The Week in Review
City Manager Grace K. Leung
September 20, 2019

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 20
Movie in the Park:
Hotel Transylvania 3
Bayview Park
99 Pelican Court
6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 22
Sunday Musicale
L.A. Classics and Pops Ensemble
Friends Meeting Room
1000 Avocado Avenue
3 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 23
Aviation Committee Meeting
Civic Center, Community Room
100 Civic Center Drive
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 24
City Council Study Session
City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 24
City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
7 p.m.

Update on Addressing Homelessness
On Wednesday night, the Newport Beach Police Department, Public Works staff, OCTA staff, and the Orange County Sheriff, began no-trespassing enforcement at the Orange County Transportation Center located at 1550 Avocado Avenue, as requested and authorized by OCTA. The team was successful in removing all of the tents located on the site. Areas of the center have been cordoned off to prepare for new landscaping that will begin on Saturday. Our Police Department will be monitoring the site to ensure that no additional trespassing occurs during the hours the Transportation Center is closed, which is between 11:15 p.m. and 5 a.m.

The Police Department also continues to enforce our laws at the Transportation Center. Police staff were on site 44 times during the past week, made two arrests and wrote 2 citations.

As directed by City Council, staff is continuing a multi-pronged approach to obtaining shelter beds: collaborating with neighboring cities, lease negotiations with private property, and siting a temporary homeless shelter on City property, specifically the City’s Corporation Yard at 592 Superior Avenue. To develop plans and determine construction and operating costs at the Corporation Yard, staff is requesting approval of necessary actions to continue moving forward at the next Council meeting on September 24. The City Council will also consider adding signage to select medians to discourage residents and visitors from giving to those asking for money.

The Homeless Task Force met on Tuesday, September 17. The Task Force’s subcommittees are working on a number of issues including: updating the City’s website to provide information and resources to the community, developing ideas and obtaining
Wednesday, Sept. 25
NB Restaurant Assoc.
BID Meeting
NB & Co. Offices
1600 Newport Center Drive, Suite 120
9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 25
General Plan Steering Committee Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
6 p.m.

Thursday, September 26
Corona del Mar BID Board Meeting
City Hall, Corona del Mar Conference Room (Bay1E)
100 Civic Center Dr.
3 p.m.

Sunday, October 6
Fire Department Open House
Fire Station 7
20401 Acacia Street
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Monday, October 14
City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Election Reform Public Input Meeting
Proposed NBMC Revisions
Friends Room, Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

funding for Permanent Supportive Housing as part of the long term solution, and understanding our homeless population and how best to assist them off the streets permanently.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carol Jacobs, Assistant City Manager at 949-624-3313, cjacobs@newportbeachca.gov or Homeless Coordinator Natalie Basmaciyan at 949-718-1991 or nbasmaciyan@newportbeachca.gov

GPU Steering Committee Update
The General Plan Update Steering Committee (GPUSC) met on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at Marina Park. There were several items on the agenda and this was the first meeting with our consultant, Kearns & West. Much of the discussion centered on the framework and timeline for the community engagement and outreach program called the Listen & Learn. The Listen & Learn includes intensive immersive outreach in the community beginning with a launch event scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2019, and then progressing to workshops, pop-up events, stakeholder meetings, and a summit event in mid- to late 2020. Throughout the program, the community will have many opportunities to get involved and participate both in person and online with an innovative web platform.

The GPUSC also reviewed and gave direction on the design concepts for the branding and messaging, which will be refined and displayed at its next meeting.

The GPUSC will meet again on September 25, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to continue the discussion. Also on the agenda will be a presentation to update the GPUSC and the community on the latest developments in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and what to expect moving forward. For additional information, the Committee’s page is found here. You can also check out the General Plan Update webpage at www.newportbeachca.gov/gpupdate.

Save the Date: October 26 – General Plan Launch Event
On Saturday, October 26, 2019, the City will formally launch the Listen & Learn with an exciting family-friendly, community-wide event on the Civic Center green. The planning for this event is well underway and we have a lot of fun and informative things in store for the community. Stay tuned for more information to come!

Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Update
On September 13, 2019, the public review and comment period ended regarding the Southern California Association of Governments’ (SGAG) three proposed options for allocating the
regional housing needs determination. The City of Newport Beach submitted a comment letter opposing two options (Option 1 & 2) that fail to consider limitations local agencies may have in being able to accommodate additional housing, and allocate housing largely based on population without regard for local input. The City recommended selection of Option 3, with recommended modifications, as it is the only option based on local input. Option 3 as currently proposed would result in an allocation of 2,336 units for the City. Upcoming SCAG meetings related to the establishing a final RHNA methodology are provided below. Upon selection of a final RHNA Allocation Methodology by the Regional Council on November 7, SCAG staff will submit the selected methodology to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review and approval.

- September 23, 2019 – Preview of SCAG Staff Recommended RHNA Allocation Methodology Workshop
- October 7, 2019 – RHNA Subcommittee Meeting
- October 21, 2019 – CEHD Committee Special Meeting
- November 7, 2019 – Regional Council Regular Meeting

**Short Term Lodging – Stake Holder Meeting**

The Community Development staff hosted a community based stakeholder meeting to discuss proposed changes to the City’s Short Term Lodging Ordinance. Approximately 50 members of the community attended the meeting and provided input and comments on the proposed changes. Some of the more important changes proposed are:

1. Establishing a maximum occupancy per dwelling unit to two people per bedroom plus two in the living room.
2. Requiring an onsite parking space for every STL unit.
3. Requiring signage to be posted on the outside of the dwelling unit providing 24-hour contact information and maximum occupancy.
4. A cap on the maximum number of STL Permits issued in the City to 50 percent of the number of hotel units available.
5. Require the online platform to not post illegal STL units.
6. Require the agent or platform to remit the transient occupancy tax to the City.
7. Loss of STL permit if reporting zero ($0) T.O.T. for two consecutive years with the right for the property owner to reapply for an STL.
8. One-year suspension of the STL permit after three violations of the municipal code in a 12-month period.

Staff is preparing the proposed changes in an updated ordinance for City Council’s consideration tentatively scheduled for October 22, 2019.

**Coastal Commission Meeting**

The City hosted the September California Coastal Commission meeting last week in the Council Chambers. The City’s application for the restoration of about 11.3 acres of wetland and other coastal habitats in the mouth of Big Canyon was unanimously approved. The effort is in partnership with the Newport Bay Conservancy. Commissioners and coastal staff were very supportive of the project, which is the second of four phases. Commission staff also made a presentation about sea level rise affecting the Orange County coast. Through the City’s certified
Local Coastal Program (LCP), the City is currently reviewing new development to ensure it is not affected by coastal hazards for the economic life of the development. Additionally, the City is in the process of developing future strategies to address rising tides. Strategies include sand replenishment and dune habitat restoration or other natural techniques, increased bulkhead heights and armoring the lower harbor where necessary, and managed retreat where feasible. The City would implement these strategies when certain triggers are observed (i.e. measured rise in tides) as necessary to protect existing development, preserve public access and beaches, and to safeguard natural habitats. The City’s comprehensive plan to adapt to sea level rise is in the early stages and it will need to include a significant amount of community engagement and dialog before it is submitted to the Coastal Commission for review. The Commission’s presentation also focused on the flood insurance market that has experienced significant challenges recently due to uncertainty in the assessment of risk. The big take away was that as more information and planning takes place, risks will be better understood and the flood insurance market will be strengthened.

**Bayside Family Resort Hotel: Notice of Preparation and Public Scoping Meeting**

On Monday, September 16, 2019, the Community Development released a notice of preparation and initial study for the Bayside Family Resort Hotel (PA2016-175). The proposed Project consists of the construction of a three-level “family-style” hotel with up to 275 rooms. The notice of preparation includes an invitation for public input regarding what should be studied in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The 30-day public comment period runs from September 16, 2019 through October 16, 2019. An electronic copy of the notice of preparation and initial study are available online: [www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa) and hard copies are available to view at City Hall and public libraries. All comments or other responses to this notice should be submitted in writing to: Makana Nova, Associate Planner, City of Newport Beach, Community Development Department, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California 92660, mnova@newportbeachca.gov, 949-644-3249.

