

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 16, 2010  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Kenneth Frank, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES**

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**New Restaurant in Town** – A new restaurant with the name El Diabla will be opening in the current site of Five Feet Restaurant. The restaurant use is grandfathered so it will not need a Conditional Use Permit. However, they will need to show that they have sufficient offsite parking spaces leased to utilize the entire restaurant area. There may also be a CUP application to amend the current beer and wine license to serve all alcohol. There may also be modifications to restore some of the historic elements in front of the building which would require additional review.

**Driveway for 1600 Bluebird** – After meeting with staff from the Fire Department and the Community Development Department, it does not appear that there is much room to modify the driveway and turnaround requirements that are imposed on this property. The driveway is currently only 12 feet wide which is the minimum. The turnaround size has already been reduced from the full standard. We will be returning to the Council with the final wording for approval of the project.

**Brooks Street Art in Public Places** -- At its meeting on Monday, April 26, the Arts Commission will review proposals by three finalists to install art work at the beach access at Brooks Street. Finalists Marlo Bartels, Cheryl Ekstrom and Andrew Myers will present their design proposals and concepts. Following review, the Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

**Public Art Tour Day** -- On Sunday, April 25, the Arts Commission will conduct its fourth Public Art Tour Day. Docent led walking and trolley tours will leave the Sawdust Art Festival grounds commencing 2 p.m. through 3:45 p.m. The tours will include public art pieces in Heisler and Treasure Island Parks. A reception will be held at [the Sawdust Festival grounds](#) at 4:30 p.m. which will include readings by the winning authors of the Heisler Park Writing Competition, an opportunity to meet the artists, and live music by Chris James. This event is free and has been funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**Planning Commission Actions** – The Planning Commission unanimously approved renovation at the Animal Shelter. There will be an automatic appeal to the City Council at the meeting of May 4. The Commission also had positive feelings toward the renovation of the Coast Inn; that matter will be heard again by the Commission on May 12.

**Barranca Ramp Landscaping Renovation** – The Barranca Street ramp to Crescent Bay Beach is a heavily used beach access where the plant material and irrigation systems were very aged. Over the past year, City crews have been working on eradicating weeds, replacing plant material, and replacing irrigation systems. With approximately \$5,000 worth of materials and supplies, the landscaping and irrigation has been completely renovated. Additionally, one of the recently purchased Smart Irrigation Controllers was installed at this location.