

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 29, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: Kenneth Frank, City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition -- The Arts Commission is currently accepting designs for Holiday Palettes from children ages 5 to 17 years old who reside or attend school or an art program in Laguna Beach. Original designs, celebrating the holiday season should be painted onto a template which is available on the City's web-site. Up to 12 designs will be selected for display at City Hall during December. The deadline to submit designs is November 19. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Artist Open Studios -- The Arts Commission will hold the second monthly Artist Open Studios event on Saturday, November 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Whether you're an avid collector or just curious about art, Artist Open Studios is an opportunity to peer into the creative spaces of 24 of Laguna's painters, sculptors, photographers, ceramicists, printmakers, glass, fiber and jewelry artists, and buy local art, right from the source. This self-guided tour is free. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. A map and list of participating artists is available on the City's web-site.

Parking, Traffic and Circulation Committee -- This week the Committee received comments from the Police Department regarding the proposed skateboard regulations. Another meeting has been set for December 2 to consider the subject. The Police Chief pointed out that some policies already exist in the Vehicle Code, i.e., skateboarding is a pedestrian activity, skaters under 18 are supposed to wear helmets, etc. The Committee will consider its recommendations in light of these comments.

Broadway and Beach -- After this intersection was modified, the City received some complaints regarding the traffic flow. Hence, we retained a traffic engineer (Steve Sasaki) to study the current functioning of the intersection. He reports that traffic flow has improved with the new configuration. He proposed a couple of minor changes which we will bring to the PTC Committee.

Juried Fine Art Exhibition -- On Thursday, November 4, at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Elizabeth Pearson will announce the winners of the Juried Fine Art Exhibition at an awards ceremony at City Hall. The exhibition was juried by Martin Betz the Exhibitions Director at the Festival of Arts. The first place winner will receive \$1,000. The 25 selected pieces will be on exhibit through November 28, 2010. This program has been funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.