

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

March 12, 2015

Planning

Listed below are the public hearing items that the Planning Commission reviewed and took action on at their meeting on Monday, March 9, 2015.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ENHANCED NOTIFICATION PROGRAM – Staff will present options concerning notification of development projects, including re-instating the 1,500' notice requirement for larger projects, as well as other methods to improve notification. *Item discussed – The Commission voted 6-0 (Morrissey – Absent) recommending approval of staff proposal, as revised.*

City Manager

There will be a Council Workshop on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers regarding El Corazon Specific Plan proposed amendments.

Library

World Music Series Concert at the Library - Saturday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Library Community Rooms. The Library and Friends of the Oceanside Public Library are proud to present Mariachi Pai Pai in concert. This free performance is open to all ages.

Neighborhood Services

Veteran Housing - As a result of the City's Federal advocacy efforts and recent D.C. visits with HUD and the VA, the Oceanside Community Development Commission has been invited to apply for 40 VASH vouchers. These are special Housing Vouchers that are reserved for homeless veterans that are referred by the local Veteran Administration.

25 Cities North County Initiative- 25 Cities San Diego is the local arm of a national campaign to end veteran and chronic homelessness initiated and funded by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Launched in January 2015, it's based on a "housing first" approach that centers on providing homeless people with housing quickly and then providing services as needed. In the North County region, this initiative is coordinated by the Alliance for Regional Solutions, a collaboration that includes over 30 community organizations, with Interfaith Community Services as the lead agency. Key public partners include the Department of Veterans Affairs, County of San Diego and all nine North County cities.

The North County inland cities of Escondido and Vista are the focus of the first 100-day campaign, which has a goal of permanently housing 40 chronically homeless and veteran households by May 4, 2015. This initiative will then expand to include all of North County.

Staff from the Neighborhood Services Department's Housing Division and the Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is on the Design Team for this initiative and have been closely engaged from the outset. Housing staff and the HOT will be collaborating closely with this effort. The HOT will be moving into offices at 307 N. Nevada Street, immediately south of the Housing Division offices, which will further facilitate this collaboration.

At its April 1, 2015 meeting, Neighborhood Services Department staff is recommending that the Community Development Commission approve a revision to the Housing Authority's Administrative Plan to set aside 30 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers to assist homeless veterans and chronically homeless persons. The vouchers would provide rental assistance to eligible Oceanside households referred through the 25 Cities North County system. For more information, please contact Angie Hanifin at 435-3363 or Margery Pierce at 435-3360.

Celebration of Life event, Friday, March 13 from 3-6 p.m. at Libby Lake Park. This is the 2nd year we are hosting the Celebration of Life event for the Libby Lake Community on the anniversary of the Libby Lake shootings. This event puts a positive spin on a tragedy and provides the children, youth and families of the Libby Lake Community with information, resources and options they can use for a more positive lifestyle and future for themselves and their community. Neighborhood Services staff works with OPD and Vista Community Clinic's Project REACH program to provide attendees with food, games, music and various resource booths that include OPD, OFD, mental health services, clinical services, Job Corp training programs, community colleges, etc.

John Landes Community Clean-Up, March 28 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at John Landes Park. Neighborhood Services is working with various faith-based groups to organize a community clean-up in the Tri-City community surrounding John Landes Park. The neighborhood residents will join volunteers from Family Fellowship Church, Victory Outreach Church and other faith-based groups to clean up the neighborhood as well as dispose of large trash items.

Easter Egg Hunts, Saturday April 4 at Joe Balderrama park hosted by Eastside Neighborhood Association; Libby Lake Park and Fireside Park are both hosted by Family Fellowship starting at 9:30 a.m.

College Night- Tuesday, April 21 at Crown Heights Resource Center at 6 p.m. Come meet MiraCosta College staff. College Admissions and Financial Aid/Scholarships representatives will be available to answer questions about courses, requirements, non-credit programs, specifically ESL, Adult HS Diploma/GED, Citizenship programs and short term vocational classes. For more information contact Divina Hernandez at 3339.

Día del Niño event, Saturday, April 25 at Joe Balderrama Park from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. This is an annual celebration and tradition for the Eastside community that honors the youth and families in Eastside and surrounding neighborhoods. The Eastside Neighborhood Association partners with the Chavez Resource Center and Vista Community Clinic's Project REACH to organize and facilitate games, food, music, entertainment and various resource booths that range from chair massages to clinical service and crime prevention resources.

Día del Niño event, Thursday, April 30 at Crown Heights Resource Center from 3:00-8:00 p.m. The Crown Heights Neighborhood Association (CHNA) will be hosting the Día del Niño event for families and children in the community of Crown Heights. The event allows for families to come together and celebrate "Day of the Child" through activities and games. Food will be sold on site for the CHNA to raise funds for local scholarships.

Libby Lake Community Resource Fair, Saturday, May 16 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Libby Lake Park. Resource Booths, Music and Food will be available to all.

Crown Heights Community Festival, May 30^t from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Crown Heights Resource Center and Division Street. Division Street is closed and the community comes out to enjoy an afternoon of food, games, resource booths, music and live entertainment in an effort to build community connectedness.

Community Events

Mar 13 **2nd Annual Celebration of Life.** 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Libby Lake Park.
(760) 435-3340.

Mar 14-15 **Western Surfing Association Championship Tour.** Harbor south jetty. 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (949) 369-6677.

Mar 28 **Ironman Triathlon.** Harbor and Pier areas. 6:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(760) 430-9407.

Apr 10 **March for Babies.** 8:00 a.m. Amphitheater/Strand. (858) 492-9180.

Apr 10 **Ragnar Relay SoCal 2015.** Exchange point for 200-mile relay race. North of pier. (513) 543-8405.

Apr 12 **Oceanside Yacht Club Opening Day.** Oceanside Harbor. (760) 722-5751.

Apr 18 **NC Railroad Society Swap Meet.** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Heritage Park.
(760) 470-0466