

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 2, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: Kenneth Frank, City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

Reserve Officer Deployment -- Jaime Rivadenira, who is a retired Marine Sergeant who has been a long time Police Reserve Officer, is being deployed with the 1st Marine Division to Afghanistan this month. He will be there about six months. Jaime has served as Reserve Police Officer since 1993.

Bird Man – We have cited an individual who has been coming to Main Beach with half a dozen birds and has set up a business collecting money for people who have their pictures taken with the birds. It has created a number of problems and he is basically running a business at Main Beach.

Sands Café at Aliso Beach – Somehow due to the long process of selecting and approving a new food concessionaire at Aliso Beach, the people who have been selected by the County were under the impression that they could put some metal storage containers at the back of the beach and that they could have tables and chairs on the sand to serve food. Neither of these items was approved as part of the Coastal Development permit. Someone complained and it is clear that these are not authorized uses. We have taken the position that these are beyond the Coastal Development Permit and the Coastal Commission should enforce it since we do not normally enforce any regulations on County parks. The Coastal Commission's position is that the City should be enforcing it. As a practical matter, I believe that the County Parks staff recognizes that a mistake was made and they will require the removal of the containers and not allow food service at tables on the sandy portion of the beach.

Lifeguard Headquarters -- At its meeting on Wednesday, the Planning Commission considered the environmental documentation and the design review for the new lifeguard headquarters. There was no opposition to the project. The Planning Commission suggested some minor changes. The matter will be back on the April 28 Planning Commission agenda for final approval of the EIR and the design review.

Pink Building on Broadway – The Planning Commission approved modifications to the pink office building on Broadway that was formerly owned by the Laguna Playhouse.

Broadway Beautification Transportation Enhancement Grant Application Canceled – In early March, the City Council authorized a grant application to OCTA for a project to beautify Broadway between Forest Avenue and the Bus Depot. The grant application was submitted in March. However, the OCTA has canceled the call for projects and will likely issue a new call for projects in May or June with slightly revised criteria.