

City Manager's Weekly Update

December 16, 2016

PLANNING

Aldo's, 790 Mariner Park Way

A certificate of occupancy was recently issued for Aldo's food trailer and outdoor dining located at 790 Mariner Park Way. This is a short term solution allowing Aldo's to operate near the existing business that had to shut down due to the deterioration of the seawall adjacent to the foundation system. The outdoor dining seats 149 and is ready to be enjoyed.

Amazon.com

Last year, Amazon.com began occupying the fourth floor of the Cooper House building (110 Cooper) with an 8,300 square foot tenant improvement. Then in October, our department received another application for a tenant improvement that would double their floor area. Last week, yet another application was submitted for improvements that would add another 2,700 square feet for reception and restroom functions to the fourth floor, and 21,000 square feet of office space on the third floor. Upon completion, Amazon will occupy approximately 40,000 square feet of space within the Cooper House. As upper floor office uses in the Downtown are principally permitted, there is no public hearing requirement.

108 Sycamore

The Zoning Administrator approved an application to demolish a five unit building and construct a nine room hotel on this site located on the corner of Sycamore Street and Pacific Avenue. The building it will replace is one of the very last unreinforced masonry buildings remaining to be addressed since the earthquake. The boutique hotel, currently being referred to as *The Surf Colony*, is being billed as one that will cater to travelling surfers and includes surfboard and bicycle storage. The proposed three story building includes a ground floor level with parking and retail space (likely to be a market catering to the guests), with two levels of rooms above and a roof deck. The design includes a modern style of architecture not unlike the approved 94 unit SOU project across Sycamore Street at 555 Pacific Avenue. At only 4,800 square feet, the site is significantly constrained. The approved design represents a significant amount of collaboration between the applicant, planning staff, the City's architectural consultant and plan check engineers. Ryan Bane is the planner who worked on the project.



Short Term Vacation Rental (STVR) Process

This week, the STVR Subcommittee held their first meeting to get to know each other and to set some structure for the next two months, which will include four meetings. The meeting went very well, with a very strong group of community members representing broad interests. The Subcommittee also received informational binders with background information on Santa Cruz including existing policies and regulations relating to lodging in general, as well as sample ordinances and articles relating to STVRs throughout the state and country. The binder information will be posted on the Planning Department website and will be periodically updated as the Subcommittee moves forward. The City Council can anticipate periodic updates on this issue to gauge the progress in relation to the STVR May 2017 moratorium deadline.

PARKS AND RECREATION

CIVIC

The Nutcracker: Friday-Sunday, December 16-18, 2016

The Civic Auditorium is becoming very festive this week hosting Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre's, *The Original Santa Cruz Nutcracker*, a favorite holiday tradition! Maestra Pamela Martin conducts the Ballet Orchestra, and guest artists.

Tickets are selling fast! To purchase tickets or for more information visit: SantaCruzTickets.com



Louden Nelson Community Center

Wintersongs Santa Cruz: Thursday, December 15, 2016

Tickets: \$15 - \$40

Reservations and Info call 800-838-3006



The Oberufer Shepherds Play: Saturday, December 19, 2016, 6:00 pm.

Once again the Santa Cruz Monterey Branch is sponsoring our local thespians in their production of the classic Oberufer Shepherds play. It will be performed live at Louden Nelson Community Center.

\$12.00 Adults

\$8.00 children /seniors



West Zone Projects

Parks staff has completed several improvement projects at various locations in the West Zone. Some of those improvements include: picnic area upgrades at Garfield Park, landscape redesign at Dutra Overlook (West Cliff-near Sea and Sand Hotel), and ADA access improvements at University Terrace Off-Leash Dog Park.



PUBLIC WORKS

Resource Recovery Engineering

The construction portion of the Cell 3A Project wrapped up yesterday with completion of the hydro seeding. The contractor will be demobilizing their equipment in the next couple of weeks. The construction manager and quality control manager will compile as-builts, test results, and necessary documents for the CQA Report in the next 4-6 weeks then submit it for the RWQCB's review and approval.



Hydro seeding of the north and east slopes of Cell 3A

The first IGP (the State Water Board's Industrial General Permit) sampling event was performed on 12/8.

The Lombardi Storm Drain Outlet was cleaned out this morning in preparation for this week's coming storm.

The RFP for Design/Build/Operate/Maintenance Services for the CNG Fueling Station Project proposals are due 12/15 at 2 pm.

Wastewater Storm Water Collection/Flood Control

Storm preparation was the order of the day last week with crews performing confined space entry into Gravity Outlet #16 to remove debris and trash. Debris from the rains on 12/10/16 was removed from the Plymouth Street rack and Storm Station 1 was cleaned prior to the storm. The Vac-Con line cleaning crews are working High Street Zone 11 and Downtown Zone 12 respectively.



Engineering

We have been receiving calls as telecommunications contractor Crown Castle has begun installation of seven small cell sites around town with antennae being installed on existing utility poles. Radio emissions will be within FCC guidelines. The sites were approved after a complete public process.

1. Tosca Terrace at High
2. Broadway at Ocean
3. Meder Street near Moore Creek Trailhead
4. Riverside at Barson
5. Western Drive near Western Ct.
6. Chestnut between Locust and Union
7. Laurent between High and Spring

The locations on Broadway and Laurent will have vaults with cabinets below ground. When construction starts, there will be considerably more disruption here than at the other installations.

Storm Water

The City participated in an all-day Calming the Storm Low Impact Development Project Tour hosted by the Santa Cruz Resource Conservation District on Thursday Dec. 15, in partnership with City of Santa Cruz, County of Santa Cruz and Scotts Valley Water District. The tour highlighted five projects that were completed through a Proposition 84 grant from the State Water Resources Control Board. In the City, the tour stopped at municipal parking lot 9, located at the corner of Cedar and Elm Streets, which was retrofitted in 2015 with bio-retention planters. The tour had great turnout with over 60 attendees that braved the storm to witness low impact development in action.



Community Outreach

A Santa Cruz Waves story was written and placed: [Storm Tips For Home and a Clean Monterey Bay](#)

One press release was written and distributed:
[Santa Cruz Hosts Parking for Hope Program Dec. 18-25](#)

Laboratory & Environmental Compliance

Environmental Compliance investigated a soapy runoff discharge from a local hotel in the Main Beach area. The inspector met Collections System crew at the site to document the incident, take pictures and direct the management of the establishment in ways to keep these kinds of products from getting into the storm drain system, and to maintain compliance with our

ordinances. The spill was less than a gallon of surfactant. Pictures below were taken at the incident. The second of the photographs indicates the sampling process for the discharge—the contents of which are currently being analyzed.

