



## Avalon City Council Weekly Update 04-19-16

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### **City Awarded \$4 Million for a new Ferry Terminal at Cabrillo Mole**

The City was notified yesterday that a grant application submitted jointly by Los Angeles County Metro and the City of Avalon to construct a new terminal at the Cabrillo Mole has been awarded in the amount of \$4 Million! As with all grants, it takes a collaborative effort to put forth a compelling application. Ashad Hamideh, Metro, deserves much of the credit for his expertise and assistance. Catalina Express Staff Julia Torbarina and Judy Rios were instrumental in providing important ridership data and facility conditions that contributed to the application. Letters of Support on behalf of the project from Supervisor Knabe, Congressman Lowenthal, Long Beach Transit, Southern California Association of Governments, Catalina Express and Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau were important attachments to the grant application. And of course a big thanks to Audra McDonald for coordinating this for the City. The grant adds to an impressive collection of grant funding already committed to the overall rehabilitation of the Cabrillo Mole over the past three years.

2013 - \$2.4 Million for Rehabilitation for the underneath of the Cabrillo Mole  
2015 - \$992,283 for Reconstruction of the Restrooms at the Cabrillo Mole  
2016 - \$4 Million for a new terminal

Total grant funding for Cabrillo Mole \$7,392,283.

### **Sheriff - Youth Leadership Academy**

Deputies Miquel Orellana and Deana Austin chaperoned three Avalon School teenagers to a renowned, four-day, Youth Leadership Academy in Anaheim. Over three hundred teenagers from throughout the state of California and beyond attended the event, which was sponsored by CAL-PAL (California Police Activities League) in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Youth Foundation. Our students represented Avalon in an exemplary manner. Deputies Orellana and Austin were extremely proud of the efforts our students put forth. Our students learned about the value of networking, building relationships and developing leadership skills. In addition to participating in a structured program, our students were able to spend time enjoying themselves at Disney Land, California Adventures and swimming in the hotel's pool. The students will build upon their new found skill set and develop a community-based program in the near future under the deputies' tutelage.

The students who were selected to participate in the Leadership Academy and represent the city of Avalon appear in the attached photograph, from left to right; Daniela Zendejas, Maria Leyva and Jose Zavala. Congratulations to all three of these promising teenagers!



## **World Travelers Stop in Avalon**

Avalon Harbor is currently hosting the 50' sailing vessel "Pachamama" owned by a Swiss family who has been traveling around the world sharing a message of climate protection. They arrived in Avalon on Wednesday and expect to leave on Monday. While visiting Avalon, the family conducted assemblies for our local school kids.

The TOPtoTOP Global Climate Expedition is the 1st expedition over the 7-Seas to the 7-Summits that will be achieved by human and nature's power only.

The mission is to inspire children for a better future. Along the expedition the family shares examples of nature's beauty and innovations for a green planet, in class rooms all over the world.

Their key message is "climate protection" and "enjoy nature through sport but also give something back to nature".

The expedition is a reference to demonstrate that great goals and progress can be achieved in balance with nature.

Their vision is that TOPtoTOP becomes a lasting platform which inspires children for nature and sport globally."

To learn more about the expedition visit their website at [www.toptotop.org](http://www.toptotop.org)

## **Harbor - Spring is Upon Us**

The dinghy dock between the Tuna Club and Yacht Club has been installed for the upcoming season.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Avalon City Staff