

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

July 1, 2020

PLANNING

Draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) – On June 26, the SANDAG Board approved a revised RHNA that affected the numbers of Coronado, Imperial Beach and San Diego. The revision was in response to appeals filed by Coronado, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove and Solana Beach. The revision does not affect the RHNA for Oceanside which remains at 5,443 units, including approximately 40% for lower-income households. Oceanside is mandated to update its Housing Element by April 15, 2021.

Cannabis Update – Zone Amendment to remove the medical only restriction on cultivation facilities was approved by City Council on June 24, second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for August 5. On August 5, staff will present a proposed local cannabis tax ordinance to City Council for its consideration. If approved, a local cannabis tax measure would appear on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot for consideration by local voters.

ENGINEERING

Quiet Zone Update – A Sprinter operating change that would allow the City to include an NCTD pedestrian crossing at the south end of the Oceanside Transit Center (OTC) is under review by NCTD. A plan to add a sidewalk in NCTD right of way from Mission Ave to the OTC platform is under review by NCTD. The Federal Railroad Administration has confirmed that quiet zone establishment will require approvals of a 60-day re-application and 21-day Notice of Establishment process; an additional 60-day Notice of Intent will not be required for approval. Quiet Zone implementation is expected by the end of the calendar year.

El Corazon Aquatics Center – East and West building construction continues (*photos, right*). Interior and exterior walls are almost complete. It is anticipated that building shells will begin in the next two weeks. The competition pool is on track for concrete within the next two weeks as plumbing and structural steel is nearing completion. The instruction pool is ready for the decking and plaster finish work which is currently expected to occur sometime in late July or August.



PUBLIC WORKS

Balderrama Park Sports Field Work – The sports field improvements at Balderrama Park is complete. A tremendous amount of Public Works staff time was spent on grading, irrigation and sod placement work to make this in-house project possible for the community—a great effort!



Oceanside Harbor Emergency Dredge - The Army Corp of Engineers surveyed the Harbor inlet depths in early June and has concluded an emergency dredge is in order. There are areas near the north jetty as low as -8 feet. With winter storms still ahead, it is likely the inlet would become too low for safe navigation. Manson Construction was forced to end dredging during the annual Spring dredge in April 2020 due to many issues, including the Coronavirus. The Army Corp is in process of determining the amount of available funding for this emergency dredge and how much material can be removed. It is likely, however not confirmed, this dredge cycle would occur mid-September to late October. Manson Construction has two dredge cycles remaining in its contract. Both the emergency dredge and the regular Spring dredge would be covered under the terms of the existing contract.

LIBRARY

Lunch at the Library - Due to the current health situation, the Oceanside Public Library is not able to host Lunch at the Library this summer at the Civic Center Library, a project funded through a grant from the California State Library and in partnership with the Oceanside Unified School District. Previously, food would be provided at the Library, and Library staff would also provide support at community sites that serve lunch free to kids 18 and under. This year, the Library is able to support community sites serving either drive-through service (curb side) or a combination of drive-through and inside service. The sites the Library will be supporting include: 3 school sites (Mission Elementary, North Terrace Elementary, and Libby Elementary); 3 Community Centers (Libby Lake Resource Center, Chavez/Balderrama Resource Center, and Crown Heights Resource Center); and 2 community sites (Boys & Girls Clubs Oceanside and

ProKids Oceanside). Over the course of the next 6 weeks, Library staff will assemble and deliver 3,300 Book Bag kits, which include books, crafts and information on Library resources for distribution at these sites. Additionally, the Library is partnering with StudioACE, who will provide 1,800 craft bags.



WATER UTILITIES

Oceanside wins Watereuse Award of Excellence - The City received the Recycled Water Agency of the Year award for California at the WaterReuse virtual conference in June 2020. This award of excellence recognizes an agency that has developed recycled water, on a significant level, as an alternative water source within their service area. City Council has been pivotal in the expansion of water reuse in Oceanside by setting a goal of 50% local water supply by 2030. Through the expansion of recycled water and the development of Pure Water Oceanside, Oceanside has demonstrated leadership, creativity and persistence in achieving water reliability for our residents and businesses.

Haymar Easement Protection Project – As of June 18, 2020, construction activities have been completed for this emergency repair and the re-establishment of access to this maintenance road along highway 78. The work has been reviewed and accepted by Water Utilities staff and project as-built information is being prepared along with a report to be submitted to regulatory agencies.

Figure 1 - Before the Repairs (January, 2020)



Figure 2 - After the Repairs (June, 2020)



Sunday Brunch in a Crunch – The First of Many Virtual Green Oceanside Kitchen

Workshops - The first Green Oceanside Kitchen virtual workshop, “Brunch in a Crunch,” was held on Sunday, June 28. Over 90 community members registered for the workshop to learn more about zero waste meals and tips for a sustainable lifestyle. Chef Vallie Gilley from O’side Kitchen Collaborative, along with Green Oceanside staffer Colleen Foster, live from their homes, demonstrated simple yet tasty recipes, and answered questions from participants on zero waste and sustainability. For those who were unable to attend, they can view the recorded workshop and see the recipes used during the demonstration on OKC’s YouTube page and at www.GreenOceanside.org.

Green Oceanside Kitchen – Awarded an EPIC Award for the 2019 Grand Opening Event

With over 275 entries for the 2020 CAPIO Excellence in Public Information and Communication (EPIC) award, the City’s Green Oceanside Kitchen was recognized and awarded the organization’s highest honor for the Green Oceanside Kitchen 2019 launch event, with a total score of 100%. The City, along with partners O’side Kitchen Collaborative, and NV5, highlighted the importance of fostering a sustainable food system and community engagement through marketing, media promotion, and event planning of the City’s launch event. Learn more about the Green Oceanside Kitchen and its mission [here](#).

The City of Oceanside Applies for USDA Community Composting and Food Waste

Reduction Grant - The Green Oceanside team applied for federal grant funding to support a community composting and gardening project for Oceanside high-density residents. If awarded, the City would receive over \$67,000 in funding to perform a two-year pilot program where multi-family residents would learn to create and maintain community composting systems and onsite gardens to improve climate resiliency and access to fresh, healthful produce. The project would be performed in partnership with Solana Center for Environmental Innovation, who would provide composting education and support to participants. The City of Oceanside will be notified of the USDA’s funding decision in August 2020.

UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS

All meetings follow the same format as the City Council.

- ~~July 7~~ — ~~Oceanside Historic Preservation Advisory Committee~~ — 6:00 p.m. **CANCELLED**
- July 13** Planning Commission – 6:00 p.m.
- July 27** Library Board – 2:00 p.m.
- July 27** Planning Commission – 6:00 p.m.
- July 28** Housing Commission – 6:15 p.m.
- Aug 17** Harbor & Beaches Commission – 5:00 p.m.