

# The Week in Review

City Manager Grace K. Leung January 25, 2019

## **Upcoming Events**

Thurs., Jan. 31

Weds., Jan. 30
11th Annual CERT Banquet
Oasis Senior Center
Evelyn Hart Event Center
801 Narcissus Avenue
6 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 31
Zoning Administrator Meeting
City Hall, Corona del Mar
Conference Room (Bay1E)
100 Civic Center Dr.
3 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting (special meeting)
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
4:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 2
City Council Planning Session
City Hall, Community Room
100 Civic Center Dr.
9 a.m.

Tues., Feb. 5
Parks, Beaches & Recreation
Commission Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
6 p.m.

# **General Plan Update**

The City Council initiated the General Plan Update process on January 22, 2019. The Council also created a fivemember resident Steering Committee to assist staff and the community with the initial phase of the process. The Steering Committee will assist in the preparation of a request for proposals for consulting services, selecting the consultant, and guide the initial "listen and learn" community outreach effort. The City Clerk will accept applications for appointment to the Committee through noon on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. Confirmation of Mayor Dixon's appointments to the Committee will be considered by the full City Council on February 12, 2019. For residents interested in applying to be a part of the Committee, the applications can be obtained at the City Clerk's office. The application and Committee information can also be accessed through the City's website at: www.newportbeachca.gov/vacancy.

#### **General Plan Update Community Meeting**

It is anticipated the Steering Committee and staff will conduct the first community meeting at Marina Park, 1600 W. Balboa Blvd. on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and participate. The purpose of this initial forum is to provide an overview of the General Plan Update process and to review a draft request for proposals for consultant services.

## **Beacon Bay Lease Terms**

Community Development Department staff met with representatives of the Beacon Bay Homeowners Association (HOA) and the City's consultant, Keyser Marston Associates, Inc. (KMA), to review KMA's modeling of the HOA's proposed changes to the terms of the Beacon

Bay lease agreement and the impact to revenue projections. Staff will be presenting a brief history and overview of Beacon Bay to City Council during a study session on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. This will include an overview of the changes to the lease terms being proposed by the HOA, as well as any potential impacts to City revenues.

## Results of Residential Parking Enforcement - Pilot Program

The City concluded a three-week pilot parking enforcement program to see whether increased enforcement would be an effective means to manage construction related parking impacts.

The following can be concluded from the program:

- 1) 529 parking citations were issued along with 222 warnings to residents and contractors.
- 2) 75 percent of parking citations issued were to residents, and 25 percent were issued to contractors.
- 3) Most people cited were cooperative when educated on the nature of the parking violation.
- 4) Most violations occurred in two specific areas;
  - a. Parking in red zones
  - b. Parking in the alley
- 5) Contractor parking violations dropped as the word of additional parking enforcement spread.

# Finley Tract Resident Parking Permit Program (RP3)

The City's Zoning Administrator approved a coastal development permit for a proposed resident parking permit program for the Finley Tract in December 2018. The Finley Tract is located just west of Lido Village on the Balboa Peninsula. Mr. Jim Mosher filed an appeal of the action with the California Coastal Commission (CCC). The CCC will consider whether there is a "substantial issue" with the program at their March meeting (March 6-8) that will be held at the California African American Museum located at 600 State Drive in Los Angeles.

## Harbor Pointe Senior Living Project at Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)

Community Development Department staff attended the January ALUC meeting on behalf of the City for the proposed Harbor Pointe Senior Living Project. Harbor Pointe is a proposed 85,000 square-foot, three-story senior convalescent and congregate care facility (i.e., memory care and assisted living) as a State-licensed Residential Care Facility for the elderly with 120 beds. The project site is located on the corner of Bayview Place and Bristol Street and currently developed with the Kitayama restaurant.

When originally adopted, ALUC determined that the City's general plan and zoning code were consistent with the land use policies of the Airport Environs Land Use Plan (AELUP) for John Wayne Airport. Since the Harbor Pointe project includes both a general plan amendment and planned community development plan (zoning) amendment, it was required to be heard by the ALUC to determine if the proposed amendments are consistent with the AELUP. After conducting a public meeting, the ALUC concluded the project was consistent with the inclusion of two minor edits, one to proposed CEQA mitigation/conditions of approval, both related to aircraft noise. The Harbor Pointe project was also heard at the Planning Commission on December 6, 2018 who voted unanimously to recommend approval of the project to the City Council. The City Council hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2019.

# **Recent Storm Events**

During last week's storm, the City Landscape Crew and contractors responded to several storm-related issues. The crews took care of four City trees and four private trees that collapsed during the storms. One of the trees was on Narcissus Avenue where only minor damage to a hedge was reported. Crews also took action to remove several broken City and private tree limbs. The City's ambitious tree trimming program likely prevented excessive incidents.

# **Dunes Trail Debris Removal**

Public Works staff responded to one landslide on the Dunes trail caused by the storms. Our Field Maintenance Crews removed approximately 15 tons of debris and the road was promptly reopened.

# **High Surf Occurrence**

The storm, in combination with the King Tides, also brought in high surf. One unusual location impacted by the high surf was at 35th Street, where flooding occurred. No damage was reported and Field Maintenance Crews built windrows (barriers) with a loader. The Public Works staff remained on standby alert during the four-day period of the King Tides just in case of more flooding occurrences.

# Lido Village & West Newport Water Main Replacement

Construction for the Lido Village and West Newport Water Main Replacement project continues to progress. Since our last newsletter update, the contractor has completed most of the water main replacements for this improvement project, which focuses on replacing deteriorated cast iron water mains. Recently, the contractor finished work for Short Street and is currently working on Lake Avenue and alleyways between Balboa Avenue and Lake Avenue. All work for this project should be wrapped up by March.

#### Marina Park Earns "People Love Us on Yelp" Sticker Award!

Yelp recognized Marina Park for the positive ratings and reviews we have earned on the social networking site last year. Our visitors love Marina Park, rating us 4.71 out of 5 stars. In recognition of our accomplishment, we were presented with the "People Love Us on Yelp" sticker, which is awarded to the most highly rated and best-reviewed businesses on Yelp. Marina Park is proudly displaying the sticker on our front window as you enter the facility to show our customers we are highly rated by the Yelp community for the second year in a row.

#### **Boys and Girls Club Renovation**

The Recreation & Senior Services staff met with the Boys & Girls Club of Newport Beach to discuss their progress on renovating the club this summer. As part of a successful fundraising effort, the Newport Beach club will be getting updated facilities, STEAM based learning equipment, and a brand new gymnasium by September 2019! This boost in technology and building upgrades will enhance their programming at the club to serve generations of children to come. Staff are also working with the Club on renewing the lease agreement to serve the community in that location in Eastbluff Park until 2069.

#### **Emergency Storm Drain Repair in Mariners Mile next week**

Next week, the Utilities and Public Works Departments will begin the emergency repair of a storm drain which runs underneath West Coast Highway Mariners Mile. (This past week, repairs were made to the storm drain line upstream and downstream of this location.) Traffic control for the

necessary lane closures will be staggered to minimize the impacts for the morning and evening commutes. Construction is expected to be completed in one week.

