

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 3, 2011
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Patriots Day Parade – The 45th Patriot’s Day Parade will start at 11:00 AM on Saturday morning. The route will start at Laguna Beach High School, travel down Park Avenue to Glenneyre, through downtown on Forest Avenue and end on Ocean. The parade is anticipated to end at 1:30 PM.

Cancellation of Design Review Meeting – The regularly scheduled Design Review Board meeting of February 24, 2011 had to be cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. All 13 agenda items have been successfully rescheduled and re-noticed for the upcoming meeting dates of March 10 and March 24, 2011. Efforts will be made to adjust future meeting schedules to prevent the need to cancel future meetings.

APA Awards Submittal – The Orange Section of the American Planning Association annually recognizes outstanding projects prepared by local agencies. The Community Development Department is currently preparing an entry submittal featuring the recently adopted “Design Guidelines – A Guide to Residential Development”.

Oro Canyon Fuel Modification – On March 10, 2011, the Design Review Board will consider a plan that includes the 50% hand-thinning of existing vegetation and the removal of invasive Pampas Grass in this area of Arch Beach Heights. If approved, this plan would reduce the fuel loading in this area and reduce the risk to homes from wildfires.

Hedge Height and Lighting Ordinances - The Planning Commission will be considering revisions to the City’s Hedge Height Ordinance and reviewing a draft Lighting Ordinance to regulate outdoor lights at its meeting on Wednesday, March 9th.

Artist Live Work Questionnaire – The Planning Commission is undertaking a study to assist with its research pertaining to Artist Live Work. Below is a link to an on-line questionnaire that the Planning Commission encourages any and all artists to complete. All completed questionnaires will remain anonymous. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LNK5CY7>

Riddle Field Sculpture – The sculpture “Cathexis” by Steven Harmon was recently removed from the entrance to Riddle Field due to public safety concerns. At its meeting on Monday, the Arts Commission reviewed options to renovate the piece. Following input from an independent source, it was determined that the deteriorated condition of the piece is beyond repair. The Arts Commission will be recommending to the City Council that the sculpture be deaccessioned from the City’s permanent collection.

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