



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 2-14-14

Finance

Much progress has been made in the Finance Department this week. Fiscal Year 14 accounting through December 31 is mostly complete, as is the Fiscal Year 12 audit. Overall, while we are not alarmed, we still have some long-term concerns to address including trimming expenses and providing ongoing funding mechanisms for infrastructure (sewer and salt water systems come to mind). We are scheduled for an update in Closed Session with Cindy Byerrum, our financial consultant, on Tuesday night.

Public Works:

Upon the demolition of the concrete roof for the storm drain culvert beneath Crescent Avenue near the Pancake Cottage, we encountered a couple unknown utility lines that had to be dealt with, which caused a slight delay. Additionally, while we had originally thought that only the existing roof would need to be reconstructed, it is apparent that the vertical walls will also have to be fortified. This will require additional project days for the forming and pouring of concrete, and will also increase our cost estimate. On Tuesday, (City Council meeting day, 2/18), we will pour a new concrete roof and walls on ½ of the Structure (½ the traveled way on Crescent). This newly placed concrete will then need to cure (harden) at least 10 days before we can place traffic on it. At that time, traffic will be switched, and we will start the removal and replacement of the channel on the other side of Crescent Avenue.

SCE/Henkels & McCoy

The Vault Construction Project will be slightly delayed due to more archeological finds. Roland VanZanten from Henkels & McCoy plans to attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday to provide a status update on the project.

Recreation

All things JMF: The Joe Machado Concession Stand project is on schedule. We are working with Supervisor Knabe's office to schedule a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Joe Machado Field for all of the site work completed at the field funded through Los Angeles County. We hope to schedule this for an afternoon this spring, and will incorporate it with a Field Day open to the community to celebrate. The RFP closing date for the concessionaire contract at Joe Machado Field closes this Thursday, February 20 at 4pm.

Two suggestions have been received for the Fourth of July Grand Marshall:

- Catrina Awalt – in recognition of her service with Avalon Beautiful, Chamber of Commerce, and events throughout the years
- Suzy Griffin and Marlene McAdams – in recognition for their 30 years of operating the Inn on Mt. Ada and donating rooms for charity auctions, opening the Inn for the Christmas Open House, etc.

Any additional suggestions may still be sent to Jen Monroe

Staff will be sitting down this Tuesday with stakeholders and concerned citizens for a roundtable on litter and illegal dumping in Avalon.

Information Technology

The Wifi units installed at City Hall are now operational. They were strategically placed to ensure all of City Hall has internet coverage. The camera network has been transitioned from the Catalina Broadband Wifi network to leased fiber infrastructure. The Pier and the Cabrillo Mole are fully functional. However, at the Casino Pump House, the fiber link is not operational. Catalina Broadband will need to resolve this issue.

Respectfully submitted,


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