

MEMORANDUM

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

CMC Designation for Lisette Chel – Deputy City Clerk Lisette Chel has just received recognition as a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She has completed the four week long training classes plus other seminars as well as her undergraduate college program.

Skateboard Regulations Being Considered – The Parking, Traffic, and Circulation Committee will meet next Thursday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m. to consider a final report from the Skateboarding Issues Subcommittee. Included in the report are proposed ordinance provisions restricting the use and speed of skateboards within the City. In anticipation of a large number of attendees, the meeting will be held at the Top of the World Elementary School multi-purpose room.

Broadway Gateway Beautification Grant – The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) staff has recommended that a \$480,000 grant be awarded to the City for parkway improvements on Broadway between Forest Avenue and the bus depot. Some of the project features include new landscaping, decorative sidewalks, creek railing, street trees, pedestrian lighting, an informational kiosk, decorative benches and public art. The staff recommendations will be acted upon by the OCTA Board on September 27.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day -- On Saturday September 25, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the Police Department will participate in the nationwide “Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.” The no-questions-asked event will be staged in the School District parking lot across from the Laguna Beach High School at Park Avenue and Short Street. We are aggressively reaching out to individuals to encourage them to rid their households of unused prescription drugs that pose a safety hazard and can contribute to prescription drug abuse. The public is encouraged to collect all of their old prescription medication and drop it off at the site for later destruction.

Heisler Park Sculptures -- In preparation for the renovations at Heisler Park a number of sculptures will need to be temporarily removed during construction. The artists will be removing and storing their works and they will be reinstalled when the park is complete. The pieces being temporarily removed are “In Central Park” by Jerry Rothman; “Towards the Within” by Gerard Stripling and “Support” by Louis Longi.

DRB/City Attorney Workshop - The City Attorney conducted a workshop with the Design Review Board on September 16. This type of workshop is typically done on an annual basis to discuss various issues of interest or concern. The discussion topics included voting practices and meeting protocol, a review of proposed amendments to the DRB Bylaws, discussion about appropriate conditions of approval and solar energy systems.

925 Oriole – At its upcoming hearing on September 23, the Design Review Board will conduct a second hearing on the proposed construction of a replacement home on this very prominent site which previously contained the ‘mausoleum’ house which was destroyed in the BBC landslide. A total of six new homes are slated for review that evening.

Storm Drain Repair – In August, the City began construction on a \$900,000 storm drain repair project to replace or line deteriorated storm drains at 43 locations throughout the City. The work is being scheduled to keep one step ahead of the Citywide street slurry seal project. The work is currently being done on Alta Laguna Boulevard, Chateau Way and Chillon Way. That work will continue through next week. The next areas of work will be on Palm Drive, Wendt Terrace, and Anita Street.

Alley Slurry Seal – The alleys in North Laguna were resurfaced three months ago. Because of some minor defects in the pavement finish, the contractor has agreed to apply a seal coat to the pavement surfaces. Not all of the alleys have defects, although they will all be seal coated to provide a uniform finish throughout. The work was mostly done this week, but the contractor is one day behind schedule. No work will be done Friday because that is trash day in the area. The work will be completed Monday.

Street Resurfacing – The current street paving project is about 50% complete. The application of the slurry seal has gone quicker than anticipated and needs to be suspended for a few weeks to allow other components of the project to catch up. The preparatory work such as patching, concrete repair, and crack sealing, as well as restriping, will continue. Slurry seal application is scheduled to resume in mid-October.