

# City Manager's Weekly Update

August 21, 2020

## **Economic Development**

### **Infrastructure & Property Development | LIBRARY MIXED-USE PROJECT UPDATE**

The Economic Development Department released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Owner's Representative on July 27th. An Owner's Representative is like a Project Manager who oversees the project, liaisons with contractors, and represents the City's interests and goals throughout the entire development and construction process. The City has used this model for past projects like the Tannery Arts Center and Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center. Proposals are due back on Thursday, August 20, and the hope is to have a contract in place by the first or second week in September.

### **Housing Development & Preservation | EMERGENCY EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM IN PROGRESS**

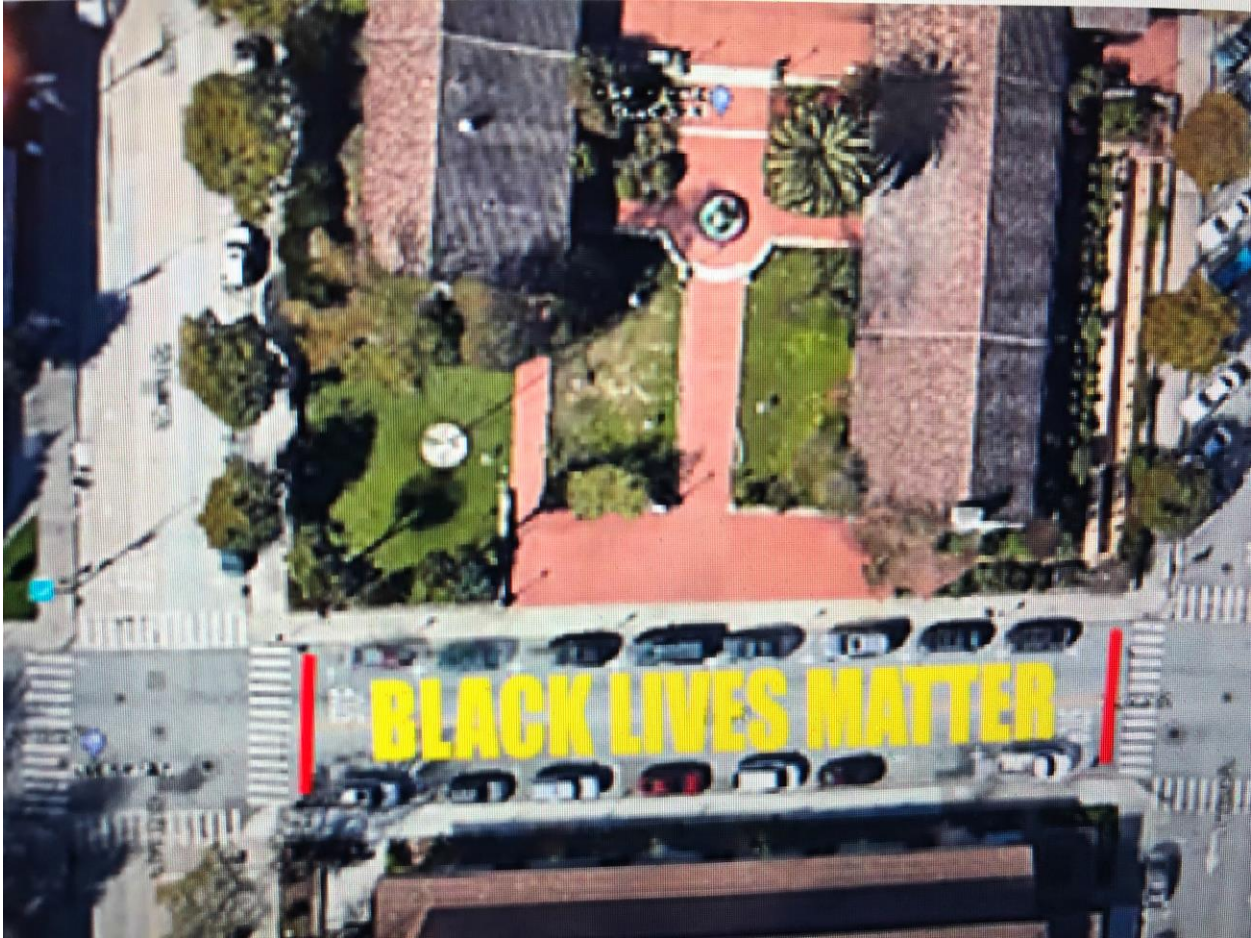
As previously reported, the City of Santa Cruz has partnered with Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County (CAB) to administer the Emergency Eviction Prevention Program (EEPP). The program was funded with \$200,000 of HOME funds for rental assistance and \$30,000 of CDBG-CV funds for program administration. The EEPP waitlist was opened on July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>. We received a total of 257 unduplicated applications. CAB is currently eligibility of the applicants and reaching out to those who are eligible. The applicants who did not meet eligibility requirements are being directed to other resources within the County of Santa Cruz.

### **Arts & Culture Development | BLACK LIVES MATTER MURAL PLANNING UNDERWAY**

The community organizers for the BLM Mural, led by local artist Abi Mustapha, muralist Taylor Reinhold, and Vice Chairperson of the City Arts Commission Sean McGowen are still busy organizing the installation of the mural on Center Street between City Hall and the Library.

