

**8. Public Works Department Reports**

Received and reviewed with no questions from Commission.

**9. Items Requested by Commissioners**

None

**10. Other Matters**

Commissioner DiVirgilio gave an update on the 100 Acts of Beautification to be completed in conjunction with or in anticipation of the upcoming Centennial Celebration in January 2007. The committee for this project is compiling a list of acts and has been contacting the many community organizations with regard to their ideas and participation. A Centennial Celebration website will be up and running soon. Once active, the website will provide all the pertinent contact information for the committee.

The Chamber of Commerce is interested in funding an initiative to acknowledge the men and women of the city over the last 44 years. A plaque would be purchased and placed in a location still to be determined on the Strand and would be completely funded. Mr. Morgan noted that the area under consideration is the eastern side of the Strand wall. The idea is one large bronze plaque stating that the Chamber of Commerce wishes to acknowledge and then smaller bronze plaques with the names of the recipients. If Commission has any questions or concerns he will take that to Council when he presents this item.

Commissioner Beste inquired about the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Flaherty stated that St. Patrick's Day festival will take place over two (2) days, Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.



Commissioner Winnek asked about status of the newsracks. Mrs. Punneo advised that this program has been implemented billed annually and is on-going. There are approximately eight spots available in the City. Mr. Morgan added that this program is working well. All racks have been permitted and are being better maintained.

Commissioner DiVirgilio asked about the status of the upper Pier Ave. project. Mr. Morgan said that the plan may not be heard by Council until April. After authorization is received, it would be in place May through July to get good feedback during peak and off-peak seasons.

At this time Commissioner DiVirgilio advised that he felt, a disservice was done to residents and Council at the February meeting. He said he feels that the Commission could have deliberated longer and given clearer direction to Staff. He does support the final decision, however. Mr. Morgan stated that there will be more time given to this issue as Council has sent this matter back to the Commission with direction to seek mitigation options after the signal is in place. A traffic engineer has been hired to perform the studies. It is recommended that another public hearing regarding 16<sup>th</sup> Street be held with the collected data expanded to include 14<sup>th</sup> Street through 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

**11. Public Comment**

Patty Egerer, Hermosa Beach, came forward to express concerns about the possible traffic on 16<sup>th</sup> Street once the signal is functional her thought that it would have been better suited at another location on PCH.

Commissioner Beste clarified that the signal was placed as a result of an on-going study and Commission was never directed by Council to determine the placement. Mr. Morgan further explained that the installation of the signal at this location was a result of development in this area.

explanation of fees, required permits, and provides sample plans. This document is also available in digital format, soon to be published on-line for applicant use and reference and will be available to the public tomorrow. This document will also be presented next month at a quarterly meeting with architects and developers. Mr. Morgan then proceeded to give the Commissioners an overview and discuss specific areas of the document.

Discussion among the Commissioners included the following:

- Clarification that this document does not need City Council approval since there is no policy involved, but is an information packet only.
- Whether all streets exempt from sidewalks are addressed within the manual – referred to Page 106, 4 of 4. Mr. Morgan to double-check this issue.
- Clarified that streets that are asphalt over concrete streets are to be treated as asphalt.
- Trench standards are included on Page 117, 1 of 1, but have not yet achieved the ultimate goal of addressing the uniqueness of Hermosa Beach. Mr. Morgan will double-check that the trench width is included in the document.
- Whether cement slurry should be the required standard for trenching.
- Clarification that other departments handle utility contacts so they are not included in this document.
- Agreed that this document is a good communication tool to assist residents.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Cheatham to Receive and File as recommended. Seconded by Commissioner Lombardo.

AYES: Applebaum, Beste, Cheatham, Lombardo  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Winnek  
ABSTAIN: None

## **7. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Cheatham requested an update on the newsracks:

- \* Council directed Staff to enforce existing ordinance rather than changing and installing new racks.
- Staff is enforcing the existing ordinance, which requires a \$15 permit for each newsrack location and meet all standards such as being in good condition, not blocking ADA access, etc.
- Limits have been set to limit the number of newsracks at each location. The top limit has been established at 18 (at the Post Office). At the Post Office, the racks were moved to the back of walk, facing the street thereby allowing people to open their car doors without banging them on the newsracks.
- Grace period extended to end of February 2004 for permits or newsracks will be removed.
- Ordinance standard allows 30" maximum width, which will be enforced.
- Most newsracks have been replaced with newer, modular racks.
- 90% have been permitted to date.
- Most commercial establishments would like to have them removed, but they are in the public right-of-way.

Commissioner Lombardo advised that the Tree Sub-Committee is still on going. Staff is in the process of working with the City Attorney for the proper language of the ordinance. The standard within this ordinance is being utilized.

Commissioner Lombardo informed everyone that the Dewey Memorial Project is still alive and well. Mr. Morgan indicated that the fund-raising continues. It was mentioned in the Spring catalog and we will look forward to a larger layout in the Summer catalog.