

Planning Division

Resource Status and Major Work Assignments

Zoning Information & Enforcement

- Minimal staffing level for enforcement
- Minimal staffing level for plan check
- Counter staffing levels – a challenge to maintain
- Staff Hearing Officer – number of modification applications down
- Zoning Information Reports – applicant numbers are steady, staff working with SBAOR
- Pending Zoning Ordinance Amendments – list of items to address is extensive and includes: hedge amendment; clean up, clarifications not completed in prior efforts (front yards, parking, non-conformances, TDAO); historic property incentives; and response to SBAOR

Design Review & Historic Preservation

- Recruitment underway for Urban Historian
- Part-time hourly staff assisting due to Assistant Planner Vacancy
- Board & Commission Training
- Agenda items down on ABR & HLC, holding steady at SFDB
- Historic Resources Element – working with Task Force, schedule extended
- Historic Resources Work Program – extensive number of proposals; slow progress on: surveys, district plan, guidelines, designations, ordinance amendments, MEA update; and eventual implementation of Historic Resources Element
- Landscape Ordinance and enforcement concerns

Development & Environmental Review

- Staff reductions – mostly manageable given smaller number of new applications
- Maternity leave of Environmental Analyst – Sr. Planner coverage, impact on other Capital Projects and Historic Resources assignments
- Slow Progress/On-Hold – Update of Environmental Review Procedures and Initial Study
- Hillside House – DEIR hearing held now working on Response to Comments and concerns from applicant
- Foothill Triangle/Sansum – now working on Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Sycamore Creek – Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration hearing held, now working to finalize with Response to Comments, and working on completing NEPA review
- 1837 ½ El Camino de la Luz – Administrative Draft EIR is being reviewed
- Chapala Bridge – approved at Planning Commission, working with agencies for permits
- 1255 Coast Village Road mixed use project at PC
- Santa Barbara Bowl – completed Council concept review, submitted for CUP

- El Estero Drain restoration – environmental review
- Natural History Museum – Pre-Application Stage
- 457 N Hope – to be submitted to LAFCO to complete annexation
- Highway 101 HOV lane – Pre-Application Stage
- Entrada – substantial conformance compliance & progress
- Waterfront Hotel – building permit extension granted
- Veronica Meadows – Local Coastal Plan Amendment pending
- Youth Hostel – under construction
- Cottage Workforce Housing – under construction
- El Encanto – under construction
- Cottage Hospital – under construction