

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

February 28, 2014

Planning Division

Listed below are the public hearing items that the Planning Commission reviewed and took action on at their meeting on Monday, February 24, 2014:

SAFRANG ADDITION – Consideration of a REGULAR COASTAL PERMIT (RC13-00017) to allow remodeling of an existing single-family residence, construction of a new two-car detached garage, addition of 695 square feet of building floor area and 956 square feet of deck area to an existing single-family dwelling at 208 Godfrey Street. ***This item has been continued and will be rescheduled and re-noticed for a future hearing.***

EL CAMINO MEMORY CARE FACILITY – Consideration of a DEVELOPMENT PLAN (D13-00001), CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP13-00006) and VARIANCES (V13-00005 and V13-00006) for the construction a three-story, 34,338-square-foot building on the east side of the 2100 block of El Camino Real within the Mira Costa Neighborhood. ***The Commission approved the project by a 7-0 vote and adopted the resolution. The call for review/appeal period ends on March 6, 2014.***

MOHSEN'S @ 628 S. COAST HWY – Consideration of a Regular Coastal Permit (RC13-00002) and Conditional Use Permit (CUP13-00007) to permit the conversion of an existing 1,350-square-foot vehicle service bay into a food market in association with an existing gas station located at 628 South Coast Highway. ***The Commission approved the project by a 7-0 vote and adopted the resolution. The call for review/appeal period ends on March 6, 2014.***

Development Services

Mission Avenue Improvement Project Phase 1

Construction: Work on the project continues. On the north side of Mission Avenue between Ditmar and Coast Highway the demolition of sidewalk, curb, gutter, asphalt, rough grading and waterline relocation have been completed. Street light and traffic signal infrastructure work will take place this week between Ditmar and Coast Highway. Work continues east of Ditmar preparing the brick banding for tree wells, infiltration basins and planter areas. During the month of March, most construction activities will be focused west of Ditmar to Coast Highway and will take us through the month.

It is anticipated that the first week of April, the project will move the construction stage to the south side of Mission Avenue from Clementine to Ditmar (Construction Stage 3). Traffic control and barriers will be placed along the 2 block construction stage. This will close Clementine, Nevada, and Ditmar to through traffic from Seagaze Drive. West bound vehicular traffic on Mission Avenue to Coast Highway will use the newly constructed travel lane on the north side of Mission.

Business Relations: Main Street Oceanside, Arcadis, and City Staff will be facilitating business meetings during the month of March in anticipation of the construction stage move scheduled for April.

Whelan Mitigation Site: In partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers, City staff recently released a draft environmental document [Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Mitigated Negative Declaration (EA/MND)] for the Whelan Mitigation Site Habitat Restoration project. The Whelan restoration project is a required regulatory action associated with the approved San Luis Rey Flood Control Project to mitigate impacts to protected wildlife species and their habitats. The proposed restoration project would include the restoration of riparian habitat and floodplain functions through active and passive restoration methods. Consideration and approval of the Final EA/MND is anticipated to occur on March 3, 2014. Construction is intended to begin on March 5, 2014, and it is estimated that implementation of the initial restoration activities may take approximately 6 weeks. Main access to the Whelan mitigation site for heavy equipment will be through Camp Pendleton on the north side of the project site. Two alternative access points may also be used at the northern and southern project boundaries, should it be deemed necessary. Residents located immediately west of the Whelan Mitigation site will be noticed prior to the commencement of construction activities in an effort to properly inform all potentially affected individuals.

Economic Development

Surf Side Tap Room: Now open at 507 N. Coast Highway in Downtown Oceanside offering 26 beers on tap from local breweries: Oceanside Ale Works, Legacy Brewing and Breakwater Brewing Company. Go take a look at this new exciting business in the Downtown.

Oceanside Boulevard Improvement: This improvement, envisioned by the Economic Development Commission, has been completed. The beautification project is on the south side of Oceanside Blvd. between Crouch Street and I-5. A new meandering sidewalk, with landscaping on both sides gives the roadway a parkway feel and greatly improves the look of this gateway entrance into Oceanside business parks.

