



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 11-06-15

Finance Department – State Authorizes \$1.765 Million Reimbursement to Avalon’s Successor Agency

Avalon’s Successor Agency is responsible for handling any outstanding obligations and winding down the activities of the former redevelopment agency, Avalon Community Improvement Agency. The State reimburses the Successor Agency for certain obligations. The Successor Agency received notification this week that \$1.765 million that was previously submitted has been approved for reimbursement on the State’s recognized obligation payment schedule (ROPS), and that the majority of the reimbursement will be received in January 2016. The approved funding includes \$1 million to protect Pebbly Beach Road from falling rocks and debris, \$50,000 to assist with the construction of the Museum stairs, and \$150,000 to reimburse the City for funds it advanced to the Successor Agency in prior years. A big thank you is due to Chris Woidzik, and special mention goes to the City Attorney’s Office, for their respective insight and efforts on this important issue. This is a huge fiscal victory for the City of Avalon. With this \$1.765 million reimbursement, this money will not have to come out of the City’s General Fund.

Grants Administration - All Things Transportation

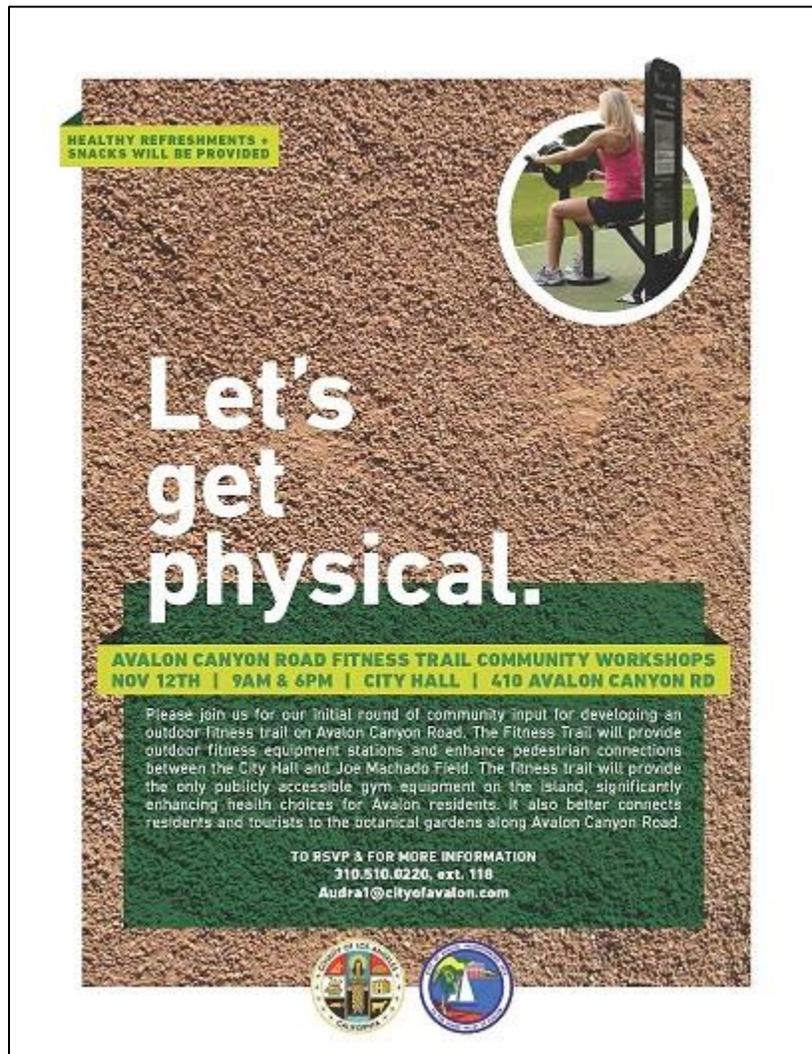
Lots to report on the transportation front these past couple of weeks! First, the City has determined a charging station location for the new Ebuses, which are due to commence operation in April, 2016. The buses will be stored and charged on City Hall property, off of the current employee parking lot (currently in use as a litter box). The location will be semi-permanent to give staff and the transit contractor an opportunity to assess the site for its utility. The in-town site (previously staff was exploring charging locations near the landfill, and off of Pebbly Beach Road) has many benefits, including being close to the actual fixed route, and eliminating the need to drive over Mt. Ada during rainy weather.

