

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Ocean Avenue and Beach Street Public Art Project - The City Council and Planning Commission approved the Arts Commission proposal for a public art project at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Beach Street. The proposal included the removal of the existing benches which was completed this week. At its meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014, the Arts Commission reviewed 23 applications and selected finalists Marlo Bartels, Jeanine Centuori and Kyungmi Shin to develop proposals. Proposals will include individual seating elements, mural and sculpture to create a pocket park feel. The Commission will review the proposals on April 28, 2014 and make a recommendation to the City Council for final approval. This project is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach Art-in-Lieu Fund.

Public Input Regarding Proposed 41-unit Permanent Supportive Housing - The City Council is holding a public hearing on April 22, 2014 to receive a presentation from representatives of the Friendship Shelter and Jamboree Housing Corporation regarding their proposed 41-unit Permanent Supportive Housing project. The project is proposed to be located on City-owned land located at 20652 Laguna Canyon Road and would include space to operate the City's Alternative Sleeping Location (ASL). The purpose of the public hearing is to start a public dialogue regarding the proposal. In order to inform the public about the proposed project, the City Council has taken the extraordinary step to require conceptual staking of the project in advance of the initial presentation. This staking is not design review staking since the proposed project is still in a conceptual stage. No development application has been submitted at this time. Please contact Assistant City Manager Christa Johnson at 949-497-0797 if you have questions regarding the staking or the April 22 public hearing.

Art That's Small at City Hall - On Friday, April 4, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. the Arts Commission will hold a reception and award ceremony for its current exhibition "Art That's Small at City Hall." City Hall is located at 505 Forest Avenue. The exhibition was juried by Janet Blake, Laguna Art Museum; Andrea Harris-McGee, Laguna College of Art + Design; and Tom Lamb, Festival of Arts. The first place winner will be awarded \$500. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Banner Competition - At its meeting on March 24, 2014, the Arts Commission reviewed 23 submissions to the Banner Competition. The Commission selected four designs by artists Judy Baker, Al Esquerra, Ashley Keene and Jeffrey Skarvan. The artists will paint their original art work on banners measuring 4' by 16' which will be displayed during the summer months throughout the city. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. (The winning designs are attached.)

Mermaid Street Retaining Wall Public Art Project - The Arts Commission received 18 design submissions for art works to be installed within existing alcoves which were created during the construction of the retaining wall on Mermaid Street. The Commission selected seven designs which will be reviewed by the City Council at its meeting on April 1, 2014. The seven designs include: two each by Jesse Bartels, Jill Cooper and Mike Tauber and one design by Philip Powers. If approve the project will be completed by June 2014. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. (Designs are attached.)

Tsunami Training - Police and Fire personnel participated in a tsunami tabletop exercise. The scenario involved a large earthquake occurring off the coast of Alaska which generated a tsunami warning along the entire Pacific Coast. The Emergency Management and AlertOC internal notification systems were tested along with internet connections to the County Emergency Operations Center.

Certification of Excellence - The Certification of Excellence was approved for Laguna Beach's 2014 Investment Policy by the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada. The 2014 Investment Policy was submitted by City Treasurer Laura Parisi and approved by the City Council in December 2013. The format of the policy was enhanced and the changes suggested by an ad hoc investment committee were included in the policy.

Library Internet Service - In 2013, the County of Orange embarked on an effort to update the technology infrastructure at all county libraries. Improvements to the Laguna Beach branch library were completed last week, and will provide faster internet speeds for library patrons.

Annual Waste Collection Event Was a Success - Last Saturday, the City and Waste Management held the first annual waste collection event. Approximately 300 vehicles showed up at the ACT V Lot and dropped off about 10 tons of E-waste, universal waste and paint. The most popular items collected were 8,950 lbs. of paint, 510 lbs. of batteries, and 300 lbs. of light bulbs and lamps. Other popular items included in the 4 tons of E-waste were printers, fax machines, DVD/VCR players and flat screen computer monitors. In addition, approximately 2.5 tons of paper was shredded. Depending on the type of material collected, some items will be processed and recycled in California while other items will be sent out of State to be treated and recycled. Residents who were unable to attend the event can still recycle these items on an on-going basis at one of the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers. Residents can also schedule a bulky item pickup to dispose of E-waste and universal waste. More information regarding the City's recycling programs is available on the City's website at www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling.

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