

City of Fillmore Weekly Update
04/18 to 04/25/10

Police

Crime Data:

The most significant event of the week was the traffic collision involving both assigned gang enforcement officers. This was a near fatal event on highway 126 at freeway speed, but through modern first response equipment and technology all involved parties have a great possibility of recovery. Both officers are recovering from the incident at VCMC. Captain Hagel is directly managing the care and well being of the officers and family members with backup from Sgt. Wareham. A deputy has been available to the family and friends 24 hours a day, with food and respite provided by the Sheriff's Command POST in the ER parking lot. Other officers are ready and able to temporarily replace these crime fighters in the area of gang violence suppression.

Prior to the collision you will note from below that the Fillmore Gang Unit lead search warrants at (9) different locations within the City in an effort to continue to reduce gang violence.

Search Warrants:

1100 block Los Serenos
400 block Fillmore x2
600 block River x3
1000 block Howard
600 block Via Rodeo
300 block of Market

Fights:

200 Block 3rd
400 Block Sepse
C st. @ El paseo
500 A St.
800 Goodenough

Domestics:

700 Block 4th
300 Block A St.
900 Block 1st St.

Thefts:

700 Burlington Street
300 Block 3rd

Traffic Collisions:

Hit and run 200 Block B st
Injury accident Ventura @ B St.
Non Injury 300 Block Central
Non Injury 500 Block Central

Burglary:

200 Block Santa CLara Street

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600 Block Mountain View

Party Disturbing:
700 Blaine
800 Goodenough
400 Millard
100 Santa Clara
300 Glen Way
700 River
Orient @ Burlington

Current Projects / Upcoming Events:

Leash Law Enforcement: We are continuing to enforce leash laws and collect loose dogs in the neighbor. We encourage citizens to contact the police when they see dogs off leashes. Our plan is to educate and enforce the leash law.

Community Outreach: Our quality-of-life enforcement focus this week and the coming weeks is alcohol consumption in our parks. Complaints have been that the adult softball leagues have become disruptive due to the volume of alcohol consumed prior to and during the games. We contacted all the participants on Thursday and Friday night and advised of the penalties including forfeiting their games. We will continue to extra patrol to avoid a serious incident.

Youth Outreach: We participated with the School District and participated in a program presented to all the elementary and middle school parents about the many resources and programs at the school. Safe campuses and the Adopt-A-Cop program were presented topics. Our Adopt-A-Cop program is being copied in Ojai and Moorpark.

Facilities, Parks & Recreation

Facilities:

Business as usual at all the buildings.

Events Planned:

Miss Fillmore Pageant: April 24th at the Veterans Memorial Building. It's a full house with 475 tickets sold.

Music Festival: The Music Festival was held on April 17th at the Towne Theatre and was a great success. Annette will be meeting with their committee in two weeks to start planning for next year.

Recreation:

Men's Slo-Pitch is in full swing at Shiells Park on Thursday nights.
Co-ed Softball is in full swing at Shiells Park on Friday nights.

Recreation programs coming soon:

Starting May 18th: Women's Slo-Pitch at Shiells Park.
Starting May: Kick ball League
Starting June: Dodge ball at the Community Center.

Aquatics Center:

Preparing schedules and programs for the upcoming summer months.
Senior Water exercise class being offered starting in June 2010.

Multi-Purpose / Senior Center:

Maintenance on the Multi-Purpose Center - preparing for the annual health inspection.

The Senior Center is running the salad bar twice a week Tuesday and Thursday along with hot meals served at the site.

Finance

Current Projects/Issues:

Finance staff is working on day to day assignments, utility billing, accounts receivable, utility billing, accounts payable and payroll.

Staff is continuing with budget preparations for the 2010-11 budget. Part of the process involves the Transitional Finance Director refining the revenue and expenditure estimates for this year and next. At this time, GF revenues are down and the GF expenditure side is being reviewed. As more information becomes available, we will keep you posted. All departments are involved in the process.

The water refunding bond documents are nearing completion. It has become very clear that a water rate increase will be needed as early in 2010-11 as possible to provide the required income to support the water operation and the coverage needed for the debt service. The rate increase will likely require a 218 hearing.