Neighborhood Services

Friends of Oceanside Parks to Host Luncheon: On Friday, March 14, the Friends of Oceanside Parks will host a free luncheon for business owners who would like to learn about sponsorship opportunities for the upcoming summer activities (Concerts in the Park, etc.). The luncheon will be held at the Pit Stop Restaurant from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. with a brief presentation at noon. Reservations are required. Please contact the Recreation Administration Office at (760) 435-5041.

Library

Mission Branch Library Closure March 1 – March 31, 2014: The Library will be closed for a carpet/flooring replacement project. During this closure the Library will also be replacing the old mismatched shelving with new shelving, and replacing the reference and circulation desks. The shelving and desks were purchased with a generous donation from the Oceanside Public Library Foundation. The Mission Branch Library is scheduled to reopen at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1st.

Big Read 2014 – Finale Event March 1: The Oceanside Public Library will present a live re-creation of the radio version of the 1946 Maltese Falcon, along with sound effects and actors. Some of these actors worked during the Golden Days of Radio on such shows as Lux Radio Theater, Fibber McGee and Molly, the Great Gildersleeve, and Our Miss Brooks. The event will be held March 1 in the Civic Center Community Rooms at 3:00 p.m. It is free for all ages.

Water Utilities

Drought Conditions: In January, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in California due to current drought conditions. While different parts of the state are being affected in different ways, San Diego County (including Oceanside) currently remains at a level 1 drought watch. We are asking residents and businesses to remain diligent in their water use and to continue using water wisely and efficiently. For more information about how residents and businesses can save water, please visit www.savewateroceanside.com. In addition, over the next few months, Water Utilities will be offering a series of free events and workshops that are designed to give Oceanside residents specific tools to reduce water waste and increase water use efficiency.

Fix-a-Leak Workshop: The Department will be offering a free Fix-a-Leak workshop on Tuesday, March 18 at the Civic Center Community Rooms from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The workshop will feature a licensed plumber from Green Plumbers USA, who will provide information on the most common leaks found in a home, how to identify them, and tips on how to fix them yourself.

California Friendly Landscape Workshop: Join us for a free Landscape Workshop on Saturday, March 29. Attendees will learn 6 ways to become more water-wise gardeners. Topics will cover "Right Plant, Right Place," "Using Rainwater as a Resource," and "Managing Irrigation." The workshop will be held in the Civic Center Community Room from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. March 29. Seating is limited. For more information, or to make a reservation, call 760-435-5857 or visit the website at www.greenoceanside.org.

California Friendly Landscape Contest: Oceanside residents who have front-yard landscaping that is "California friendly" are encouraged to enter our contest. The contest requires participants to submit 4 - 5 photos of their front-yard landscaping and provide water-wise tips to be shared with fellow residents to the Water Utilities counter at City Hall. Top prize is \$250 and the deadline is Monday, April 7th, 2014.

Residential Surveys and Smart Landscape Evaluations: Both the Smart Landscape Evaluation and the Residential Survey are free to Oceanside customers, and are designed to assist residential, multi-family, and business customers with identifying inefficiencies in water use, and to provide water saving opportunities. Single-family participants can expect to have technicians review indoor fixtures and evaluate the performance of their landscape irrigation system. Upon conclusion of the visit, participants will receive a list of recommendations and a proposed watering schedule. Multi-family and business customers are eligible for an outdoor audit and will receive a report outlining site specific irrigation, maintenance recommendations,

and suggestions for plant alternatives designed to reduce water waste and increase water efficiency. For more information or to enroll for this free service, call 866-883-1332.

Community Events:

Mar 1 **Brother Benno's Auxiliary Membership Drive and Shelter Tour.** 9:00 a.m. Thrift Shop. (760) 439-1244

Mar 1 **Surfrider Beach Cleanup at the Pier.** 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. (858) 622-9661.

Mar 2 **Mardi Gras Brunch Fundraiser for OMA.** 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. El Camino Country Club. (760) 435-3720.

Mar 4 **Art + Music Series: Women in the Arts.** Oceanside Museum of Art. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (760) 435-3720.