

Planning Division

Resource Status and Major Work Assignments

Zoning Information & Enforcement

- Minimal staffing level for enforcement – staff absence since March 2012, recently approved to hire part-time hourly staff
- Minimal staffing level for plan check; working with Building & Safety as well as AIA and SB Contractors Association to improve process
- Counter staffing levels – a challenge to maintain
- Staff Hearing Officer – number of modification applications picking up slightly
- Zoning Information Reports – very busy with requests; staff working with SBAOR on their serious concerns with timeliness, costs and enforcement
- Pending/In-Active 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

- Successful recruitment for Urban Historian Nicole Hernandez
- Board & Commission Training
- Agenda items slowly picking up for ABR, HLC, and SFDB
- Landscape Ordinance Amendment Pending and enforcement concerns
- Historic Resources Element Adoption
- Historic Resources Work Program – extensive number of proposals; slow progress on:
 - Surveys - Waterfront, Lower Riviera, West Downtown Update of DPR 523 Survey Forms in progress
 - District plan – ordinance & program, and designations pending for El Encanto ,West Beach, E. Cabrillo Blvd, Brinkerhoff, Lower Riviera, West Downtown, Plaza Rubio, Rosemary Lane, Diana Lane
 - City wide architectural Guidelines, Historic District Guidelines
 - Landmark Designations
 - Incentives ordinance amendments
 - MEA Guidelines update: 1st Phase update to MEA appendices; potential list errata, Landmark, SOM list updates 2nd Phase: Guideline edits and update to evaluation procedures
 - Prioritize implementation of Historic Resources Element - various Implementation Actions to be Considered
 - Purchase and implementation of Cultural & Historical Resource Inventory Database (CHRID) database which is compatible with State of California (OHP) master database and establishment of web interface
On hold as unfunded

Development & Environmental Review

- Environmental Analyst Staffing Reductions & Recruitment
- Slow Progress – Update of Environmental Review Procedures and Initial Study
- Mission Creek Flood Control Projects
- Hillside House – DEIR hearing held; now working on Response to Comments and concerns from applicant
- 1837 ½ El Camino de la Luz –Draft EIR was circulated for public review; working on response to comments
- Santa Barbara Bowl – completed Council concept review, –PC date for CUP is Nov. 1; back to Council for vacation of Lowena Drive on 11/13 & 12/4.
- El Estero Drain restoration – environmental review (consultant preparing Remedial Action Plan/ Habitat Restoration Plan; then environmental review)
- Natural History Museum – Pre-Application Review Stage
- Entrada – successful demo and seismic security for façade of Californian; new substantial conformance pending; & progress at HLC
- Waterfront Hotel – building permit extension granted; new concept being considered; Youth Hostel should be completed by the end of the year
- Veronica Meadows – Local Coastal Plan Amendment expired, next steps to be determined
- 101 State – Harbor View Inn Hotel Expansion Application review stage, almost complete, then environmental review
- 4151 Foothill (Foothill Centre) – application submitted to LAFCO; received Project Design Approval from ABR
- Children’s Museum – Received final design approval from HLC
- Under construction: 34 W. Victoria, Valle Verde, El Encanto; Cottage Hospital Phase 5 Demolition, a three-year phase has just begun there are two additional phases, Phase 6 construction and Phase 8 Remodeling, that will follow.