

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: Kenneth Frank, City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition – At its meeting on Monday, November 22, the Arts Commission reviewed 290 entries to the Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition. Twelve designs were selected for exhibition by artists: Emily Becker, Alyssa Bashaw, Lucinda Becker, Kendall Cornell, Ryan Cortellessa, Natalia Hagopian, Jeannette Hunker, Claire Kelly, Brenna Merchant, Jade Misumi, Tatiana Moore, and Cade St. Clair. The palettes will be on exhibit at City Hall from November 30 through January 3, 2011.

City Hall Exhibition—This week, the Festival of Arts installed an exhibition of paintings from its permanent collection in City Hall. The exhibit will be on display through March 18, 2011.

Permit Parking in the Diamond Street Area – Councilmembers recently received a letter from a resident on Diamond Street questioning why the temporary parking permit program at the bottom of Diamond Crestview was not still in effect. When the Council adopted the parking restrictions on December 1, 2005, they were effective for four years until December 1, 2009. While the City Manager has authority to extend it, given the significant reduction in construction in that neighborhood – as well as the City overall – there is really no justification for extending the parking permit beyond the four year period.

2011 Cultural Arts Funding Application -- The City of Laguna Beach is currently accepting applications for Cultural Arts Funding. The application is available on the City's website and must be submitted by Friday, February 4, 2011. This grant program is made possible from revenues of the Laguna Beach Business Improvement District.

Boardwalk Repaired – One month ago a portion of the Boardwalk was damaged by fire. The lumber needed for repair had to be custom cut and then treated, which took three weeks. The repairs were completed this week.

Parking, Traffic and Circulation Committee –This week the Committee received a comprehensive report from the Police Department regarding the proposed skateboard regulations. The Police Chief's report indicates that some of the Committee's recommended policies already exist in the Vehicle Code, i.e., skateboarding is a pedestrian activity, skaters under 18 are supposed to wear helmets, etcetera, and that some of the Committee's recommendations would be in conflict with provisions of the Vehicle Code. The Committee voted to forward their Draft Proposed Ordinance together with the Police Department report to the City Council. The staff report and recommendations will likely be presented to the City Council in February. The Committee first considered this issue in May 2010 in response to a request from a resident to create regulations restricting skateboarding on streets with a certain grade and to limit allowable speeds. Public hearings were held on July 22, 2010 and on September 23, 2010 to get input from the community.

Lifeguard Headquarters – The Coastal Commission has tentatively set the dates of January 12-14 to consider amended language to allow the Lifeguard Headquarters project to move forward. The meeting will be held in Long Beach. More information will be available when the Coastal Commission finalizes an agenda in early January.

Parking Permits Near Mozambique – The public hearing on this subject has been continued to the City Council meeting of January 18. Additional time is needed to resolve implementation details of the parking permit proposal.