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September 2022 newsletter

Hybrid

City Council Meeting

Fuel Modification Changes

Tuesday, September 20, after 5
p.m.

Hybrid

Planning Commission

Meeting

Downtown Specific Plan
Changes

Wednesday, September 21, 6
p.m.

In Person

Promenade Workshop

Susi Q Center

Thursday, September 22, 6:30
p.m.

Via Zoom

September General Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 7 p.m.

Via Zoom

October Board Meeting

Saturday, October 1, 9 a.m.

Membership Endorses Two for Council

At the meeting of the general membership at the Felders' on September 7, after Q&A with the candidates and a lively discussion, Village Laguna members voted to endorse Mark Orgill and Jerome Pudwill for City Council. After the August 29 forum and the discussion at the endorsement meeting, it was clear to those present that none of the other candidates fully matched Village Laguna's mission. An earlier meeting had produced an endorsement of Laguna Residents First's Measure Q, so our task now is to spread the word. The next general meeting will feature Mark and Jerome and a spokesman for Q. We'll gather via Zoom on Thursday, September 29, at 7 p.m. (note the change in day of the week forced upon us by the community's crowded political calendar). The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89331143910?pwd=ZUU1NDJtbWV1d2c4OE dOMU13N2Vxdz09>.

First Permanent-Promenade Workshop Set for September 22

The first of two public workshops on making the Promenade permanent will take place on Thursday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Susi Q Center. Billed as an information-gathering session, it will be an opportunity for the community to provide input to the City's design consultant that will be used in the preparation of the two conceptual plans to be considered. Meanwhile, the online survey is still available on the City's website at promenade@lagunabeachcity.net, and input in other forms is reportedly also welcome at that address.

Save the Date! Outdoor Movie Night October 29 and 31

Village Laguna is planning a scary-movie night for Saturday, October 29. Save the date now and watch for further information in the next newsletter.



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Proposals Requested for Updated Climate Action Plan

The City Council has issued a request for proposals for the preparation of an updated climate action plan with the following objectives: (1) provide an inventory of all greenhouse-gas emissions and establish clear reduction targets and strategies that will permit the city to achieve or exceed a goal of net zero emissions by 2045 or sooner; (2) identify risks and vulnerabilities and map climate adaptation and resiliency strategies; (3) incorporate community and stakeholder input in the development of the document; and (4) measure, monitor, and report on the progress and effectiveness of the resulting plan. The Environmental Sustainability Committee and the Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Committee both had extensive input into the request. Proposals are expected by October 27.

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The City Council has decided to purchase the abandoned St. Catherine's School for \$23.5 million, borrowing \$11.5 million to do so. Possible uses for the property, as reported by

the Laguna Beach Independent (August 19), include a pool, a civic center, a cultural arts center, and a parking structure, and perhaps the school district's early childhood programs. The Planning Commission will conduct the required hearing about the consistency of the purchase with the General Plan on September 21.

City Accepts Open Space Easement for Property below 1587 Atlantic Way

The open space easement that was promised as a condition of approval for a road extension that would allow the construction of a house at 1587 Atlantic Way has just been transferred to the city. It amounts to 35 acres of the 40-acre property, occupying the highly visible steep hillside below Thurston School and extending to Canyon Acres Drive, and has three mapped watercourses and high-value habitat. Plans for a 3,590-square-foot house with access from Atlantic Way were approved in October 2021 and, with minor modifications, survived an appeal by the immediate neighbors and the Laguna Canyon Conservancy in January of this year.