



City Manager's Weekly Update

September 30, 2022

Economic Development

Business Development — UCSC Downtown Day October 7th, 4:00 – 7:00 PM

UC Santa Cruz, the Downtown Association, the City of Santa Cruz, and the Museum of Arts & History are partnering to bring students to see the vibrant downtown area Friday, October 7th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Downtown businesses donated goodies to fill “Sammy Swag Bags” for the first 200 students who check in at the information kiosk. Activities include a [walk-in job fair](#) from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at participating businesses for students interested in finding jobs, [Sammy Slug Raffle](#) for giveaways including a grand prize of \$200 Downtown Dollars, and free admission to the Museum of Arts & History beginning at 3:00 PM for students, staff, and faculty as part of the [First Friday ART Tour](#). Learn [more](#)



Parks & Recreation

30th Annual Aloha Outrigger Races

Due to inclement weather and unfavorable ocean conditions, the 30th Annual Aloha Outrigger Races were held on Saturday, September 24. City staff and Aloha Spirit were in full force! Congratulations to the Police Department (Santa Cruz Five-0) and Water Department (Water Boyz) in podium finishes, as well as our fellow Parks and Recreation Team (Rachel's Crew – Going Full B'Oar)!



A big mahalo to the Fire Department's Marine Safety Division for providing lifeguards and PWC, the Wharf Crew for set-up and break-down, the beautiful hula dancers from Kūhai Hālau O Mehanakealohakalaua'eikapoli Pā 'Olapa Kahiko, and the Pu Pu 'O Hawaii Outrigger Club for their continued partnership!

Planning

Public Outreach Meeting Held on the Future of 113 & 119 Lincoln Street



On Wednesday, September 21, 2022, a public outreach meeting was held via Zoom regarding the submission for the proposed redevelopment of two lots located at 113 and 119 Lincoln St. This proposal would accommodate the Downtown Library and Affordable Housing Project (CP22-0018), consistent with the City's Community Outreach Policy for Planning Projects. The project encompasses the construction of an eight-story, 307,968 sq. ft. building with a two-story City library to replace the

existing downtown library; a three-story parking garage; a five-story, 100% affordable housing component with 124 residential units; commercial tenant space; and a childcare facility. At the public outreach meeting, the applicant, city staff, the affordable housing developer, and project architects delivered a presentation providing an overview of the scope of work and design of the project. Planning Division staff attended the meeting and replied to inquiries regarding regulatory compliance, City processes, and other project aspects. Approximately 66 community members attended the meeting. A recording of the meeting, a list of attendees, a transcript, and survey results will be posted to the project webpage on the city's website.

1811-1815 Mission Street, "Mission Studios" Development

Last week, the Planning Department received an application from Peter Spellman Design, Inc. to construct a three-story, mixed-use development on two properties at 1811 and 1815 Mission Street. These properties are located within the Community Commercial zone district and the Mission Street Urban Design Overlay



District. The project site is currently developed with two single-family residences and two detached garages. The proposal includes demolition of the existing residences and accessory buildings and the construction of 797 square feet of ground-floor commercial space and 27 single-room occupancy (SRO) residential units (units with a maximum of 400 square feet and an average unit size being 334 square feet), common facilities, a residential lobby, and leasing office. A pre-application review was completed in early 2022 and the project has not changed significantly from the plans reviewed at that time. A community meeting was held as part of the pre-application review and because the application has not changed significantly, a second community meeting is not required. The application requires a public hearing before the Planning Commission.



Marriot Courtyard Issued Temporary Certificate of Occupancy

This week, the Building Division issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) for the Courtyard Marriott on Riverside Avenue. The TCO allows for occupancy of the new 152-room hotel. Staff will be hired and trained over the next month, and the rooms are expected to be open to guests within a month. This new hotel is an exciting and welcome addition to the Beach Street/Boardwalk area.

Public Libraries

Santa Cruz County Poet Laureate 2023-2024

A tradition going back to 2010, the Santa Cruz County Poet Laureate is an honorary position that elevates poetry, educates the community about the value of creative expression, inspires diverse voices to emerge, and increases access to our cultural resources. **The application period for the Santa Cruz County Poet Laureate is now open** — the application deadline is Monday, October 31 at 5:00 PM.

The Poet Laureate will be selected through a community panel process and officially appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The position is sponsored by the County of Santa Cruz Department of Parks, Open Spaces, and Cultural Services, in collaboration with the Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Arts Council Santa Cruz County, and Poetry Santa Cruz.

The Poet Laureate's duties are supported by a \$2000 grant funded by Arts Council Santa Cruz County. Questions? Call 1-831-427-7713 or email <poetlaureate@santacruzpl.org>.

Public Works

Engineering

At our Chestnut Street Storm Drain Replacement & Repaving Project, trenching and installing of the dual pipe storm drain system is nearly finished. The next steps are removing and replacing existing curb ramps to meet ADA requirements. Curb ramp work will continue for the next few weeks as the contractor replaces most of the curb ramps along Chestnut Street from Laurel to Green Street.

Operations

The annual San Lorenzo River Maintenance Project continues downstream from the Water Street Bridge. Phase 1 between Highway 1 and Water Street has been completed. Crews have started on Phase 2, downstream from the Water Street Bridge. Operations and Resource Recovery Sanitation staff have been helping coordinate the refuse and hazardous waste disposal for the San Lorenzo Benchlands project. After five days of clean-up, 86.21 tons of debris have been cleared.



Fleet Maintenance

Fleet Maintenance hosted a shared training on the division's new wheel loader which was delivered this week. This asset is part of Fleet's pool equipment and can be used by qualified staff in any department for their projects. The division's pool equipment is well-maintained by City mechanics and is an affordable way to use heavy equipment instead of renting from a private company.

Street Maintenance

Street Maintenance crews leveled the dirt area at the end of May Avenue and paved around the gravity outlets which support the Branciforte Creek channel. A fence will be installed to protect the gravity outlets from vandalism and trash.

Street Maintenance staff assisted in the installation of the solar-powered mobile ARC electric vehicle charger in Parking Lot 16. This was funded largely by the Bay Area Urban Security Initiative Grant.