Council approved the permanent encroachment permit at the June 23 meeting. Public Works staff reached out to the organizers the next day and collaborated closely as the traffic plans, insurance and other requirements were satisfied. The ten-year permanent encroachment permit was issued on July 20.

With the permit in hand, the organizers decided to obtain a permit for Gathering & Expression from Parks & Recreation. Their thought was that mastering that application process would be good experience for the annual event in the future. Because of the recent fire events, the tentative date for the BLM Mural installation is now targeted for Saturday, September 12.



## Public Works

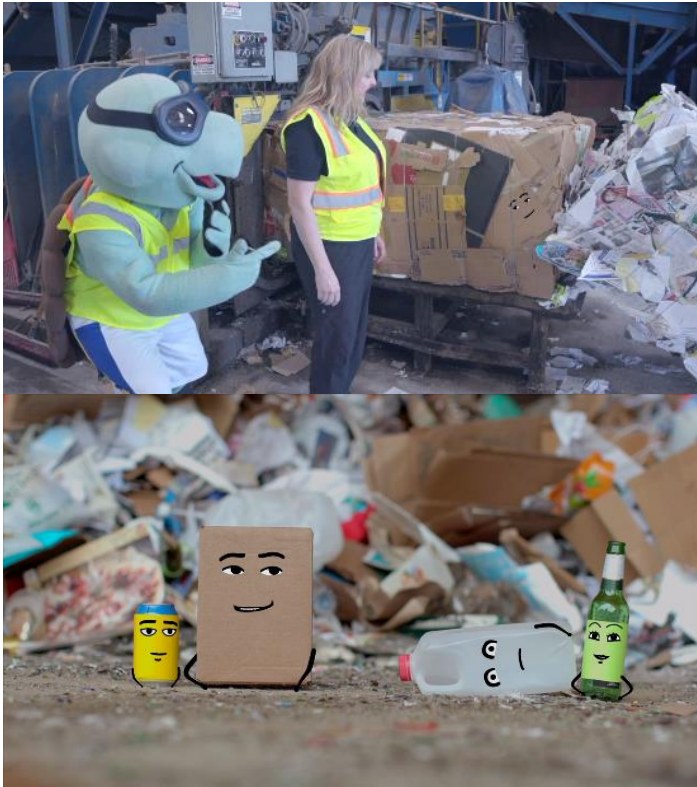
### Resource Recovery

Given the CZU Lightning Fires, our Dimeo Lane Resource Recovery Facility is closed until further notice. We will be taking garbage and recycling to Buena Vista and Marina. We have a limited crew on site to prepare the landfill to reduce fire risk.



Although COVID-19 has temporarily halted in-person visits to our Recycling Center, residents can now experience an entertaining and close-up tour online. Led by Santa Cruz Warriors mascot Mav'Riks, four

animated characters and our waste reduction manager, the 6-minute video reveals the ins and outs of the multifaceted recycling process at [www.cityofsantacruz.com/recycleright](http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/recycleright)



A 60-second version of the video stands alone with a focus on recycling contamination — the biggest industry problem nationwide. “People need to remember that things with food left on them, need to go in the trash,” says Bottle.

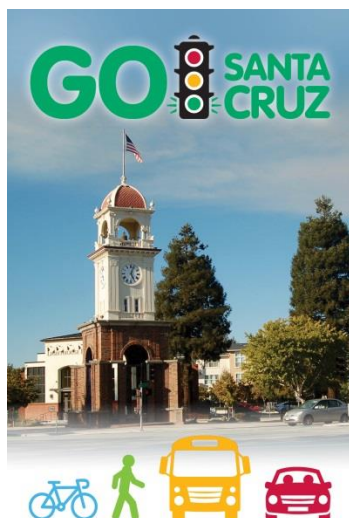




## Traffic Engineering/ Community Relations

We will soon be setting up the first 11 streets in our Slow Streets program. Details and updates are available [here](#).

This week's Street Smarts message offers advice for drivers to help keep cyclists safe. [Read more.](#)



## Parking Services

Our staff are handing out fire safety flyers to evacuees. CZU Lightning Fire resources and information can be accessed online [here](#).

## Wastewater Treatment Facility

Operators conducted a confined space entry into Solids Contact Tank #2, spending over 3.5 hours inspecting aeration equipment inside the tank. The Solids Contact Tanks are central to the secondary treatment process – without mixing and large amounts of aeration applied to stabilize the secondary solids, they would not settle out properly in the clarifier. Solids Contact Tank #2 is the last of the three tanks to receive all new aeration diffusers and a complete mechanical inspection in the last years. During the tank entry, operators used a custom tool fabricated by one of the lead mechanics to make sure the new diffusers were properly tightened.



The Maintenance and Electrical departments have reinstalled Cogen #1, which has been offsite for an engine block replacement and complete rebuild for several months. Under normal conditions this engine runs 24 hours per day, turning digester gas into 820kW of electrical power for running plant equipment. Without this engine the plant has been relying on Cogen #2, which is smaller by about 40%. The massive engine was delivered by crane and had to be carefully lifted in for reinstallation, which will take close to a week before it can be tested.



