



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 4-11-14

Welcome to the Council Weekly Update

For those newly-elected Members of the Avalon City Council, I would like to welcome you to my weekly update document. Most weeks (but not all, as Council Members Olsen and Hernandez will attest), I will generate an update that provides you with:

1. A "heads up" on items that have the potential to be escalated to you;
2. A status update on ongoing projects or issues of significance or concern; or
3. A report back on matters that one (or more than one) of you have previously brought to my attention for action, consideration or further investigation.

I will send this document to you via email (unless you request otherwise), and will copy other key community stakeholders (as well as all City employees) - or individuals/groups that may have particular interest in an item reported out within the document. Please keep in mind that this is a PUBLIC document. Nothing within the Council Weekly Update is confidential, and everything within the Council Update could potentially be discussed openly by the public, and/or could appear in the island newspapers.

This document is intended as a tool to keep you informed in your role as a Member of the Avalon City Council. Accordingly, if you need any updates and/or revisions to this communication going forward, please feel free to let me know.

Public Works/Capital Improvement Projects/Infrastructure

1. Lower Terrace Project: Work is proceeding nicely without major incidents or unanticipated change orders. Project is scheduled for completion on May 8, however we may need to approach you in the near future about a possible extension of this contract.
2. Crescent Ave Storm Drain Repair: Phase 2 has commenced on time, however, the problem of the "void" under the existing invert caused an unanticipated delay. The repair is scheduled to be completed in 2 weeks. With the requisite cure time for the concrete considered, Crescent Avenue should be open for traffic without vehicle weight restrictions around the May 15 timeframe.
3. Pebbly Beach Emergency Sewer Repair: This project IS NOW COMPLETE AND UNDER BUDGET (approx.. \$30k)! Paving was completed this week.
4. Southern California Edison (SCE) Underground Utility Vaults: Tribal Representatives will be overseeing a Re-Burial Ceremony scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, April 12. City Council Members are invited (but not required) to attend, so please advise if you are interested. Work on SCE's upper underground utility vault is scheduled to commence next week.

Law Enforcement

You may have noticed that starting this week, Captain Doug Feteroll commenced releasing crime information (arrests made, etc.) to the island newspapers. This will be an ongoing effort, and is being done in the interest of transparency and awareness for the overall safety of the community. As many of you know, this is a common practice overtown. I believe it will help our community and visitors to be informed and vigilant.

Recreation

The City of Avalon has announced that this year's 4th of July Parade theme is "Salute to Honored Veterans, Heroes in our Hearts". In appreciation for their service to our country, the community of Avalon is honoring all World War II Veterans as Grand Marshals this year at the Independence Day Parade, on Friday, July 4th. Cars will be provided for those who would like to participate in the parade. All World War II Veterans wishing to take part in the Avalon Independence Day Parade need to contact Jen Monroe at the City of Avalon Recreation Department: (310) 510-0220, ext. 230.

The 4th of July parade will be held on Friday, July 4th, 2014. The parade will line up at 12:30 PM at the Casino Building, and will proceed down Crescent Avenue beginning at 1:00 PM. Locals and visitors in golf carts and children on bikes, tricycles and scooters are also invited to participate in this family-fun parade. Judging for the parade will take place on Lower Descanso Avenue from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM and judges will award entries in the following categories: Most Patriotic, Most Humorous, Most Creative, and Best of Theme.

Information Technology Upgrade Project

1. Windows XP Operating System – Terminal Servers: Microsoft officially discontinued support of the XP operating system on Tuesday, April 8. As the majority of City computers are currently using Windows XP, we continue to transition everyone to a new terminal server environment. With this approach, we can utilize the existing desktop computers and convert them to terminals without needing to purchase new computers for everyone.
2. File Server/Domain Controller Replacement: Configuration of a new server that will replace the City's file server/domain controller has commenced. The current server has been unreliable and using the Windows Server 2003 operating system. The new server will have additional storage capacity for City files, as well as a database server for the City's intranet and other database applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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