undergrounding work and will be meeting soon regarding the underground gas main work. Other site utilities continue to be installed. The East Building foundations are being constructed this week and next week in preparation of inspection and concrete pours. PCL continues to provide submittals for review and approval.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Oceanside Business Loan Program Update - Following are statistics on the [City of Oceanside COVID-19 Business Loan program](#) as of May 6, 2020:

Applications received: 21

Total amount of loan funds requested: \$310,000

Pending applications not yet sent to SBDC for review: 18 (missing one or more required documents; staff is working w/applicants to get complete loan packages)

Applications denied: 1 (applicant did not meet eligibility requirements)

Applications reviewed by SBDC: 2

Applications recommended for funding by SBDC: 2

Loans funded: 0 (the 2 loans recommended for funding by SBDC should be funded the week of May 11)

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Census Update - Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the U.S. Census Bureau has extended the Self-Response Phase (online, phone and mailed self-responses) through October 31, 2020.

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Program - The MLK Scholarship Committee extended the MLK scholarship application deadline from April 1 to May 1, 2020 due to school closures and the need to work with students through virtual classrooms. The committee has received a final count of 30 applications this year from a variety of schools including Oceanside High School, El Camino High School, and Mission Vista High School. The current applicants are applying to UC, CSU, private schools and out of state colleges and universities.

Due to the Public Health Order and social gathering limitations, the Garden reception for the MLK Scholarship Program has been cancelled. The selection committee will be meeting the week of May 18-22, 2020 through a virtual platform to select recipients. Once recipients are selected, the MLK Committee Chair will forward a list to City staff for announcement and processing.

Food Distribution and Other Community Resources - Community Resource Centers are still very active and working to assist residents in high risk and surrounding communities. Food and hot meal distribution efforts to Oceanside residents for the week of Monday, April 27 – Friday, May 1, 2020 included:

- Crown Heights Resource Center food distribution served 45 families
- Libby Lake Community Center food distribution served 26 families
- John Landes Recreation Center food distribution served 63 families

The City of Oceanside “Restaurant To-Go” Program served 1,705 meals.

Breakfast and hot lunches served through a partnership between Vista Community Clinic’s Project REACH & Resource Center staff and other organization meals include:

- Chavez Resource Center: 502 meals (each meal includes both breakfast & lunch)
- Libby Lake Community Center: 262 meals (each meal includes both breakfast & lunch)
- OUSD: 62,346 meals
- Oceanside Boys and Girls Club: 200 meals
- Melba Bishop Recreation Center military food distribution: 186 boxes

Botanical Community Development Initiative (non-profit) provided about 50 bags of fresh produce to residents. They were distributed to families in Eastside, Crown Heights and Libby Lake on Friday, May 1. They are building a partnership with the City to provide more, and City Council approved funding on May 6, 2020 for up to 200 bags per week through June 30. Oceanside small farms that are part of the cooperative also benefit economically and are encouraged to continue to produce locally grown produce.

Oceanside Kitchen Collaborative (OKC) has provided 25,761 ready-to-eat meals to the Oceanside community as of May 3, 2020, since the program’s inception. In addition to receiving food product from various vendors, OKC is also receiving fresh produce from ProduceGood. ProduceGood provides gleaning services to farms and residents which is the collection of produce that would otherwise go to waste. During COVID-19, ProduceGood’s gleaning efforts have increased, and they have been delivering directly to the Green Oceanside

Kitchen and OKC. The Green Oceanside Kitchen was built specifically to collect and distribute produce gleaned from the community.

Other resources accessed through the Oceanside Resource Centers included:

- 65 families were seen for services through the Bridges to Health program/partnership with Vista Community Clinic
- 9 families applied for CalFresh/Medi-Cal
- 24 families received assistance through the diaper distribution
- 36 people used computer lab for EDD, Job applications, school portals, CENSUS, and other reasons
- 14 students used the computer lab and printer for school-related needs

LIBRARY

Grants Awarded - The Oceanside Public Library was just awarded two grants from the California State Library totaling \$175,000 through a competitive selection process. This funding is from the State Library’s Shared Vision Grants program, designed to increase Californian’s access to health, educational, workforce and other services. The Library wrote the grant to be used to create an Early Learning and Community Resource Hub at the Civic Center Library, anticipating a vital need for resources and resource guidance. The second grant will involve the implementation of a Teens Work Program by hiring local teens and providing them with leadership and workforce skills training.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Oceanside Municipal Airport - The FAA has made available CARES Act Grant Funding for airports and the Oceanside Municipal Airport has been authorized to receive \$30,000 from this program. We will be submitting our application on May 6, 2020, which doesn't require a City match. Staff is looking into a fence replacement project on the north side of the airport as a potential use of the grant funding.

WATER UTILITIES

Earth Month Art Challenge – Winners Announced - After a month-long virtual Earth Month celebration, the Green Oceanside team had over 2,000 community members participate in the online activities, readings, and games, and had over 90 participants in the Earth Month Art Challenge. The contest was open to the entire North County community, and boasted \$3,000 in gift card prizes, courtesy of a sponsorship by Waste Management. After tallying up the votes, the Green Oceanside team is pleased to announce the winners of the Earth Month Art Challenge. Visit the following link to check out the top three submissions for each Earth Month theme: https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/water/services_programs/green_oceanside/earth_month.asp

UPCOMING COMISSION MEETINGS

- May 14 Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee – 2:00 p.m.
- May 18 Planning Commission – 6:00 p.m.