



The Week in Review

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May 17, 2019

Upcoming Events

Sun., May 19

Police Department Open House
Police Department
870 Santa Barbara Drive
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Mon., May 20

Board of Library Trustees Mtg.
Small Conference Room,
Central Library
100 Avocado Ave.
5 p.m.

Mon., May 20

Western Snowy Plover
Management Plan Community
Meeting
Marina Park Sailing Center
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.
6 p.m.

Thurs., May 23

Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
6:30 p.m.

Tues., May 28

City Council Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
4 p.m.

General Aviation Program to be Considered by the County on June 25, 2019

The date that the John Wayne Airport General Aviation Improvement Project (GAIP) will again be considered by the Orange County Board of Supervisors (Board) has changed to Tuesday, June 25. The item was first discussed at the Board's May 7 meeting where dozens of community members spoke and expressed concerns related to the project. The Board discussed the project aspects and proposed a compromise solution, a "modified Alternative 1" and agreed to continue the item to its May 21 meeting. However, the item has been delayed to allow County staff additional time to review the proposed alternative.

For more information on the proposed compromise and delay, visit newportbeachca.gov/news.

Western Snowy Plover Management Plan Community Meeting

The City is hosting a community meeting Monday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at Marina Park to discuss the revised Western Snowy Plover Management Plan for East Balboa Peninsula Beaches. City staff from multiple departments have been working closely with biologists from Glenn Lukos Associates on a revised and improved management plan for the federally designated Western Snowy Plover (WSP) critical habitat located between B and G Streets and other Peninsula areas to the east. The goal of the plan is to preserve the WSP beach and dune habitat while maintaining public access to the sandy beach. The plan calls for the removal of the existing dune enclosures and includes parameters for beach grooming, trash pick-up, lifeguard operations, dune habitat restoration, public education and signage in and around the critical habitat area. The community is invited to come to the meeting to hear about and discuss the plan. The plan and contact information can

Visit the City's website for a complete listing of meetings and events at newportbeachca.gov/events.

Tues., May 28
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board HOA Community Meeting
Friends Room, Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
4 p.m. - 5:30 pm

Wed., May 29
General Plan Steering Committee Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
6 p.m.

Thurs., May 30
Finance Committee Mtg.
City Hall, Crystal Cove
Conference Room (Bay 2D)
100 Civic Center Dr.
3 p.m.

Thurs., May 30
Zoning Administrator Mtg.
City Hall, Corona del Mar
Conference Room (Bay1E)
100 Civic Center Dr.
3 p.m.

be accessed on the City's website here:
<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/snowyplover>

Potential Code Amendment RM Development Standards

At their May 28 regular meeting, the City Council will consider initiating a zoning code amendment to the Multiple Residential (RM) zoning districts in the City. The initiation would give Planning Division staff the go-ahead to study potential code changes that would apply R-1 and R-2 zoning district development standards to single-family homes and duplexes built in the RM zones. The notable standard is the lower 29-foot height limit in the R-1 and R-2 zones compared to the 33-foot height limit in the RM zones. If initiated the amendment process would include public outreach and public hearings by the Planning Commission and City Council.

Balboa Village Advisory Committee (BVAC) Meeting

On May 15, the Balboa Village Advisory Committee (BVAC) heard from the Revenue Division on upcoming and potential changes to parking permitting. It also discussed the walkabout held on April 17. At the walkabout, BVAC spent about an hour walking through the Village to see where improvements have already occurred or are in progress and also discussed other areas for improvement. The next meeting is anticipated to be Wednesday, June 19, at 4 p.m. in the Bay Island Room at Marina Park.

The BVAC meets on an as-needed basis the third Wednesday of each month. For more information, check out the BVAC webpage [here](#).

General Plan Update Steering Committee Meeting

The Committee interviewed three prospective outreach consultants on May 15, 2019, and they identified the most qualified among them. Each consultant team presented their most relevant project experience and the Committee asked them four standardized questions. Based on their responses, the Committee asked several follow-up questions. Committee members thanked each team for their proposal, their presentation, and their time and effort. After all presentations and interviews were concluded, the Committee took public comments. The unanimous consensus was to select Kerns and West as the most qualified of the group.

The Committee was impressed with their extensive experience in conducting both general plan visioning and preparing general plan updates. The Committee also believes Kerns and West can adequately assist the City as we go forward with reviewing and updating the Community's

General Plan. The next step is to review the cost proposal for feasibility and how it supports the scope of work. The Committee will meet again on May 29, 2019, with the goal to finalize a recommendation to the City Council. You can watch the presentations here: <http://ecms.newportbeachca.gov/Web/0/foi/1351280/Row1.aspx>

Construction Code Amendment

For over a year, City staff has worked with residents and contractors to address the residential parking impacts resulting from construction activity in residential neighborhoods. Staff met with homeowner's associations, community groups, and local building contractors to seek feedback on reducing construction parking impacts. At the May 28th City Council meeting, staff will propose code amendments to restrict construction on Saturdays in areas of the community which are the most impacted by construction. An additional proposal for those impacted areas is to require projects with construction fencing to post a project information sign to identify the primary contact person responsible for the project. Building Inspection and Code Enforcement telephone numbers will be on the sign for residents to report violations. The proposed ordinance will go into effect 60 days after adoption. If adopted by the City Council, staff will send notification of the code change to all permit holders to allow the contractors or builders to make arrangements for their construction scheduling.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update

