

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Actions Taken by the Dublin City Council

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December 15th, 2009

-The Site Development Review Amendment for the Alameda County East County Hall of Justice (a.k.a. the Courthouse) was approved. The new design is smaller and architecturally superior to the one approved in 2004. It is also set back further from the nearby residential neighborhood and provides more parking.

-An ordinance was introduced consolidate various private Newsracks scattered throughout the City into aesthetically pleasing City-owned Newsracks. The first two are to be installed on Dublin Boulevard using Corridor Improvement grant funds.

-The speed limit on Dougherty Road between Scarlett Drive/Park Sierra and Dublin Boulevard was raised from 35 mph to 40 mph

-The City Council modified its plans for Public Art at the Transit Center. Originally there was going to be artwork at the Iron Horse Plaza and the median of Campbell Green. The Council approved a modification to construct a larger, more significant piece at the center of the Iron Horse Plaza and will accept a \$50,000 privately donated, owned, and constructed piece from Avalon Bay at Campbell Green.

-A review of 12 traffic-calming measures undertaken by the City in Dublin Ranch was analyzed. Future improvements for additional signage and striping in Dublin Ranch were approved. The Council also initiated a pilot program to implement electronic speed feedback signs as an additional traffic calming measure. Other ideas were discussed as part of the Citywide Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program.

-The City Council adopted a resolution indicating its intention to partner with Alameda County and all of its municipal jurisdictions in a financing district to help fund energy efficiency efforts as part of the California First program. Originally the Council considered acting on its own, but more resources can be made available to Dublin residents and businesses through participation in the larger Countywide program.

-The City of Dublin became an official sponsor of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Earl Anthony Memorial. The tournament comes to Dublin in the "House that Earl built" from January 12-17, with the finals airing live throughout the country on ESPN at 10:00 a.m. PST on Sunday, January 17th. This is the first time the PBA has had an event in the Bay Area since 1992.

-A General Plan Amendment Study was initiated to modify the General Plan Land Use Designation of the Westernmost and Easternmost portions of the recently vacated right-of-way of Scarlett Court

-The City Council reviewed a report on the feasibility of hosting a Dublin Farmers' Market. Both the Pacific Coast Farmers Association and Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center have expressed interest. An online survey was approved to go on the City's website to gauge the interest of residents. The results will be reviewed by early February on whether to move forward on hosting a market from April through October.

-A resolution was adopted requiring the use of environmentally acceptable food utensils and packaging at large City events such as the St. Patrick's Celebration and Day on the Glen.

-Vice Mayor Kasie Hildenbrand and Councilmember Don Biddle were appointed to the Dublin Pride Week Committee

-The City Council will hold a disaster preparedness training session to receive an updated overview of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the City's disaster response plans, and the role of City Council Members during an emergency on Tuesday, March 16th from 5-7 p.m. before the start of its regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

-Amador Lakes was recognized for earning the 2009 Community of the Year award for all apartment complexes in southern Alameda County

-The Dublin Unified School District gave a presentation to the City Council on the many recent successes at Dublin High School