



# The Week in Review

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## Upcoming Events

### **Monday, November 18 Board of Library Trustees Meeting**

Corona del Mar Branch Library  
410 Marigold Avenue  
5 p.m.

### **Monday, November 18 Aviation Committee Meeting**

Community Room, City Hall  
100 Civic Center Drive  
5:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, November 19 City Council Study Session**

City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
5 p.m.

### **Tuesday, November 19 City Council Regular Meeting**

City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
7 p.m.

[\(Insider's Guide\)](#)

### **Wednesday, November 20 Newport Village EIR Scoping Meeting**

City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
6 p.m.

## Homeless Update

The Homeless Task Force met on November 13 and voted to recommend to the City Council to restructure the Task Force as an Ad Hoc Council Committee to allow for a more rapid response to issues related to homelessness. If the Resolution to restructure the Task Force is adopted by the City Council on November 19, the Ad Hoc Committee will still hold regular public meetings regarding the City's strategies for addressing homelessness. The Homeless Task Force thanks the seven residents for providing their expertise and insights to the City's process and as a continued resource to the Ad Hoc Committee.

## General Plan Update - Listen and Learn Workshops

In the evening of Tuesday, November 12, The General Plan Steering Committee held its first *Listen & Learn* workshop related to the future General Plan update. It took place within Council District 2 at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center (870 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Beach). With just about 50 community members in attendance, the room was standing room only. Those in attendance listened to presentations focused on the General Plan, as well as the topic of the night, which was the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) determination of 4,832 units for the City of Newport Beach and what it means for the General Plan and Housing Element.

Attendees also participated in digital live polling and hands-on activities. One activity was deciding community values where each table had to prioritize its top five values and report out to the larger group. The second activity invited the attendees to determine where the current State-mandated 4,832 units should go. Overall, the evening was very productive with a lot of information shared. This was just the first of seven workshops. Community members are invited to attend any of the workshops. The upcoming schedule is as follows:

- November 20, 6-8 p.m., Newport Coast Community Center (O'Neill, Council District 7)

Visit the City's website for a complete listing of meetings and events at [newportbeachca.gov/events](http://newportbeachca.gov/events).

**Wednesday, November 20**  
**General Plan Update Listen & Learn Workshop**  
**Council District 7**  
Newport Coast Community Center  
6401 San Joaquin Hills Road  
6 p.m.

**Thursday, November 21**  
**General Plan Update Listen & Learn Workshop**  
**Council District 6**  
OASIS Senior Center  
801 Narcissus Avenue  
6 p.m.

**Thursday, November 21**  
**Planning Commission**  
City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
6:30 p.m.

- November 21, 6-8 p.m., OASIS Senior Center (Brenner, Council District 6)
- December 3, 6-8 p.m., Central Library Friends Meeting Room (Herdman, Council District 5)
- December 11, 6-8 p.m., Bonita Creek Community Center (Muldoon, Council District 4)
- December 12, 6-8 p.m., Marina Park Community Center (Dixon, Council District 1)

For more information and to get involved, please visit [www.NewportTogether.com](http://www.NewportTogether.com)!

### **Seismic Design Seminar**

The Community Development Department held a Seismic Design of Buildings seminar that addressed the new code changes for design of buildings and structures in this active seismic zone. The discussion focused on new provisions for site-specific design as it relates to seismic near fault sources. The seminar provided illustrations for design methodology, content and understanding seismic design requirements. The seminar will help design professionals to design compliant buildings and also assist City staff with understanding enforcement of the upcoming new code regulations.

### **Cottage Preservation Update**

On Thursday, November 21, 2019, the Planning Commission is scheduled to review revisions to the proposed cottage preservation code amendments. The Planning Commission originally reviewed the proposed amendments on October 17, 2019, and voted to continue the item to allow staff additional time to revise certain aspects of the amendments. Staff has since incorporated changes to address their concerns raised, including clarifying the applicability of the program, prohibiting short-term rentals, and reducing the amount of expansion permitted. The intent of the amendments is to provide a voluntary, incentive-based option for homeowners seeking to remodel, but preserve traditional beach cottages. Typically, cottages do not provide all the code-required parking and additions are limited to 10 percent of the existing floor area. The amendments would allow larger additions (up to 50 percent of the existing floor area or 500 square feet, whichever is greater) without providing the minimum code-required parking when the project would result in the preservation of the cottage character and building envelope that is representative of traditional development patterns in the City. Eligible projects would also receive relief from a building code valuation threshold requiring building code compliance as new construction.