City Planners have been monitoring and participating in the discussions on the future Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers. At the May 6 RHNA Subcommittee meeting, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) staff explained the required consultation process between SCAG and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that occurs before HCD issues its final determination of regional total housing need for the SCAG region, which the City of Newport Beach is a part of. SCAG staff has developed a framework to guide this process, and a list of specific subject areas for HCD's consideration. Included in this consultation package is SCAG's proposal to phase the existing need component of the region's determined housing needs over multiple RHNA cycles in order to incentivize jurisdictions to make realistic, good-faith efforts to accommodate long-term housing development. The Subcommittee voted to recommend approval by the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) of the Draft RHNA Consultation package to HCD, which will be on the CEHD agenda at their June 6, 2019 meeting. Presentations and the complete agenda can be found at the following link: [RHNA Subcommittee May 6, 2019](#)

Treasury Report Update

The April 2019 Treasury Report is available on the City's website at: www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury.

As of April, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$298 million, from all sources. Roughly \$46 million of this portfolio was highly liquid, meaning it was available for cash flows associated with day-to-day operations and cash funding of major construction expenditures.

The short-term portfolio (\$215 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 1.78 years. The trailing twelve months' total return was 3.29%. This return compared favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index, which returned 3.08%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio, was 1.94%.

Completion of the 2019 Water Master Plan

After two years of gathering data, performing field testing and evaluating the condition all of our water facilities, the 2019 Water Master Plan is now complete. This document was adopted by City Council on May 14, 2019. The Water Master Plan is an important planning tool and identifies

necessary water infrastructure capital improvement projects for the next 30 years. The City's existing water infrastructure is comprised of approximately 300 miles of pipelines, three reservoirs, four wells, five pump stations and 43 pressure reducing stations. The majority of our water supply comes from the Orange County Groundwater Basin. The City also imports water from Metropolitan Water District. The results from the hydraulic analysis confirms that the City's water system is performing very well. However, the City's water infrastructure continues to age and requires increased funding for rehabilitation and replacement in the coming years. For more information, the entire Water Master Plan can be accessed at:

<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/departments/public-works/water-master-plan> .

Grant Howald Park Rehabilitation Project

The conceptual design for the Grant Howald Park Rehabilitation Project was reviewed and approved by City Council at the May 14 Council meeting. The approval includes the rehabilitation of the playgrounds, installation of a synthetic sports field with new covered teaming picnic area, and beautification of the Fifth Avenue streetscape with undergrounding of the existing utility poles along Fifth Avenue and Goldenrod Avenue. Public Works staff's next step will include coordination with utilities companies and kicking off the design of construction documents with RJM Design Group. For more information, please visit the project website: www.newportbeachca.gov/granthowaldpark

Playground Projects

Playground projects are underway at Eastbluff Park and Cliff Drive Park, with Channel Place starting in June. Eastbluff Park will receive new sand, rubber surfacing and play equipment and the Cliff Drive playground will be resurfaced. The upcoming work at Channel Place Park will include new surfacing and new equipment as well. All parks are tentatively scheduled to be completed before summer begins.

Public Works Landscape Maintenance

Our Public Works team is always on the lookout for opportunities to beautify our city. The park staff has continued replacing aged plant material with drought tolerant plants. Striving to save water, the park staff has slowly been transitioning out the Indian hawthorn plants (*Raphiolepis indica*) with many varieties of agaves, aloes, and aeoneums. Our latest work is at Irvine Terrace Park, located at 721 Evita Circle. This area of the park shares a lot of history with our Newport Beach Sister City Okazaki, Japan. The sculptures in these planters were gifts given to the City on special anniverseries since 1984 from the Okazaki South Rotary Club. The most recent sculpture, the Tokugawa statue was given to the City of Newport Beach in 2014 from the City of Okazaki in celebration of the 30th anniversary of our sister city relationship. With a fresh coat of mulch to keep the weeds down, along with enhancing the planters, this park is looking great! Please make sure to stop by and enjoy the park.

City and CR&R Shred Event

On May 11 CR&R and the City provided a free document-shredding event. This event was held at the Big Canyon Reservoir from 8 a.m. to noon. The documents were shredded on site. City staff and CR&R crews worked together to unload bags and boxes of paper from 233 cars that attended the event. This program is held bi-annually in different locations throughout the City.

The next shredding event is scheduled for November 2 at the City Corporation Yard.

Grand Canal Project

The sand relocation work at the Grand Canal is complete. The contractor will return to perform additional maintenance work; however, moorings and vessels have been returned to the Canal.

Balboa Pier Piling

High surf measuring 10 to 12 feet, with strong currents and waves, displaced a piling at the Balboa Pier. City staff monitored the situation until the free-floating piling made its way ashore. Municipal Operations Division crew retrieved it, cut it up, and hauled away the pieces. The Pier was inspected by a Public Works Inspector and determined to be safe. The piling will be replaced in an upcoming project later this year.

