City Manager’s Report

City of Huntington Beach

Week of October 19, 2015

City Manager’s Office

General Plan Update

Scoping Meeting
A meeting will be held during the comment period to take comments related to the scope of the environmental issues to be analyzed within the draft EIR. The scoping meeting will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, October 21, 2015, in Room B-7, City Hall – Lower Level, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach.

The scoping meeting for agencies will be from 4 to 5 p.m. and the scoping meeting for the public will from 6 to 7 p.m. General Plan update documents and presentations developed to date are available on the project website at www.HBthenextwave.org

Points of Interest
Scoping meeting
Surf City 10 Run
Halloween read-a-thon
Fix-it Clinic
Free Fair Housing Clinic

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CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY INCREASED OVER LAST FISCAL YEAR

Total construction valuation for Fiscal Year 14/15 (Oct. 1, 2014 through Sept. 30, 2015) finished at $234,946,260; a 9 percent increase over last Fiscal Year 13/14. The increase was driven by strong gains in the single family home market segment. Residential new, remodel, and miscellaneous (block walls, reroofs, doors and windows) valuation totaled $130,784,604. This valuation included the construction of 128 new single family homes in the city. The year's top three commercial permits were for the Pasea Hotel, tenant improvements at Pacific City, and the Senior Center in Central Park. In addition, activity at the Planning and Building Counters was up 14 percent over the prior fiscal year. 10,670 building permits were issued, more than 36,000 building inspections were made, and walk-in customers served at the planning and building counters exceeded 31,880 customers. It was a busy year!

Here is a summary report for the Month of September:

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VALUATION YEAR TO DATE COMPARISIIONS - SEPTEMBER 2015

![Valuation Chart]

FY10/11 FY11/12 FY12/13 FY13/14 FY14/15
The former medical office building at the southeast corner of Beach Boulevard and Newman Avenue has been in a state of disrepair for quite some time. On July 14, 2015, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and approved conceptual plans for a new modern facility at the site. The project includes a 44,500 sq. ft. two-story medical office building, upgrade of an existing four-level parking structure, and associated site improvements including landscaping, public open space, and surface parking lot.

The new facility includes a large landscaped setback, embellished public open space along Beach Blvd., and an inviting pedestrian connection from the upgraded parking structure. Last week, the applicant obtained permits and commenced demolition work on the existing building. Building permits for the new construction were also submitted for review and permits are expected later this fall.
REMINDER:
NO IRRIGATION DURING AND 48 HOURS FOLLOWING RAIN

The State Mandate for water conservation prohibits irrigation during and 48 hours following a rain event. Don’t forget to turn your sprinklers off. Thanks to the continued efforts of the Huntington Beach community, we are currently meeting our state mandated water use reduction of 20 percent citywide.

Arterial Rehabilitation Project Update

Earlier this summer the City Council awarded a construction contract to rehabilitate portions of three arterial streets. The first street, Indianapolis Avenue (Brookhurst to Magnolia) was rehabilitated over the summer while the adjacent schools were on summer break. The contractor has been working on Lake Street (Yorktown to Palm) for the past few weeks and is expected to be substantially complete by mid-November. Portions of this segment will be fully rehabilitated including asphalt, curb and sidewalk replacement. Finally, the contractor has started this week on the rehabilitation of Main Street (Yorktown to Garfield) with similar repairs. Total rehabilitation cost is approximately $2 million.

CITY CLERKS OFFICE

SECURE Government to Government (G2G) Electronic Recording Portal

In 2010, the City Clerk’s Office executed an innovative process improvement which saves the City money and staff time. The change was to dedicate a computer and printer to implement and utilize the Statewide Electronic Courier Universal Recording Environment (SECURE) portal to electronically record the City’s legal documents with the County of Orange. This practice had been historically done by mail or by sending a staff person to the County offices in Santa Ana, a manual and time-consuming process.

In October 2015, the City of Huntington Beach will enter into a no-cost MOU with the County of Orange, lead agency in partnership with the counties of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego, to implement and utilize the new SECURE Government to Government (G2G) portal that will allow continuance of electronic recording. City departments which sent staff for training to utilize this new portal include City Clerk, Business Development, and Public Works.

For City departments wishing information on electronic document recording with the County, please contact Robin Estanislau, Assistant City Clerk, at extension x5405.
Fix Your Broken Stuff!!

Saturday, November 14, 2015 10AM-1PM
Huntington Beach Utilities Yard
19001 Huntington Street
Huntington Beach, CA

This is a FREE family-friendly event.
Children age 6 and up are welcome when accompanied by responsible adult.

BRING:
1. your broken or non-working item (carry-in only – no stoves, refrigerators, washing machines or other oversize items)
2. accessories, parts, and tools you already own that might be helpful (e.g. phillips head screwdriver, small pliers, new parts)
3. any knowledge or advance research you’ve done on the issue
4. boxes, bags and/or small containers to organize (and carry away) parts.

Walk-ins are welcome, but advance registration is preferred and receives priority.
Register online at: http://goo.gl/QTzh9J
Oak View branch Library Recognized for Outstanding Service

On Tuesday, October 6, 2015, the Ocean View School District recognized the Oak View Branch Library and its staff for providing invaluable resources and services to the students of Ocean View School District for the last 20 years.