### **Newport Village Mixed-Use Project: Notice of Preparation and Public Scoping Meeting**

Department released a notice of preparation and initial study for the Newport Village Mixed-Use Project (PA2017-253).

The proposed project consists of the construction of 122 residential dwelling units and 128,640 square feet of existing and new nonresidential floor area. The design includes a new publicly accessible waterfront promenade and 827 surface, structured, and subterranean parking spaces. The existing bulkheads would be reinforced and capped along the waterfront. The proposed marina design would add headwalk sections, a new gangway, and reduce the total number of slips from 68 slips to 63 slips.

The notice of preparation includes an invitation for public input regarding what should be studied in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The 30-day public comment period runs from **November 8, 2019 through December 9, 2019**. An electronic copy of the notice of preparation and project summary are available online: [www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa) and hard copies are available to view at City Hall and public libraries. All comments or other responses to this notice should be submitted in writing to: Makana Nova, Associate Planner, City of Newport Beach, Community Development Department, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660, [mnova@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:mnova@newportbeachca.gov), 949-644-3249.

The City will also conduct a public scoping meeting where attendees can learn more about the proposed project and the EIR process. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660**.

### **Insider's Guide for the Newport Beach City Council Meeting on November 19, 2019**

Our next City Council meeting is Tuesday, November 19. Items that may be of interest are highlighted below. The entire agenda, and all reports, can be viewed [here](#).

Study session begins at 5 p.m. for this meeting, and includes a discussion on proposed changes to the City's ordinance on short-term lodging, as recommended by the Council Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee has met several times and received public input on potential revisions. It is anticipated an updated ordinance will be introduced in early 2020.

The regular session begins at 7 p.m. and the following are items of note:

- On the consent calendar is the restructure of the Homeless Task Force, as recommended by the task force on November 12. The restructure into an Ad Hoc Council committee will provide greater public participation directly with Council members and allow recommendations to be made in a more expedited and efficient manner.
- Also on the consent calendar is the proposed consolidation of two existing waste collection contracts into one for commercial refuse removal services, following a procurement process. The single contract, to CR&R, provides for more efficient administration and expanded service terms to ensure compliance with new state laws diversion program requirements.
- For public hearing is approval of conceptual design for the Superior Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge and Parking Lot Project. This project includes a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge across Superior, and two design options are presented for Council consideration. The project also includes a larger replacement parking lot and a recreational area. Based on feedback from the community, three alternatives for the recreational area are presented, with a dog park included as one of the alternatives. If the concept design is approved, the project will move into final design and construction is estimated to begin summer 2021.
- Also on public hearing is consideration of a water rate increase. Water rates have not increased since 2014 and adjustments are needed to fund the increased costs to purchase and pump water, to operate the system, and fund the water system capital improvement program. To properly sustain the water system over the long term, 7.4% increases each year for 5 years is recommended. The average rate increase for the first year is approximately \$3.38/month per household. The first rate increase would be effective January 1, 2020.

- On current business is approval of a project design consultant for the proposed new Central Library Lecture Hall building design. At the March 12 Council study session, City Council endorsed support for this project and in July established the Library Lecture Hall Design Committee. The committee reviewed design consultant proposals and recommends Council award a contract to Robert Coffee Architects + Associates. The proposed fee of \$637,670 includes developing four conceptual designs, attending community and committee meetings, and presenting concepts to Council. The fee also includes the next phases of final design and planning approvals and preparing the construction bid documents. The time necessary to complete all of these phases and award a contract for construction is estimated to be 18 months. Project construction would be anticipated to begin summer 2021.