

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 27, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, Acting City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

Parking Meters for Homeless Contributions -- At its meeting on Monday, the Arts Commission reviewed submissions by artists to paint parking meters. The painted meters encourage people to put their change into the meter, rather than the hands of panhandlers. Contributions to the meters are allocated to the Laguna Relief and Resource Coalition that provide services to the homeless. The Arts Commission selected three artists, Patrick Moran, Ene Rahu and Mike Tauber to paint parking meters. The meters will be installed prior to the summer season at the Broadway Bus Depot, at the cross walk from Forest/Laguna parking lot to the Festival of Arts and Laguna Playhouse and at Act V parking lot.

Brooks Street Artwork – The artist, Andrew Myers, has withdrawn his submission to provide public art at Brooks Street.

Staking on North Coast Highway -- A project has recently been staked on a vacant lot at 1191 North Coast Highway, which is the ocean-side corner of Chiquita and North Coast Highway, formerly occupied by Bloom's. The proposed development that is under review is a 4,412 square foot office building with an 18-space surface parking garage at the lower level. A Design Review hearing has been noticed and scheduled for the June 10 Design Review Board meeting.

Brooks Street Surf Contest -- The City-sponsored 49th Brooks Street Surf Contest is scheduled to be held this weekend, if surf conditions prevail for the competition. In the event surf conditions are not adequate for the contest, it will be postponed to the following weekend and thereafter until the contest can be held. There have been a few years when the competition was not held because of surf conditions.

Parking Permit Renewals -- It's time to renew your Shopper Parking Permit! Last week, informational packets were mailed to all residents with expiring shopper permits. The packet provides detailed information on how to purchase a new permit online at the City's web site or by mail. Residents can purchase a maximum of four permits per household. The cost is \$80 each for the first two permits and \$150 each for the third and fourth permit. For more information on the program including the ability to download a PDF version of the information packet or application please visit the City's website at www.lagunabeachcity.net. Just click the "Shopper Permits" icon. Residents can also call the parking permit hotline at (949) 497-0314.