Those present at this “special” regular meeting included OVSD Board of Trustees members, Central Library Administrative staff, and the Oak View staff, including “the heart of the Oak View Library Branch”, Claudia Locke. In addition to their 20 years of dedicated service, the library was also praised for their tireless support during the Oak View School’s temporary closure earlier this year, by providing weekly library visits, story times and research materials to the Oak View students. Congratulations go to Claudia, Rebeca, Sol, Amy, Tammie, Cynthia and the entire Oak View staff for their dedication to providing outstanding library service.

Halloween Read-a-thon at the Central Library

Our Halloween Read-a-thon will be Saturday, October 24, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Talbert Room at the Central Library. We will read spooky stories and are still looking for a few good readers (ages 14 years and older) to participate. Sign up on-line at www hbpl org or at the Central Library reference desk.

Don’t want to read? No problem! We also need people to listen, so please join us! Costumes are encouraged (but not required) and refreshments will be served.
THEN & LATER -
Dion Neutra and the Huntington Beach Central Library
7111 Talbert Ave
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Presentation: 11:30am    Tour: 2:30pm

The Huntington Beach Library is pleased to present a visit by architect Dion Neutra, returning to the building he completed 40 years ago. Originally, it was to be Dion and his father, acclaimed modernist Richard Neutra, to design the facility together, but the untimely passing of Richard in 1970 meant Dion would undertake the project by himself. Dion will share his insights, challenges (of which there were many), and memories of what the Huntington Beach Central Library and Cultural Center was like then, and later, plus other highlights from his career. Dion will also be signing copies of his book, “The Neutras – Then & Later”, which will be available for purchase.

Space is limited – reserve your seat by emailing library@hbpl.org
HB Arts Center Presents 12th Annual Art of the Brew

Please join us for the 12th Annual Art of the Brew on Thursday October 22 from 6-9pm for some of the best micro brews in Orange County. The event includes local and regional brewers offering a tasting of their best brews under a canopy beer garden setting. Yummy munchies will be provided by Super Mex and Kaya’s Kitchen; entertainment by Is Timmy in the Well? Admission is $30 prepaid; $35 at the door. Call 714.374.1650 for reservations.

Handy Crafters Sale at City Hall

The Handy Crafters will offer a beautiful selection of their handmade sweaters, scarves, hats, and baby clothes for sale in the lobby of City Hall on Thursday, November 5, and Thursday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All the proceeds from the sale benefit the Huntington Beach Senior Services Holiday Meals program.

Your purchase of a blanket or scarf will bring warmth to a homebound seniors holiday. Qualified Huntington Beach Senior Services clients receive a short visit from a volunteer, a traditional holiday meal, and seasonal gifts. These older residents are no longer able to cook for themselves and appreciate the good cheer and dinner.

The Handy Crafters meet at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Their beautiful work is on display in the lobby at the senior center and can be purchased from the front desk any weekday. A broader selection is available during their Friday meetings. Beginners are welcome to join this great group. Materials and instruction are provided. For more information, call the senior center at 714-536-9387.

Did you know that residents can report suspected violations or eyesores on private property to the Code Enforcement Division from the City website online at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/forms-applications/code-enforcement-complaint.cfm
**Surf City 10 Miler, 10K and 5K**

The Surf City 10 run will be held on this Sunday October 25. This is a perfect race for all types of runners from beginner to experienced. There is also a costume contest, beer garden, technical tee, finisher’s medal for all distances, and more. For more information on the event, please visit https://www.surfcity10.com/

PCH will be closed from Beach Blvd to Warner Ave from 4:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. Please see map for further details.

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**Road Closure Flyer**

**Road Closure/Detour/Spectator Plan**

PCH closed from 4:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

* PCH closed from Beach Blvd to Warner Ave.

* 1st Street will be open all morning to allow access for employees and RV traffic.

* Access to HB City parking lot via Beach Blvd. only.

⭐ Recommended spectator locations. You may have to walk from local neighborhoods.
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Structure Fire

On Thursday, October 8, at approximately 7 p.m., the Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire located on Kampen Lane. Upon arrival, firefighters reported a single-family, single-story residence with the garage fully involved with fire.

Huntington Beach Public Works Department was requested to mitigate the water runoff due to gasoline and foam in the gutter. Huntington Beach Planning & Building Department was requested to evaluate the structural integrity of the building.

The fire was contained to the garage with limited smoke damage to the interior of the residence. This fire is under investigation and there were no injuries reported on this incident.

