

## CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

March 7, 2014

### Planning Division

**OHPAC:** Listed below are the public hearing items that the OHPAC reviewed and took action on at their meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014:

NEW SONG CHURCH – Consideration of a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP13-00011) and HISTORIC PERMIT (H13-00003) a request for rkmkmenewal of a Conditional Use Permit for an existing religious assembly use operating within a 62,843-square-foot commercial building at 3985 Mission Avenue – *The Commission adopted the resolution by a 5-0 vote (Root, Winfield – Absent) recommending Planning Commission approval of the project.*

**PLANNING:** Listed below are the public hearing items that the Planning Commission will review at their meeting on Monday, March 10, 2014:

SPRINT @ 4039 AVENIDA DE LA PLATA – Consideration of a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP12-00039) to allow modification and continued operation of existing wireless telecommunication facilities at 4039C Avenida de la Plata (Item continued from the February 10, 2014 Planning Commission meeting). *Staff is recommending approval.*

### 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 on March 31, 2014, 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. Westbound 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. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11 at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. These meetings are to inform businesses of the scheduled construction stage move.

**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. The Final EA/MND was approved on March 4, 2014. Construction began on March 6, 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.

### **Economic Development**

Murphy's Law opened on February 22, and held a Grand Opening on March 1, 2014. This new Irish restaurant and pub is located at 215 N. Coast Highway. They will be open for breakfast on the weekends and for lunch and dinner 7 days per week.

### **Neighborhood Services**

**Libby Lake Celebration of Life:** Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> will mark the one year anniversary of the deadly shootings that took place at Libby Lake Park. Community partners, along with Neighborhood Services and OPD have organized an event to unite the community in a safe, fun, and family-oriented atmosphere in order to celebrate the youth and families who call Libby Lake home. The event, including a free BBQ, will take place at Libby Lake Park on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

### **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](http://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](http://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 20 **333's Music at the Museum.** OMA. Sue Palmer Quartet. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (760) 435-3720.

Mar 29 **Ironman 70.3** Oceanside Harbor and Pier. (858) 866-0959.