



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 02-12-16

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Avalon Fire – Fire Weather

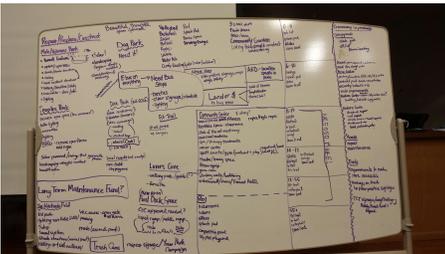
With the return of unseasonably warm temperatures this past week and the less than abundant rainfall amounts so far this winter we can very quickly return to high fire danger conditions. This reminder just encourages all individuals to always exercise extreme caution with regards to fire and particularly in conditions where high wildfire conditions exist.

Recreation/Public Works-JMF

Due to the Softball season closing in, erosion, overuse, and a groundwater well being dug up, the city has decided to re-skin the softball field. Jeffery Hernandez and the other public work crew members spent all of Wednesday raising and leveling the entire Softball Diamond. It should be fully ready to play on towards the end of next week.

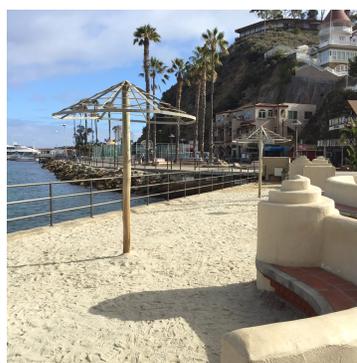
Recreation-LA County Needs Assessment

On Feb 9th David Hart, interim Recreation Coordinator, facilitated a LA County Park Needs Assessment. The goals of the meeting was create and prioritize a list of our Cities Park needs as well as inform the Public on the importance of maintaining our Public Parks. The information gathered in each City will be reported back to the County and used as a county wide needs assessment. We were able to gather more than just our needs but also great ideas of what the future of recreation should look like here in Avalon. We had around 25 community members participate. It was able to go smoothly thanks to the help of City staffers Jordan Monroe, Jennifer Monroe and community member Lisa Lavelle for writing down and connecting ideas.



Public Works - Shady Work

Crews have been repairing and updating the old Palapa shade structures around town, including Palapa Beach and the Crescent Ave. median. This is the best kind of shady work, because it is good to remember the importance of sun safety and awareness, even in these 'winter' conditions.



Sheriff - Station Conference/Comfort Room

The personnel assigned to Avalon Sheriff's Station are very empathetic towards victims of Domestic Violence, whether it be children or adults. We realize that police stations can be intimidating or at least uncomfortable places for many people in the community to visit. As such, we have created a multi-purpose conference room that was designed to provide station visitors with a discreet, safe and comfortable place to speak with Sheriff's Detectives, social workers or other involved parties. The room can be accessed without having to walk past the station jail, the dispatch center or the other formalities of the Sheriff's Station. Deputies made arrangements to have soft leather chairs and a couch for everyone's comfort. Children are given the opportunity to play board games, color or watch cartoons on t.v. and deputies will always make sure our visitors have something to eat and drink while they are here.

Planning Department - Beacon Hill Elevator Project Update

The Beacon Hill Elevator Project, which is being funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds, is still moving forward (although slower than anticipated). The City was required to amend the CDBG contract to allow for reimbursement of design services. The amendment has been submitted to the Los Angeles County Development Commission who manages the City's CDBG funds. Once the amendment is approved the City will be publishing the solicitation for design and construction documents.

Planning Department - Avalon Canyon Fit Trail Community Workshop No. 2

The Avalon Canyon Fit Trail Project is moving forward. The second Community Workshop will be held Thursday, March 3, 2016. Target audience meetings will be held during the day at the Singing Waters Church during the Senior Meal hour, Avalon Schools Student Council and a General Meeting at 5:30 p.m., City of Avalon Council Chambers. The focus of the meeting will be to review design and equipment options. Please come share your ideas!

Respectfully Submitted,
The Avalon City Staff