The City will also conduct a public scoping meeting where attendees can learn more about the proposed project and the EIR process. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

**Summer 2019 Customer Satisfaction Surveys - Marina Park Guest Slips**

The Harbor Department operates a twenty-three slip guest boater facility as part of the overall Marina Park complex, located on the shores of Newport Harbor along the Peninsula. During June, July and August of this year, 392 guest mariners booked short term stays in the marina. Fifty-three (53) of these visiting boaters shared feedback about their stays by completing a brief customer satisfaction survey.

Below is summary data from the survey respondents.

- 75.5% of respondents identified themselves as visiting boaters
- 24.5% of respondents identified as local boaters.
- 98% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they were satisfied with their stay.
- 92.5% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they received quality and value for the cost of their stay.
- 100% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed about their satisfaction with the overall appearance and condition of the guest slips.
• 100% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the level of care and commitment shown by Harbor Department staff
• 96% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they will return and/or recommend the facility of other boaters.

In addition to this encouraging feedback from customers about their experiences at the marina, survey responses also showed these visitors have a broader economic impact on the Newport Beach community, with 87% reporting that they patronized nearby restaurants, entertainment locations or other local commercial services are part of their stays.

**Balboa Village**

The City’s landscape maintenance contractor, Park West, recently changed out the seasonal “Faux plants” in the hanging baskets throughout Balboa Village. The fall color theme replaces the summer geraniums and will be followed by poinsettias for the Christmas season. The seasonal plants are part of a recent Public Works Landscaping Division’s renovation project throughout Balboa Village.

**Santa Ana River Mouth - Sand Management Maintenance Project by County of Orange (see attached notification)**

This week, the County of Orange advised the City that they will be starting to move in equipment this coming Monday and begin their semi-annual sand management maintenance work at the mouth of the Santa Ana River ahead of the winter storms. Last year the County received updated permits to allow them to relocate approximately 70,000 cubic yards of sand material from the Santa Ana River mouth and then place it on our City beaches anywhere from the Santa Ana River to the Balboa Pier area. This activity will take approximately six weeks to accomplish and the event will focus on placing sand between 40th and 52nd streets within the groin field (jetties). A minor amount of sand will also be placed on the west side of Balboa Pier where replenishment is needed. City Staff from Public Works, Recreation and Lifeguards will be coordinating with the County operation to ensure proper placement of the sand on our beaches and that public access to the water is maintained in a safe manner. Water access will be limited in the immediate location of placement, which will be enforced by our Lifeguard staff during the work day.

The County prepared the attached public notice that will be mailed out to the adjacent West Newport residents. In addition, the surrounding HOAs will be notified. Mobilization will take place next week and sand hauling on our beaches is scheduled to start on September 30. Any questions can be directed to Shannon Widor at the County of Orange at 714-667-9759 or Michael Sinacori at the City at 949-644-3342.

**Recreation & Senior Services Summer Report**

The RSS Department offered swim, surf, BMX, robotics, dance and engineering camps just to name a few! This was a very successful summer serving the community with camps held at 11 parks, 18 facilities, and of course the beach! This summer we had 6,652 participants in our summer programs, compared to 6,479 in 2018 and totaling $1.540 million in revenue this year compared to $1.419 million in 2018.

The summer season included five Movie in the Park (MITP) nights held at Marina, Mariners, Cliff Drive, Grant Howald and Bayview Parks. The MITP series created an atmosphere for neighbors to enjoy the beautiful Newport evenings and build community with over 2,000 persons in attendance.
Rounding out our summer entertainment was a Concert in the Park! Marina Park played host to the Tijuana Dogs bayside at Marina Park. The event was a rocking success with over 1,500 attendees dancing and enjoying the fabulous atmosphere at Marina Park.

