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DATE: October 30, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Mark Ochenduszko, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

The following is provided as an update regarding programs, services, and issues within the City. (Please note: For those receiving electronic copies of the Weekly Update, the attachments referred to below are available in the City Manager's Office).

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Meeting with Coronado Yacht Club Regarding Proposed Redevelopment: This week, Community Development Director Rachel Hurst, Assistant City Manager Tom Ritter, and I met with Coronado Yacht Club representatives Rick Odiome, Greg Walker, Tom Garrett, and Jim Strickland. The purpose of the meeting was to review the Coastal Commission staff's preliminary comments regarding the redevelopment of the Yacht Club. Coastal staff provided first blush comments encouraging public parking on site, pedestrian access/walkway through the property along the shoreline through the site, and expressed concerns regarding the shoreline treatment and intent to add slips. The comments are preliminary in nature. Additional public parking and public access was provided as a result of the land swap between the City and Yacht Club for the Yacht Club Park and Promenade. Staff will work with Yacht Club representatives and Port staff to provide information to the Coastal Commission as the project goes through the approval process.

Coastal Commission Postponement of Hotel del Coronado Local Coastal Plan Consistency Determination: The Coastal Commission has again postponed its hearing of the Hotel del Coronado Amendment to the Master Plan until the February 2010 meeting in San Diego.

1906 Lodge Orchid Award: The 1906 Lodge has been selected for an Orchid Award by the San Diego Architectural Foundation. Mayor Tanaka, Councilmember Woivode, and Senior Planner Ann McCaull will be joining owners Sue and Dave Gillingham to receive this award.

This project is a result of an extensive code enforcement action taken by the City in 2000. Numerous City departments expressed concerns about responses to complaints at the site, which was a dilapidated boarding house with short-term renters living in uninhabitable conditions in the

building and in tents in the backyard. A multi-disciplinary effort to conduct an inspection found the site uninhabitable and resulted in closure. The Gillinghams and two other couples purchased the site, preserved and rehabilitated the historic building, and added additional complementary units. The 1906 Lodge reopened as a resort this past summer.

Village Theater: A progress update and a request to continue design of the Village Theater will be on the Community Development Agency agenda for Tuesday, November 3. Design of the exterior was approved by the Design Review Commission at its last meeting. The theater is being configured to include three screens, and an architectural firm that specializes in constructing movie theaters has been hired by the operator to complete plans and specifications. If all work continues as planned, it is projected that construction work will begin on the project in April 2010 with a projected opening by the end of the 2010 calendar year.

Executive Recruitment for City Manager: The City Council has selected the firm Bob Murray and Associates to conduct the executive search for City Manager. Bob Murray has extensive experience on City Manager recruitments and will personally manage the search. A state-wide search will be undertaken.

Cities/Counties/Schools Local Government Summit - Building California from the Ground Up: Councilmember Mike Woiwode has agreed to be a San Diego Division of the League of California Cities Representative to the Cities/Counties/Schools Local Government Summit. This is a group comprised of city, county, and school leaders (primarily elected officials) who have worked to identify ways to improve the state-local fiscal relationship. A copy of the tenets adopted at their July 2009 meeting is attached.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Confirmed Size of Prop 1A Amount for Coronado: This week, the County Auditor certified the amount of the City's Proposition 1A loan (takeaway) to the State for FY 2009-10 at \$1,633,342. This is consistent with the amount that had been anticipated in the FY 2009-10 budget, which was \$1.635 million. This is the amount of property tax funds that the State will borrow from the City and then repay through the Prop 1A securitization bond sale.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Division Activity: During the period October 22 through 28, the Building Division issued a total of 18 permits and conducted a total of 87 inspections including 17 final inspections. The total valuation on which building permits were based during this period is \$295,735.

