



The Week in Review

City Manager Grace K. Leung

December 6, 2019

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 10

City Council Meeting

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

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

Wednesday, December 11

General Plan Update Listen & Learn Workshop, Council District 4

Bonita Creek Community Center
3010 La Vida
6 p.m.

Thursday, December 12

Zoning Administrator

City Hall, Corona del Mar
Conference Room (Bay1E)
100 Civic Center Dr.
3 p.m.

Thursday, December 12

City Arts Commission meeting

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

Thursday, December 12

General Plan Update Listen & Learn Workshop

Council District 1

Marina Park
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.
6 p.m.

SB 330: Five Year Prohibition of Density Reduction

Gov. Gavin Newsom recently signed into law Senate Bill 330 – also known as the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 – aimed to stimulate homebuilding in California amid the housing shortage. Under SB330, new housing development that results in reduction of density is temporarily prohibited for five years beginning January 1, 2020. For example, during the time of this temporary prohibition, a residential duplex cannot be demolished and replaced with a single-family residence, as this would be a net loss of one unit. No deviations or specialized approvals granting exception from this state law requirement is possible. Please be advised that beginning January 1, 2020, all residential demolition projects must be submitted with plans for a replacement project that illustrate no reduction in density.

For more information on SB330, please call the Planning Counter at 949-644-3204

Homeless Update

Success Story - The United Way's Welcome Home OC staff and the City Net staff collaborated to locate an apartment in Anaheim for a chronically homeless Newport Beach man. The man completed the paperwork to begin the leasing process and will be moving in to his new apartment in the coming weeks. The man has been chronically homeless for many years and has overcome several health challenges while waiting for housing. The City Net staff has been working with this person for over a year to prepare his documents, navigate the County's care system, and locate an appropriate housing opportunity for him.

December 4 General Plan Update Steering Committee Meeting Recap

The General Plan Update Steering Committee (GPUSC) met on Wednesday, December 4, in the City Council Chambers. The GPUSC was presented with a very detailed General Plan diagnostic memorandum prepared by the planning firm of

Visit the City's website for a complete listing of meetings and events at newportbeachca.gov/events.

Thursday, December 12
Wildland Fire Community
Presentation

OASIS Senior Center
801 Narcissus Avenue
Corona del Mar, 92625
6 – 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 14
Council Member Herdman's
Town Hall

Balboa Island Fire Station
(Station #4)
124 Marine Ave.
Balboa Island, 92662
9 – 10:30 a.m.

Dyett & Bhatia. This memorandum provides an overview of the recent changes in State law and how the community's current General Plan needs to be updated for consistency with those changes. Another tool that was presented is the General Plan Element Guide, which provides a brief and easy-to-read overview on each of the current elements. These tools and other useful information are available online at www.NewportTogether.com.

The GPUSC also recapped the first series of community workshops with only two workshops left to go in the series. It was noted that the second series contemplated for early next year would likely need to shift gears in order to be more relevant to the update process and to attract better participation from the community. Another part of the outreach discussion was the initial list of stakeholders to interview. The GPUSC and members of the public provided input on which other groups should be added to the stakeholders list and staff indicated the list would be revised accordingly.

As a continuation of the larger update discussion, the GPUSC contemplated recommending to the City Council the creation of a General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), which would help shape the policies and goals for the update. In general, the GPUSC expressed concern with the speed of the process and recommended staff check in with the City Council, noting that the anticipated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) number of 4,832 units has shifted the focus. Staff will be bringing an item before the City Council in January for discussion and direction.

The next GPUSC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15 at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

For additional information, the Committee's page is found [here](#). You can also check out the General Plan Update webpage at www.newportbeachca.gov/gpupdate and the interactive website at <https://www.NewportTogether.com>.

Next Week: General Plan Update - Listen and Learn Workshops

On Wednesday, December 11 and Thursday, December 12, we will hold our sixth and seventh *Listen & Learn* workshops related to the future General Plan update. Wednesday evening's workshop will take place in Council District 4 at the Bonita Creek Community Center and Thursday evening's workshop will take place in Council District 1 at the Marina Park Community Center. The workshops will mirror the previous workshops in other districts and will include presentations focused on an overview of the General Plan, as well as 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. At both workshops, community members will be asked to participate in digital live polling and hands-on activities. One activity will involve a discussion on community values where each group prioritizes its top five values and reports out to the

larger group. The second activity will invite the attendees to determine where the current State-mandated 4,832 units should go in the City using Legos and a citywide map.

If community members are unable to attend, they are encouraged to participate [online](#).

For more information and to get involved, please visit www.NewportTogether.com!

Harbor Department Patrol Boats Delivered

On Monday, December 1 the City of Newport Beach Harbor Department accepted delivery of two new patrol boats, recently procured for the department following a request for proposals (RFP) process. The Maritime 210 Patriot patrol vessels are each twenty-one feet in length, center console design, and were manufactured by Chislett Boating of New Hampshire.

Each vessel is equipped with a 115 horse power Suzuki outboard engine, interior “cuddy cabin” for storage of field equipment and supplies, and feature a fuel capacity of 40 gallons. The vessels are also equipped with raw-water wash down pumps, which will be used by department staff to deter sea lions from boarding private vessels and docks within the harbor.

The boats will be utilized for daily Harbor Department operations – including patrols of Newport Harbor’s mooring fields, public docks, anchorage area, and other customer service roles in the harbor. The new boats will replace two catamaran-style boats that were being rented by the City through a local non-profit organization, used during the department’s first two years of operations.



Rain and Tide Recap

During the last week’s Thanksgiving holiday break, Utilities and Public Works staff were out pumping streets during the high tides and rain. We received 2.22-inches during last week’s Thanksgiving rain and 1.17-inches during Wednesday’s rain.

Insider’s Guide for the Newport Beach City Council Meeting on December 10, 2019

Our final City Council meeting for 2019 is next Tuesday, December 10. This meeting includes the reorganization of the City Council with the election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, and recognition of outgoing Mayor Dixon. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. with consent items and the reorganization is anticipated to begin at 7:15 p.m. The entire agenda, and all reports, can be viewed [here](#).

