



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 1-03-14

Law Enforcement

Captain Doug Feteroll and I met earlier this week to discuss golf cart thefts in town and methods to better serve the public in reporting and tracking the incidents. Doug is proposing the creation of a new report form that he expects to roll out shortly. He is also unveiling a placard for placement in rental golf carts reminding our visitors of the rules of the road here in Avalon (including the prohibition of drunk driving and piloting vehicles down Crescent Avenue, among other concerns).

For New Year's Eve festivities, it was reported that there were no major incidents. While one arrest for Drunk in Public was made, many people avoided the infraction, and instead were provided with complimentary rides back home from the Sheriff's Department.

2014 Avalon City Council Elections

The following individuals have pulled paperwork to run for the office of Mayor: Bob Kennedy, Richard Hernandez and Anni Marshall. The following individuals have pulled paperwork to run for the office of City Council Member: Burney Ramming, Michael Ponce, Cinde Cassidy, Tim Winslow, Ralph Morrow, Joe Sampson and Alexander Sanchez.

The following individuals have submitted completed paperwork with the intention of running for the office of Mayor and/or City Council Member: Bob Kennedy, Michael Ponce and Cinde Cassidy. The deadline to return completed paperwork is January 10, 2014.

Vehicle Noise Ordinance

In preparation for vehicle registration in February, the City will be purchasing a noise meter for approximately \$1,300. The Municipal Code requires a sound level meter which meets ANSI S1.4 Type 1-IEC 651 or ANSI S1.4 Type 2-IEC 651 standards. In order to properly implement and administer the vehicle noise ordinance, the noise meter we have selected for purchase offers the following functionality:

1. Real Time Display: Providing the ability to view the entire data series from each test. This will allow the City to evaluate and report the results of each test immediately to our residents.
2. Data Logging Capability: Providing recording functionality to allow for future re-examination of any particular test on demand.
3. Field Calibration: While the instrument comes fully calibrated, every instrument is subject to fluctuation over time. The ability to calibrate on demand, and/or calibrate check before testing vehicles will allow the City to have confidence in its testing results.

Intergovernmental Relations

As part of my effort to ensure that the City of Avalon is better represented within the greater Southern California region and networked into key stakeholder groups, I participate in the Gateway Cities Council of Governments City Manager's Policy Advisory Committee. Hosting the monthly meeting (which takes place in Paramount) rotates amongst the twenty-eight member cities, and this month is Avalon's turn. As part of the hosting duty for the meeting next Thursday over town, I plan on providing the assembled group with a brief presentation regarding the City of Avalon, our current challenges, and a vision for the future.

Nuisance Bird Abatement/Falconry Services

On The Wing Falconry has submitted a draft proposed agreement for services with The City of Avalon, the Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce and the Santa Catalina Island Company. We are reviewing and making recommendations for revision. It is anticipated that we will have a document agreed-upon by all parties within the next couple of weeks, allowing for services to recommence in Avalon later this month.

Parks and Recreation

The contract for Joe Machado Concession Stand Construction will be finalized and signed next week, with work commencing January 20. Per the agreement, the contractor will have 90 days to complete the project, which is April 9, 2014.

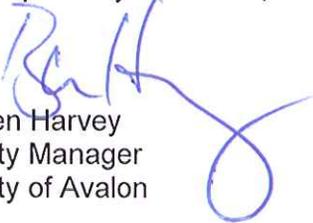
Over-seeding of Joe Machado Field on Dec. 23 went well, and the field is on track to re-open January 18 for Avalon High School soccer games. Youth Flag Football will begin play on the field on January 25.

Public Works:

The Contractor performing the Gravity Main Emergency Repair at Pebbly Beach encountered another unknown buried concrete block this week that set operations back a bit. The object has been removed, allowing for work to continue with the new pipeline. It is projected that the main replacement pipeline will be completed today (Friday), a one week delay from the last forecast.

Respectfully submitted,

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