

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

December 19, 2013

Development Services

Listed below are the public hearing items that the Planning Commission reviewed and took action on at their meeting on Monday, December 16, 2013:

Transportation Items-Proposed Stop Controls on Alvarado Street at Kelly Street. ***The Commission recommended approval to the City Council by a 6-0 vote (Morrissey – Absent).***

Planning Items - MISSION COVE – Consideration of GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA12-00003)/ZONE AMENDMENT (ZA12-00003)/ TENTATIVE MAP (T12-00001)/DEVELOPMENT PLAN (D13-00006)/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (C12-00006)/CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (C12-00007)/CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (C12-00008) to change the land use and zoning designations of portions of a 14.59-acre site to allow for the construction and operation of a 288-unit affordable housing project with 10,435 square feet of commercial floor area and day care programs for children and senior citizens. The project site is located on the south side of Mission Avenue between Carolyn Circle and Fousat Road. ***The Commission approved the project by a 6-0 vote (Morrissey – Absent) and adopted the resolution. The call for review/appeal period ends on December 26, 2013.***

Unreinforced Masonry Buildings in Oceanside – Currently, 42 building require retrofitting. California Government Code and Oceanside City Code require retrofitting plans to be submitted by 12/2/2015 and for all buildings to be retrofitted by 12/2/2016. Unreinforced masonry buildings have the potential for catastrophic collapse during seismic events. Staff is immediately beginning outreach efforts to all non-compliant building owners with formal notification to comply.

Mission Avenue Improvement Project Phase 1:

Construction-Work on the Mission Avenue Improvement Project continues as planned and the project is ahead of schedule. Sidewalk and crosswalks are scheduled to be placed this week. Asphalt paving is scheduled to be complete December 27, 2013.

Starting January 6, 2014, concrete traffic barriers and traffic control is scheduled to be placed west of Ditmar to Coast Highway on the north side of Mission Avenue, which will direct the westbound traffic to the south side of Mission Avenue. Ditmar and Freeman Streets will be closed to through traffic north of Mission Avenue. Pedestrian access will be provided to all businesses along this segment while construction is underway. During this phase, all parking along Mission Avenue (Horne to Coast Highway) will be eliminated due to traffic control and construction. Staff is working to adjust the traffic control plan to (potentially) allow parking along Mission Avenue east of Ditmar Street, if safety and physical constraints can be resolved. Parking and pedestrian access to Mission Avenue will be from side streets both south and north of Mission Avenue. This stage of the project is scheduled to be complete mid-March 2014.

Business Relations - On December 17, Main Street Oceanside hosted two meetings lead by Arcadis and City staff. The focus of the meetings was to review the construction plans, schedule, construction-related impacts, Farmer's Market impacts, and collect business owner input. The meetings were well attended. Staff, Arcadis, and Main Street will continue with the distribution of information and hosting of meetings. The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for the week January 13, 2014.

Main Street Oceanside is currently looking into moving the location of the Farmer's Market (temporarily) in order to preserve access to businesses on Freeman Street and the alley between Ditmar and Freeman Streets.

City Manager's Office

Whelan Sand Update - The US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has completed a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) of the sand located at the Whelan mitigation site. The good news is that it has been determined that there is approximately 90,000 cubic yards of beach-grade sand that will have to be removed to make way for the Corps' mitigation efforts and, consequently, available for beach nourishment. As a result of discovering potential sand at Whelan, the Council earmarked \$650,000 last June for sand replenishment from Seagaze to Kelly.

In anticipation of receiving approval of the sampling plan from the Corps and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the City has contracted with Moffatt & Nichol to assist in obtaining a new ten-year Sand Compatibility Opportunistic Use Program permit (SCOUP) that allows us to place sand on the beach within the area from Seagaze to Kelly Streets. Staff has also contracted with RECON Environmental for assistance with the environmental review process, regulatory permitting and the preparation of the mitigated negative declaration (MND) for the sand placement effort. It is anticipated that the MND will be completed by December 2014, and the permitting will be completed by March 2015. The original goal was to place sand on the beach in spring of 2014, in concert with the harbor dredging efforts. However, due to the delay of the Corps SAP results and associated permitting requirements, we are likely looking at spring of 2015 for placement. In addition to the permitting requirements, the City's schedule will be also be wholly dependent upon the Corps' meeting its scheduled mitigation efforts.

As is, this schedule is extremely aggressive and includes action by the Coastal Commission. Staff will begin coordinating with the Coastal Commission early in the process beginning January 2014, to ensure that the schedule targets can be supported by Coastal staff. The good news, however, is that once the sand is extracted, it can be stored on site at Whelan until the optimal time for placement on the beach.

Library

Library Holiday Closures - The Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries will close at 3:00 p.m. on December 24 and December 31, and will be closed December 25 and January 1. The Bookmobile will be closed from December 23 - January 4.

Adelante Returns to Service - The Adelante Bookmobile will return to service on Monday, January 6, 2014. Its Monday stop will be from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Baldarrama Park. The Thursday stop at the Vista Community Clinic on Calle Montecito will be from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

starting on January 8, and the Wednesday stop at the Crown Heights Community Center will start on January 15.

Neighborhood Services

Project REACH - NBC 7 news covered a story on December 5 on one of the aspects of the City's program at Project REACH Libby Lake and what Oceanside youth are doing to counteract gangs and violence in the community. STEP UP Mentoring Program in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of Oceanside: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Oceanside-Teenagers-Project-Reach-Mentor-Program-Gang-Violence--234742771.html>.

Property Management

Oceanside Municipal Airport Master Plan Update – An additional public outreach meeting regarding the Master Plan will be held Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Community Room. All interested parties and the public have been invited to attend. Staff will also be presenting the plan to the Planning Commission on Thursday, January 9 at 2:30 p.m. With the continued development of the plan through public comment and a broader vision for the future of the airport, staff will then schedule a presentation to the City Council.

Water Utilities Division

Free Landscape Workshop—Saturday, January 11 - Learn 6 ways to become a more water wise gardener during this free and information-packed presentation from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Library Community Room. Topics will cover "Right Plant, Right Place", "Using Rainwater as a Resource" and "Managing Irrigation". Bring your questions to these gardening experts! Seating is limited; please RSVP by emailing kcoogan@ci.oceanside.ca.us or calling 760-435-5857.

San Luis Rey River Cleanup - Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Join the Clean Water Program and volunteers to remove trash and debris from the San Luis Rey River and Harbor Beach. More information about the San Luis Rey River Cleanup event can be found at www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org.

Community Events:

Dec 21 **Soul CSF Surf Series.** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Southside of Pier. (949) 637-0463.

Dec 31- Jan 10 **Tall Ship Hawaiian Chieftain.** Oceanside Harbor. (800) 200-5239.

Jan 4 – 5 **Western Surfing Association Championship Tour.** Harbor – South Jetty. 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (949) 369-6677.