Sunset Beach Shark Incident

On Thursday, October 8, at approximately 3:20 p.m., our Marine Safety Officer patrolling Sunset Beach was contacted by a surfer who reported a shark sighting while surfing approximately 60 yards from shore in the area of 23rd Street. Huntington Beach Police dispatch was contacted and the police helicopter scouted the area, but did not see any sharks. Due to the behavior exhibited by the shark and its size, the water was closed and appropriate signage posted. The water along Sunset Beach remained closed until 4 p.m. on Friday, October 9.
Open House

On Saturday, October 10, the Fire Department celebrated Fire Prevention Week at Gothard Fire Station. There were more than 920 guests in attendance and the visitors were able to:

- Get educated on this year’s theme of “Hear the Beep Where You Sleep – Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm” and take part in one of 12 raffles for Smoke and/or Carbon Monoxide alarms
- View, learn about, and have some hands-on fun with the various types of fire apparatus on display
- Learn about the Marine Safety operations and various equipment in addition to the photo opportunities on the Personal Water Craft (PWC) that was on display
- Participate in one of the 12 Fire Station Tours
- Watch one of two live fire and victim extrication demonstrations
- Spend time with Sparky the Fire Dog, acquire fire helmets, fire coloring books, and fire department badge stickers
- Obtain information about CERT and RACES and benefit from hands on training with the Bullex fire extinguisher training tool from the volunteers

The Huntington Beach Firefighters’ Association prepared more than 700 hot dogs for lunch and the Fire Management Association provided over 900 bottles of cold water on an extremely warm day. Search & Rescue Explorers assisted with this successful event and helped with the flow of parking more than 300 vehicles. For more information on fire safety, please visit: http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information
DISCOVER HOW YOUR BUSINESS CAN EXPAND TO PACIFIC RIM MARKETS!

On the heels of last week’s successful “Business Beyond Borders” international trade event comes another opportunity for local businesses to learn about expanding their products and services, this time specifically to Pacific Rim consumers.

The US Commercial Service and the District Export Council of Southern California are presenting the “Discover Global Markets Business Forum” on October 29-30 at the Hilton Orange County in Costa Mesa. The Forum is a dynamic conference focused on consumer markets throughout Asia and the Pacific region. Find out what consumers are buying, how to sell to them, and take advantage of the opportunity to have pre-arranged, one-on-one meetings with US Commercial Diplomats. In addition, earn about a variety of industries in which your business can thrive in the Pacific Rim marketplace.

There is a fee to attend. For more information, including an impressive list of speakers and a link to registration, please visit: http://www.export.gov/DiscoverGlobalMarkets/PacRimConsumers/

FREE Fair Housing Walk In Counseling October 27

The Fair Housing Foundation, in partnership with the City of Huntington Beach, will provide a free fair housing counseling walk-in clinic at City Hall on Tuesday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to noon on the fifth floor of City Hall. A counselor will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to meet individually and discuss tenant/landlord disputes and concerns or to answer questions about Fair Housing laws. Those with immediate questions or in need of more urgent assistance need not wait until the clinic, as Fair Housing Foundation counselors are available Monday-Friday by calling (800) 446-3247.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 10/21 — City of Huntington Beach Scoping Meeting, 6 to 7pm at City Hall, [http://www hbthenextwave.org](http://www hbthenextwave.org)
- 10/22 — 12th Annual Art of the Brew, HB Arts Center from 6 to 9pm, RSVP at 714.374.1650
- 10/23 — Wine and Words Fundraiser for HB Public Library, 7pm to 10pm, Hilton. [www.hbwineandwords.com](http://www.hbwineandwords.com)
- 10/24 — Fifth Annual Huntington Beach Senior Surf Invitational, 7:30am, 714-536-9387 or [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org)
- 10/24 — Halloween Read-a-thon, 1pm to 5pm, Central Library, (see page 6)
- 10/25 — Surf City 10 Run, [www.surfcity10.com](http://www.surfcity10.com)
- 10/26 — 16th Annual Great Balls of Fire Golf Tournament, 9:30am at Seaciff Country Club. [www.hbfa.org/gbf](http://www.hbfa.org/gbf)
- 10/27 — Free Fair Housing Clinic, 10am to noon, City Hall, 5th Floor. (800) 446-3247
- 10/28 to 10/31 — Huntington Haunt at Newland House, [www.huntingtonhaunt.org](http://www.huntingtonhaunt.org) 714-337-9176
- 10/31 — HBOO Spookytown, Downtown HB, 3:30 to 7:30pm [www.hbdowntown.com](http://www.hbdowntown.com)

November

- 11/10 — Library Architect Dion Nuetra at the HB Central Library, 11:30am presentation; 2:30pm tour. [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org)
- 11/14 — Fix It Clinic, Free family event. 10am to 1pm. [www.fixitclinic.org](http://www.fixitclinic.org)
- 11/22 — Downtown Tree Lighting, [www.hbdowntown.com](http://www.hbdowntown.com)
City Hall Directory

City Attorney (714) 536-5555
City Clerk (714) 536-5227
Passports (714) 536-1600
City Council (714) 536-5553
City Manager (714) 536-5202
Community Services (714) 536-5486
Beach Operations (714) 536-5281
Business Development (714) 536-5542
Finance Department (714) 536-5630
Business Licenses (714) 536-5267
Fire Department (714) 536-5411
Human Resources (714) 536-5492
Information Services (714) 536-5515
Library Services (714) 842-4481
Planning & Building (714) 536-5271
Code Enforcement (714) 375-5155
Police Department (714) 960-8811
Public Works (714) 536-5431
Graffiti Removal (714) 960-8861

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