Other news to report on the transportation front: the City, with the assistance of Roy Glauthier, transit consultant, held the mandatory pre-proposal meeting for the procurement of contract services for the City’s fixed route, dial-a-ride and paratransit system. Representatives from four transit companies attended, including Catalina Transportation Services, Keolis, Carroll Transportation and American Cab. The deadline to submit questions regarding the Request for Proposal’s was Friday, October 30, 2015.

To wrap up the transportation-related update, Audra McDonald, Administrative Analyst, attended the Fall CalACT conference on a partial scholarship in Rohnert Park from October 19-22. “CalACT” stands for the California Association for Coordinated Transportation, of which the City of Avalon is a member. Highlights of the conference included break-out sessions on paratransit efficiencies, the emerging role of Transportation Network Companies (also known as Uber, Lyft, Sidecar, etc. are considered TNCs) in transit and transit marketing. Additionally, Leslie Rogers, FTA Administrator gave an update on federal legislative efforts to continue transit funding.

Grants Administration – Fitness Trail

Another reminder that the community workshops for the Avalon Canyon Fit Trail Project are scheduled for this coming Thursday, November 12, 2015. Workshops will be held at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. A translator will be available for our Spanish-speaking residents. Target audience meetings will also be held at the Senior Meals Program at Singing Waters Church at 11:00 AM and with the Avalon Schools Student Council at 2:15 PM. Please spread the word (flyer below)!



City Manager's Office/Grants Administration – Collaboration with SCE/Disadvantaged Community status and potential water grants

Staff has been participating in ongoing monthly meetings with Southern California Edison and their hired consultants to discuss, review and prepare for grant opportunities for Catalina's fresh water system. On Monday an 'all hands' meeting was held which included the working City/SCE grants group, and also the City Manager (also representing the Water Consortium), Ron Hite, District Manager for SCE, and Tony Edeson, Region Manager for SCE. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a progress check on the pursuit of grants and the associated projects, to develop a strategy moving forward, and to ensure that all the key players are on the same page. There are many people working on this important issue, and it is helpful to touch base and make sure everyone is updated with each other's efforts and developments. One of

the important items being reviewed for this task is the proposed designation of Avalon as a Disadvantaged Community (DAC). The unincorporated Catalina Island is designated as a Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community (DUC) by Los Angeles County, and we are looking to see what it takes to review and potentially update Avalon's designation. DAC-status has a significant impact on grant funding opportunities, which are very favorable to the DAC. One of the top priorities for grant funding, in preparation for Prop 1, is the new desalination plant. We will continue to meet and take steps towards a comprehensive water solution, and equally as important is assessing the funding opportunities to make the solutions possible.

City Manager's Office – Labor Negotiations

City Management met with representatives from all three employee associations this week to discuss in detail the most recent proposal regarding the Memoranda of Understanding offered by the City Council in Closed Session a couple City Council meetings ago. As a follow-up to these meetings, City Management will be preparing additional material to provide to the employee associations to assist their respective membership with understanding the potential impact of the proposal individually.

City Manager's Office/Public Works Department – Fuel Dock Project

The City Manager and the Interim Public Works Director met with Russ and Jennie Armstrong, proprietors of the Casino Dock Café (a City tenant) this week regarding the work being done to demolish and reconstruct the Fuel Dock pursuant to the City Council's acceptance of a bid for construction from Associated Pacific. The City Manager and the Interim Public Works Director will be coming to the City Council in Closed Session in the month of December to review and discuss a proposal from the Armstrong's/Casino Dock Café.

Public Works Department – Stable Area Compaction Efforts

Work has been ongoing up at the old stable area for the last 2 weeks. The efforts appear to have been satisfactory, and the work has been completed. The Public Works Department monitored all the compaction efforts and checked the professional geotechnical forces onsite to ensure that they conducted regular density tests, and that the stockpiled dirt was processed properly. It was necessary for them to compress and condense the stockpiled excess dirt pursuant to the requirements in compliance with Public Works standards.

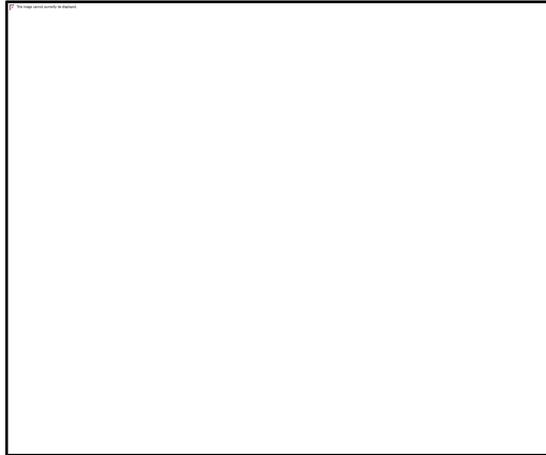
At the present time, the City is waiting for the certifications from the engineers which should document that the work activities were successful, and that the finished grading efforts are satisfactory. The picture below shows a portion of this property where the work was performed.



