



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: June W. Catalano, City Manager

DATE: November 8, 2012

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY UPDATES**

PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Engineering Division

- Citywide Trail Crossing Enhancement Project – The City’s contractor, Sposeto Engineering, has substantially completed all concrete, electrical, signage and striping work at the trail crossings at Oak Park Boulevard (both the Canal Trail and EBMUD Trail), Chilpancingo Parkway and Astrid Drive. Final electrical work is currently being performed at the new pedestrian signal at the Gregory Lane/Canal Trail and a modified signal at Monticello Avenue/Oak Park Boulevard. Final pavement striping and signage will be installed at Boyd Road by early next week.

New radar foundations have been installed along Chilpancingo Parkway, Gregory Lane, Boyd Road and Oak Park Boulevard, and the solar powered signs will be installed next week. Testing of all electrical components will follow. All project-related activities should be completed the week of November 19th, during which time all new crosswalk lighting and the new Gregory Lane signal should be turned on and operational. Preliminary punch-list items are underway.

- Taylor Boulevard Bridge Barrier Replacement Project – Construction continues, and the contractor completed the new bridge barrier on the south side of the bridge deck and the installation of the protective wire fencing on the existing bridge. This week the contractor is forming and placing concrete for the new bridge rail on the north side bridge. Remaining construction activities include installation of the crash cushion on the north and south side of the bridge, and final landscaping.

- Encroachment Permit

CCWD – Repair water main at 59 Cleopatra Drive with paving to follow.

CCWD – Repair water main at 1985 Alvina Drive with paving to follow.

CCWD – Repair water main at 157 Clarie Drive with paving to follow.

Maintenance Division

- Trip Hazards – Staff has been removing the potential trip hazards on Contra Costa Boulevard. The cast iron tree grates that were raised up by the roots are being removed and re-sized to fit around the tree while still sitting flush with the sidewalk.
- Silt and Debris – Staff removed about three yards of silt and debris from the Taylor Boulevard roadside swales in preparation of the rains.
- Sand Bags – The temporary fencing for the annual sand bag stations has been ordered and will be set up next week.

Planning Division

- Planning Commission

No meeting scheduled.

- Zoning Administrator

No meeting scheduled.

- Architectural Review Commission

No meeting scheduled.

- Tree Removals

A permit was approved to remove three Monterey Pine trees (33, 33 and 40 inches in diameter) at 205 Powell Avenue.

- Miscellaneous

Administrative Permit Activity – For the month of October, Planning staff reviewed the following administrative permit applications: 25 Zoning Permits (8 new businesses, 8 commercial plan checks, and 9 residential plan checks), 1 Home Occupation Permit, 2 Temporary Sign Permits, 1 Special Event Permit, and 6 Tree Removal Permits.

- **Code Compliance**

Tasks Completed – 57; Investigations/Contacts: 19; Sector Patrols: 6; Referrals from other Departments or Agencies: 1; Special Projects: 1; Political and Real Estate Signs 3; Vehicle Abatements: 2.

See summary of weekly log below for further details.

Date	Type	Location	Description
11/6/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Skyranch	Owner is continuing to work on cleaning property
11/6/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Contra Costa Blvd.	Blondie's replaced large window after being vandalized.
11/6/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Skander	Follow up on any Chase Bank actions on property.
11/6/2012	Signs/Political	Pleasant Hill Road	Violations noted on PHR and other locations being grouped too close together and too many signs on property.
11/6/2012	Task Case Closed	Fair Oaks	Appliances have been removed
11/5/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Gregory Lane	Received complaints of sweeper and weed blower being used at 0100 on Saturday. Contacted property manager; he will correct problem and then advise.
11/5/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Barnett Circle	Fence at corner possibly in right of way. Unfounded.
11/5/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Contra Costa Blvd.	Contact with leasing company regarding broken/ dangerous window. Owner will be contacted as well to fix it ASAP.
11/5/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Contra Costa Blvd.	Contact with business re: broken window.
11/5/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Boyd Road	Report of tree cutting was unfounded. Trimming only.
11/5/2012	Signs-Misc.	Contra Costa Blvd.	Illegal signage. Advised to remove and also advised of window coverage.
11/5/2012	Vehicle Abatement	Rose	2 non-op vehicles, junk, debris and trash abatement.
11/2/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Liahona	Report of tree being illegally cut down; contact with service revealed tree was an ash not requiring a permit to remove.
11/1/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Contra Costa Blvd.	Blondie's - CEI observed vandalism to window of business. Contacted owner
11/1/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Charlton	Homeowner requested extension on abatement cleanup. Granted until 11/15/12.

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11/1/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Charlton	No action on repairs abatement.
11/1/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Santa Lucia	Truck and trailer with junk now gone.
11/1/2012	Vehicle Abatement	Fair Oaks	Non-op vehicles now operational. Case closed.
10/31/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Santa Lucia	Large trailer on carrier in front of residence.
10/31/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Contra Costa Blvd.	Strip mall took plants down in rear of business to eliminate sleeping areas for transients. They have been receiving complaints.
10/31/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Santa Lucia	Junk business starting up again.
10/31/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Santa Lucia	Third call on junk dealer.
10/31/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Santa Lucia	Second call of junk business.
10/31/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	(no location)	The same individual has made a complaint to the PD about a curb painted red. This individual has been advised that the curb is painted legally per the traffic engineer.
10/31/2012	Phone Call Inbound	(no location)	Wood burning; referred to Spare the Air enforcement
10/31/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Netherby	Directional real estate sign removed from right of way.
10/31/2012	Investigation/Follow Up	Morello / Chilpancingo	Code Enforcement observed that many political signs have been removed from the right-of-way areas.
10/31/2012	Task Case Closed	Buttner	Roosters' case closed.