A new sweep account was set up at the bank to try to earn a bit more in interest for the City. The sweep account structure is such that after the City's general checking account reaches a certain dollar amount, the excess is "swept" into the new account where it will earn 1.54 percent. We were also able to negotiate an increase in the earnings rate on the general checking account itself that can be used towards fees charged by the bank. The earnings rate was ½ percent and is now 1.54%. The combined accounts are insured up to \$5 million. It should also be stated that L.A.I.F. is only earning about .6% right now, so the sweep account is an improvement over L.A.I.F.

Upcoming Issues/Events:

The department is watching the progress of the California Redevelopment Association's (CRA) lawsuit against the State of California to ascertain whether or not the Fillmore RDA will be required to pay in May 2010 the \$2,384,857 in housing funds to the County to mitigate the

State's budget woes. From what we are seeing from the CRA, there is optimism surrounding this issue. According to Urban Futures and the City Attorney's Office, the date the decision should be known is May 4, 2010. This judge is the same judge who heard the original case last year.

Fire Department

Calls:

Fire Department ran 27 calls: 19 medicals, 1 Vehicle Fire, 1 Traffic Collision, 1 Assist Other Agency, 2 Commercial Fire Alarm, 2 Public Service 1 Misc. Fire.

Current Projects:

Weed Abatement: The Fire Department has started doing annual field surveys to inventory properties which need to conduct weed abatement per State law. This item is on the agenda for April 27, 2010.

Fillmore Fire Academy: Saturday April 17th was the start of the first-ever Fillmore Fire Department Fire Academy. This first weekend went extremely well. Captain Billy Gabriel is the training Captain in charge of this Academy.

Disaster Preparedness: Disaster Coordinator Patrick Maynard is putting together a disaster presentation for City Employees next month. Date to be determined.

Thomas the Train: Fillmore FD will be providing first aid services this weekend.

Community Development Department

Planning Department

Carrera Boats:

Carrera Boats has been storing boats without a permit on the east end of Santa Clara. The applicant is working on storing the boats on a permanent basis at another site (Sespe Industrial Park) and has been working with City staff to complete that application.

Medical Marijuana:

City Council adopted a moratorium on April 13, 2010. City staff will study this issue further during the moratorium. The City Attorney will be requesting an extension of the moratorium from the City Council and it will appear on the agenda May 11, 2010.

Maggie Apartment Building:

City staff is pursuing Final Certificate of Occupancy for the Maggie Apartment Building on Central Avenue. No additional tenants will be permitted until final Certificate of Occupancy. The property owner has been notified of the outstanding issues. The largest issue is that the City Council deferred payment of Development Impact Fee until Final Certificate of Occupancy. The applicant sent a letter to the City Council requesting a revised deferment plan. The City Council directed staff to present the issue to the Finance Committee for a recommendation. City staff met with the applicant's consultant Monday to discuss the request.

333 Mountain View Demolished:

Planning Staff presented SRC with the property owners alternative site plans. The property is only 25' wide and is justified a Variance approved by the Planning Commission. The largest issue is to attempt to provide parking on the property.

454 Santa Clara St, Fillmore Café, fire damage repair:

Staff has reviewed 3rd plan check. Building & Safety has requested that the applicant submit additional details for further clarification to determine if fire sprinklers are required.

Taco Bell Demolition & Rebuild:

Plan Check #4 is complete and there are corrections to be made. The applicant expects the correction to be made and plans re-submitted by the end of next week for Plan Check #5. This is expected to be that last plan check. Once Building Permits are issued, the construction is expected to take 75 days.

The Groves, 970 Ventura Street:

The project looks complete but it still does not have Certificate of Occupancy and there are no tenants.

Cabrillo, Central Station (apartments):

Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has now been issued to all units including the 8 for sale units. The City Council Loan Committee will be reviewing four First-Time Home buyers on April 27th for the 8-for sale units.

