

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 17, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Police Memorial – At its meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014 the Arts Commission reviewed the finalist proposals for the creation of a Police Memorial at City Hall. The Commission unanimously selected the design “Eternal Legacy” by Gerard Stripling and Michele Taylor. Created of bronze, cast glass and resin the memorial sculpture represents an eternal flame within an unfurling flag. At the center of the installation will be an illuminated resin flame. Embedded within the bonze will be illuminated cast glass words: honor, courage, duty and remember. The design includes three inspirational quotations including “It is easy to be brave from a distance.” Surrounding the sculpture will be three internally illuminated benches which will each include a cast glass inserts with the Officers badge numbers and call sign. Since selection the artists have requested the inclusion of a flag and pole as part of their installation. The recommended design will be presented to the City Council for final approval on May 6, 2014. **(Image attached)**

Annual Composting Classes - Over 30 residents attended the recent free composting class held at Bluebird Park on April 12. The City’s solid waste hauler, Waste Management, will offer four free composting classes each year as part of the new franchise agreement. The next free class will be held on June 7, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Bluebird Park. Compost bins and worm bins will be available for purchase during the classes at a discounted price. For more information regarding the classes, interested persons are advised to contact the Waste Management class instructor, Lisa Ryder, at (310) 874-2499 or by email at lisarydermoore@gmail.com.

Street Slurry Seal Project Evaluation - The City’s recent street slurry seal project was completed three months ago and has been evaluated by a pavement expert in response to some complaints about the quality of the work. During the course of the project the City had the pavement specialist engineering firm of LaBelle Marvin sample the slurry during and after the application. LaBelle Marvin issued its final report this week indicating that the quality of the product met the standard of the industry and the project specifications. There are some differences of color on parts of El Toro road related to variations in the slurry seal mixtures that were still within specifications. Slurry seal applications are done every seven to ten years to extend the life of the pavement. A slurry seal application does not produce as even texture and color as a pavement overlay, but cost one tenth as much while extending the pavement life many years. Most texture and color variations are evened out after a year of wear and weather.

Urban Water Diffusion Diversion Units Placed Online - The Water Quality Department has placed the city's urban water diversion units back online for the summer season. The city maintains 22 urban water diversion units primarily along the coastline. These diversion units serve to redirect over irrigation and other non-stormwater, collected in the storm drain, to the sewer system. These structures function to divert pollutants such as brake dust, oil, fertilizers from landscaping, pesticides, and other

debris to the sewer system. Over the course of a year, an average of about 8 tons of debris and pollutants are pulled out of the diversion structures and hauled away for disposal.

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