Citizens Advisory Committee to the Community Development Agency: On Thursday, the Citizens Advisory Committee met to review the draft 2010-2014 Five-Year Implementation Plan for the Agency. The Implementation Plan is a planning document required by the State to be completed every five years and details redevelopment and housing projects and expenditures for

the next five-year period. The Committee endorsed the Plan and recommends the Agency Board adopt it when it is brought before them in December.

AB 182 Clean Up Legislation to the Redevelopment Take: Last week the Senate voted to pass AB 182, a clean up bill to AB 26 4x, the legislation that authorized the State's \$2.05 billion take of redevelopment funds. This legislation will change the formula that is used to distribute the "take" of redevelopment funds among agencies and will likely result in Coronado's "take" being greater than was previously estimated. New estimates will be posted on the California Redevelopment Association website soon. Depending on the change, staff will evaluate different budget strategies to meet the new amount and will present a recommendation to the Agency Board for approval. AB 182 will go back to the Assembly for concurrence on the Senate's changes.

ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Animal Care Facility: The contractor completed installing the drywall and is now taping and sanding it to a smooth finish. The trellis is being installed at the rear yard. The contractor is having difficulty finding the electrical conduit for the building from the adjoining property. SDG&E has been notified and their assistance in locating the electrical lines has been requested as the lines do not appear to be located as shown on the plans.

Dock C Power Outage: Dock C's electrical panel was removed and replaced, as was the electrical feeder from the land side vault to the dock. Additional repairs to be completed early next week will require a power shut down. All Dock C tenants have been notified. This should provide reliable power to Dock C and eliminate the outages.

Beach Stair Repair: The final walkthrough occurred this week and the Notice of Completion is on the November 3 Council agenda for approval.

Bike Path Rehabilitation: On November 2 the contractor will begin repairing designated sections of damaged asphalt, sealing cracks and placing decomposed granite along the shoulders adjacent to the repairs. To inform all bike path users of the construction, temporary construction signage has been posted.

Restoring Lawn Bowling Green with Artificial Turf: Installation of the temporary fencing and storage bin is complete. Demolition of the existing sidewalk and lawn bowling green will begin next week. The contractor has been asked to construct a temporary walkway along the east side of the Senior Center to provide access to the facility when the existing sidewalk is demolished. It is anticipated that the Senior Center patrons will need to use the temporary sidewalk for two to three weeks while the new hardscape is installed.

Orange Avenue Left Turn Lane Extension: Bids were opened on October 28 and eight bids were received. They ranged from \$30,457 to \$63,702. Advantage Asphalt is the apparent low

bidder and staff is reviewing their references, insurance and bonds. A recommendation to award the contract will be on the November 17 Council agenda.

Alley Upgrade and Sewer Main Replacement Project: BRH Garver has installed the new sewer main in Loma Lane and reconnected all the sewer laterals. The water main installation has started and should be completed by next week. BRH Garver anticipates starting the sewer main installation in Park View Place next week.

FIRE SERVICES

Emergency Preparedness: The Fire Prevention Division and the members of our CERT and CERO groups participated in the county-wide CERT drill in Imperial Beach. The drill consisted of a number of hands-on training drills and realistic scenarios. This annual event is part of the CERT program, which continues to prepare people in the community to assist themselves and their neighbors in the event of a man-made or natural disaster.

Change Your Clock/Change Your Battery Campaign: The Coronado Fire Department is participating in a national home fire safety program called "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery." Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every time the clocks are changed each fall and spring. The time change occurs this Sunday, November 1, and again in the spring on March 14, 2010. We encourage you to help by passing along this information to family and friends.

Additional Fire Safety Measures: This week we experienced our first considerable drop in nighttime temperatures. While this may be a welcome change from the summer heat, it also indicates a time when heating units start kicking on. Make sure your furnace is in good operating condition and, if needed, have it inspected by a representative from SDG&E. The inspection is free. If you do not have a carbon monoxide detector in your house, we encourage you to purchase and install one. Make sure that furniture, rugs and other combustible materials that may have been moved around during the summer are not in front of wall heaters or on top of floor heaters. Every year in Coronado we have fires related to heating units turning on unexpectedly and igniting combustibles materials. Be safe this season and remember "safety is not an accident."