**Notice of Recreation Contract Instructor Payments (please see attached memo)**

Recreation & Senior Services programs, in particular our OASIS Fitness Instruction, continue to be in high demand. City Council Policy F-14 specifies written notice to City Council when instructor fees exceed $120,000. Instructors are paid a contracted percentage of revenues generated from participant registration fees, resulting in one vendor reaching the noticing threshold as explained in the attached memo.

**Buck Gully Trail (One Way Bike Traffic)**

Starting October 12, the City will implement one-way bike traffic on Buck Gully Trail on the uphill route from Poppy trailhead to San Joaquin Hills Road to reduce speeds and increase safety for all trail users. Use of the trail system has significantly increased since 2012. In 2018, over 34,000 users utilized the trail system, with approximately 9% of the use by bikers and 91% from hikers and trail runners. Sections of the Buck Gully Trail are steep, narrow or have blind corners and consequently contribute to high rates of downhill speed and near collisions. Similar one-way traffic limitations have been implemented in other local trail areas, including Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park, and have been successful at reducing accidents. Temporary A-frame signage has been placed throughout Buck Gully and the City's land management contractor, Irvine Ranch Conservancy, will assist with educating trail users of the upcoming change and installing permanent signage.

**Storm Season Preparations Have Begun**

In preparation for the winter season, last week the Storm Drain Crew completed the annual installation of the 2,750 gallon-per-minute de-watering pump, and 6" PVC hard line piping at the low-lying area of 30th Street and Lafayette Avenue in Cannery Village. The pump will minimize street and private property flooding if high tide and rain events occur simultaneously.

**Catch Basin Cleaning**

Next week, the Utilities Storm Drain division crew along with a contracted service provider (Downstream Services) will start our annual inspection and cleaning of the 3,268 catch basins, 29,074 lineal feet of open drainage ditches and 23 Continuous Deflective Separation (CDS) units. These efforts help keep our harbor and ocean clean.
September 9, 2019

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Grace K. Leung, City Manager - 949-644-3001, gleung@newportbeachca.gov

PREPARED BY: Laura Detweiler, Recreation and Senior Services Director, ldetweiler@newportbeachca.gov

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SUBJECT: Recreation Contract Instructor Payments F-14 Notice

In accordance with Council Policy F-14 regarding Independent Instructional and Recreation Contractors, written notice to the City Manager is given when contract instructor payments exceed $75,000, and to City Council when payments exceed $120,000. Close out of the month of August indicated the following notice threshold below.

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Project Summary

Removal of naturally accumulated sand in the area is performed 1-2 times per year, as routine maintenance, particularly before storm season (starting in October), to prevent potential water flow blockages.

**WHERE**

At the Santa Ana River flood control channel outlet between the cities of Huntington Beach and Newport Beach, west of Pacific Coast Highway.

*See other side for sand placement locations*

**WHAT**

1. Approximately 70,000 cubic yards of accumulated sand will be removed from the channel outlet, as allowed through a regulatory permit for flood control maintenance. Removing the excess sand minimizes potential flood risks during rain events and also maintains the natural tidal flow with the adjacent Newport Shores marsh area.

2. Additionally, in coordination with the City of Newport Beach, crews will transport the removed sand to City beach areas that would benefit most from replenishment.

Your safety is the top priority! Large equipment will be used. Please observe all caution signs / barriers, and stay a safe distance from the work area.

**WHEN**

Anticipated Construction Duration:
September 23 — late November 2019

Equipment Operation:
Weekdays, 7:00 am — 3:30 pm

Crew members may be working on site 6:00 am—4:30 pm. Work schedule is tentative and subject to change.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Santa Ana River
Flood Control Channel Maintenance/Excess Sand Removal

Sand Placement Locations

Potential sand replenishment areas:
(1) between 52nd Street and 40th Street, and;
(2) west of the Balboa Pier