Public Works Department – Sewer Repairs

As our regular Sewer Lateral Inspection activities continue, it was learned this past week that two more private sewer laterals had to be replaced. The first one was a lateral on Clemente, and the 2nd was located in the alley of the 300 block behind Catalina Ave.

As the picture below shows on Clemente, the sidewalk and street access had to be closed. It is unfortunate that limited access develops during these repair activities, yet, we try our best to keep the adverse effects to a minimum. Many thanks continue to go out to the public for their understanding that this work is required and necessary, and for the cooperation during the traffic/pedestrian delays that often occur as a result.



Public Works Department - Emergency Repairs – South Beach Seawall Sinkholes

As we reported in last week's Council Update document, the ongoing issues we encounter during high winds and swells hitting our seawall create hardships, as the lateral pressure of the ocean waters enter at the bottom of the concrete footing, which create sinkholes on the upper beach areas.

We are proud to announce that the emergency repairs were successful. We were able to avert additional sinkholes, and we believe we were able to fortify/safeguard the affected areas properly. Our goal was to protect the seawall from further damage, and shield the area from probable damages that may occur in the future. We believe our efforts were effective and proper. We need to thank the staff of the Public Works Department for the hard work, and long

hours they put in through their diligent efforts in stopping the erosion process of our popular beachfront. Hats off to all those involved in the effort!

Public Works Department / Capital Improvements

The ongoing problems with our salt water system continue. This week we started cleaning and repairing a main saltwater line up on east Beacon, above the church. This mainline has a couple of angles that have corroded and require replacement of valves and fittings. This condition will continue, as the saltwater elements create tuberculation (corrosion) that sticks to the inner lining of the pipe, fittings, and valves.

City forces have taken the lead in repairing as required. Pictured below is the area in which operations are being conducted. We have not completed the work yet, but we are confident that the future repairs and replacement of material will create better flow and limit any further loss of pressure.



Recreation and Public Works Departments – Playground Symposium

On Wednesday of this week, David Hart and Javier Peguero of the Recreation and Public Works Departments, respectively, attended a playground symposium in Cypress. The symposium was hosted by Playcore, and shared information on playground products, the rules and regulations of playgrounds and the maintenance of playground surfacing. David and Javier were able to participate in mixing and patching various playground surfaces, and both staff members felt that with the parks in Avalon being brought to the City Council for remodel consideration in the near future, that this symposium helped them with knowledge to assist in presenting fiscally sound, quality choices on all aspects of playground construction.

Recreation Department – Fall Fest Wrap Up

On October 22nd, the 7th Annual Fall Festival took place on Crescent Ave. Fall Fest is a community event that benefits local non-profits and community members achieve fundraising goals, with over \$25,000 contributed back to the Avalon community.

Fall Fest this year featured a great assortment of foods, including tacos, ribs, jambalaya and desserts. Families enjoyed hayrides, the cakewalk, and a sponge toss. The kids had a blast with glows sticks, mask making, and face painting. Vons donated pumpkins and paper bags to CKV to sell as a fundraiser and use as prizes for the paper mask contest sponsored by the

Recreation Dept. Flush with this year's success, we are now in the process of working with the high school in the hopes of bringing their carnival down to Front Street during Fall Festival next year to make it an even larger and more successful community event.

Fire Department Weekly Significant Items Summary:

- A reminder for all persons to check their smoke detectors! With the time change, it is the perfect opportunity to change batteries and ensure all sleeping areas in homes are protected by working smoke alarms. It is also a great excuse/opportunity to clean and ensure your home heaters are operating normally/safely.
- Last week concluded our semi-annual Emergency Medical Technician continuing education licensing requirements testing. All personnel passed a variety of scenario based trainings, and also received classroom refresher training both days.
- Last week saw several significant calls which included the delivery of a healthy baby girl, a fire that began in a floor heater causing extensive damage to a home, and a person transported off-island after life threatening parasitic infestation was identified.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Harvey

City Manager