Beach: Lifeguards performed 1 ocean rescue, 2 major medical aids and 4 minor medical aids. Lifeguards also rescued a man and his 30' sailboat adrift at sea after the vessel had broken free from anchorage at the Zuniga jetty during 20+ mph winds on Wednesday afternoon.

Emergency Responses: Coronado Fire units responded to 32 incidents in Coronado: 23 emergency medical incidents, 3 traffic accidents, 1 hazardous condition, 1 call for public assistance, 2 incidents dispatched and cancelled en route, and 2 false calls. There was a total of 34 incidents including mutual/automatic aid and North Island responses.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Teen Library: The Library is pleased to have Micaela (Boyington) Brittsan return as the Teen Librarian. Micaela briefly left her position to work at another library, but has returned to continue running the Teen Services Program at the Coronado Library.

Serra Cooperative: The Serra Cooperative Library System's Administrative Board held its quarterly meeting at the Coronado Library on Thursday. Serra Advisory Board representatives from Coronado, Elizabeth Ingram and Liz Warren, attended along with Christian Esquevin. The Serra Council reviewed a variety of issues, including the status of the Librarian Education Scholarship Grant Program.

Halloween Party: The Library's annual Halloween Party will be held Friday evening at the Library beginning at 6 p.m. A juggling show, carnival games, and a costume contest will be among the festivities.

POLICE SERVICES

Warrant Sweep: On Thursday, Coronado officers participated in a multi-agency warrant sweep as part of the "South Bay Prosecution and Awareness Grant." The sweep targeted individuals with outstanding DUI arrest warrants.

Homecoming Parade: Coronado High School's Homecoming Parade will occur today at 3:30 p.m. The parade will travel on the northbound lanes of Orange Avenue between Adella Avenue and Seventh Street. While the street will not be closed for the event, there will be slight delays and some traffic detours.

DUI Checkpoint: On Saturday, as part of the "Avoid the 14 Grant" funded by California's Office of Traffic Safety, Coronado officers will participate in a multi-agency DUI checkpoint in the area of San Diego State University. The goal is to remove impaired drivers and educate the public about the hazards of drinking and driving.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Automated Trash Program: On Monday, November 2, EDCO Disposal will begin the distribution of 90-gallon gray trash carts in preparation for the beginning of automated trash collection for all residential areas. Residents may request smaller trash carts (60-gallon or 35-gallon) by contacting EDCO directly. To facilitate route scheduling, the pickup day for the Country Club area will change permanently from Monday to Friday, effective the week of November 9. All other route days will remain the same.

Both automated and manual collection of trash will occur for the subsequent two weeks (the weeks beginning Monday, November 9 and Monday, November 16). Old trash cans can be used for green waste recycling; alternatively, residents can place old trash cans out for removal by

EDCO, if they would like to dispose of them. Residents can call EDCO at 619-287-5241, or Public Services at 619-522-7380, with any questions

RECREATION

Halloween Events: Recreation staff is busy transforming the Community Center into a Haunted House and Carnival. Friday, the Recreation Department is hosting the annual Halloween Happening, Haunted House and teen costume dance, “The Haunt.” The carnival takes place from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. with games, jump houses, food, and crafts. The Haunted House will have three levels of scariness: the least scary preschool level will be from 3:30 – 4:30; from 4:30 – 5:30 will be the medium level of scariness for everyone not ready for the most scary level, which will take place between 7 – 9 p.m.

The Haunt will take place from 7 – 9 p.m. in the gym and is only open to middle school-aged children (sixth, seventh, and eighth graders).

On Saturday, Recreation staff will be hosting a booth at “Downtown Goes Ghostly” from 4 – 6 p.m. This annual event is hosted by MainStreet, Inc. and provides a safe environment for children to trick or treat.