The following items need to be completed before Final Occupancy is issued;

1. Property shall be annexed into the Landscape Assessment District
2. The City Council Loan Committee must approve the First-Time Homebuyers per the DDA

Thomas the Tank (TUP):

City staff completed its review of Thomas the Tank Temporary Use Permit. The event will occur on two weekends beginning April 16-18 and April 23-25.

May Festival (TUP):

The Chamber of Commerce submitted the application for the May Festival and the Staff Review Committee has completed its review. The Chamber requested an additional hour to serve beer on Sunday and this was granted. On Sunday, the beer consumption shall conclude at 8:30 p.m. with the beer booth to close at 8:00 p.m. and ticket sales for beer ends at 7:30 p.m.

Family Circus (TUP):

The Sunrisers Rotary Club has been approved a TUP for a circus the weekend of April 27th.

Public Works

Current Projects/Issues:

B Street Extension Construction: The base material was installed this week.

Maintenance efforts: Staff is still spraying weeds that continue to grow as a result of the rain, and the annual trimming of palm trees is being performed.

Closeout of Water Recycling Program Capital Project: Staff continues to work on completion items to wrap up the Water Recycling Program. Last Thursday a final walk was conducted to accept the Railroad Right of Way hydro-seeding for the 90-day maintenance period. The grass should sprout next week. Final landscaping is also being completed at the Plant. The contractors for the High School conversion, Middle School and Water Recycling Plant are working to finish final punch list items.

Status of the APCD permit revisions: The Air Pollution Control District permit for the new Water Recycling Plant is currently at the District for what should be final revisions. We are hoping to issued an APCD permit for the new plant next month. We have also hired an air quality expert consultant. He has submitted out testing protocol to APCD and we are now waiting for APCD to review the protocol. After APCD approves the protocol we will begin a monitoring program on the Bio Filter for air treatment. Then we will have to see how long APCD wants us to monitor the bio filter before they issue us a permit.

At issue is the draft APCD permit would have required us to install at least \$100,000 of permanent monitoring equipment on the bio filter. We counter offered to do hand monitoring and show them that the bio filter is operating well below limits and that periodic monitoring by hand will be sufficient to demonstrate compliance.

Santa Paula has some type of mechanical/chemical filter inside the building. Fillmore has a bio filter made of wood chips in three large beds outside. I would expect Santa Paula's discharge of treated air is from about a 4-foot opening from their building and easy to install monitoring equipment. Fillmore's are about 40-feet by 150-feet and outside the building. This design was chosen because of the significantly lower operating cost.

Master Plan for the WWTP/River Park: A request for qualifications and proposals for preparing a Master Plan for the incorporation of the old sewer plant site into the new Two Rivers Park will go out to interested park designers in May and July 2010 respectively.

Inflow and Infiltration RFP: A request for qualifications and proposals for repairing leaky sewer mains will go out to interested engineers in May and July 2010 respectively.

City Manager's Office

Current Projects/Issues:

Senior Center Agreement: Met with Marie Wren on Wednesday to go over the main points of the contract. Discussed employees, hours of operation, use of facilities, etc. These points will be put in a **draft** document and will be given to the Board President.

Equestrian Center: Rigo Landeros has been handling the day-to-day activities or questions for the Equestrian Center. Progress on the RFP will be slow until permanent staffing is available. A letter to this effect will be sent out.

Boys and Girls Club Agreement: Corresponded with the Executive Director and a meeting will be set to go over the agreement and to talk about the terms. The meeting will be set for either the next or following week. The temporary Deputy has all the materials, including the Council items and has been briefed.

Library Meeting: The budget is balanced for the upcoming year; however, Camarillo is requesting a redistribution of the costs. A meeting was held on Friday with the City Managers to discuss the cost distribution and formulas. A follow-up meeting will be held in two weeks.

Labor Negotiations: The preliminary meeting to discuss ground rules with the Local 501 and the negotiating committee has been scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2010.

Classification and Compensation Study: The consultants will be here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the upcoming week. They will meet with each employee and go over the Position Description Questionnaire the employee and supervisor has filled out. This step helps employees who have not filled out this type of form before and helps to ensure the duties are reflective of the job.