



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 27, 2018
TO: City Council
FROM: Dan Buckshi
RE: Weekly Report
CC: Executive Team, Staff, Commissioners

Arts + Recreation

DRAA Jazz Series kicks off this weekend

The Diablo Regional Arts Association is proud to announce the lineup for this year's "Jazz at the Leshner Center" concert series. The series runs Saturday evenings from July through September, with a set of not-to-be-missed performances. From world-renowned piano masters to soaring vocalists, the series brings internationally acclaimed jazz artists to Walnut Creek.

2018 Schedule:

[Bria Skonberg with Wycliffe Gordon](#)

July 28, 2018 @ 5pm & 8pm

Hailed as one of the "most versatile and imposing musicians of her generation," Bria Skonberg takes the Leshner stage with special guest Wycliffe Gordon.



[Marcus Roberts' The Modern Jazz Generation](#)



August 11, 2018 @ 5pm & 8pm

Pianist/composer Marcus Roberts has been hailed "the genius of the modern piano," and will present The Modern Jazz Generation, a community of like-minded musicians who love working together.

[Eliane Elias](#)

August 18, 2018 @ 5pm & 8pm

GRAMMY-winning pianist/singer/songwriter Eliane Elias, known for her distinctive and immediately recognizable musical style which blends her Brazilian roots and sensuous voice with her virtuosic instrumental jazz, classical and compositional skills, graces the



Leshner stage.

Gerald Clayton Quintet with Dayna Stephens

August 25, 2018 @ 5pm & 8pm



Pianist/composer Gerald Clayton, known for his musical narratives with harmonic curiosity and critical awareness, is joined by bold saxophonist Dayna Stephens.

Community & Economic Development

New Apple Store Building at Broadway Plaza

After one year of construction, the new Apple store building at Broadway Plaza received its Certificate of Occupancy (CofO) on July 18, 2018. Since the permit's issuance last July, the Development Service Team (Building, Planning, and Engineering) worked very closely with the contractors to expedite the approval process for field changes and to allocate appropriate resources to conduct timely inspections. Staff of three Divisions frequently met to have "one voice" on City requirements, and diligently coordinated with outside agencies (Fire, Sanitary, and PG&E). After learning of Apple's schedule for opening, the Chief Building Official organized three coordination meetings within a month to ensure that all project milestones were reached as scheduled.

Apple's grand opening is this coming Saturday, July 28.

Application for PG&E "EV Charge Network" Program

Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in California and in Walnut Creek. The Governor, in his State of the Union speech, forecasted that the number of electric vehicles (EV) on the road will increase from its current number of 350,000 vehicles on the road to a goal of 5 million vehicles on the road by 2030. The state is putting significant funding toward more EV charging infrastructure. Several automobile manufacturers have stated their goal to shift toward producing more, and in some cases only, zero emission vehicles in the 2020-2030 timeframe. In addition, the California Public Utilities Commission approved PG&E to launch a new "PG&E Charge Network" program that will install 7,500 EV chargers at workplaces and multi-family dwellings, and cover infrastructure construction costs. MCE is also offering an additional rebate to help offset the cost of the actual EV charging station.

City staff from CED, CMO, and Public Works have begun working on a plan to install additional EV charging stations at our own City facilities as part of our Climate Action Plan implementation and to prepare for the increasing number of EVs in the community. The PG&E and MCE programs are an opportunity to leverage the current funding allocated in the Capital Budget to install a greater number of EV chargers at City facilities. Staff are submitting an application this week to PG&E showing our initial interest, and we will work with their team to refine potential locations. The funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Idle Free Outreach Update

CED staff is continuing to conduct community outreach on how to be “Idle Free” to improve public health, improve air quality, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by not idling vehicles when parked. The Air District’s Community Air Risk Evaluation Program has identified parts of Walnut Creek along the I-680 freeway and Ygnacio Valley Road as having higher levels of particulate matter and ozone pollution. The City’s outreach is targeted to schools (children’s health is more impacted by poor air quality), existing and new drive-up service businesses, and the general public. In April, staff highlighted taking a pledge to be Idle Free to employees and the community, and an Earth Day proclamation was made at City Council. In May, staff presented to the joint meeting of the City Council and Walnut Creek School District on upcoming outreach to schools. This summer, staff will be reaching out to public schools to encourage them to share Idle Free information with students and parents as part of their Back to School campaigns. Schools can access free resources online at idlefreebayarea.org, and the City can provide them with a free Idle Free Zone parking sign to install on school property. The summer issue of the Nutshell highlighted the Idle Free pledge to the public. In the fall, staff will work to contact our existing drive-up service businesses to make them aware of the Idle Free resources online, which they can share with customers. In addition, staff are exploring whether language can be included as a condition of approval for new drive-up service businesses that requires installation of a sign encouraging customers to turn off vehicles while waiting. Contact Cara Bautista-Rao at bautista-rao@walnut-creek.org with any questions.

Public Works

Walnut Ave. Ygnacio Canal Trail Crossing

The contractor for the Walnut Ave Ygnacio Canal Trail Crossing project will begin construction on August 6. The project is funded through a Transportation Development Act Grant through MTC and Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees. The project will make physical improvements to the trail crossing and add a pedestrian signal. The trail crossing will be closed to allow the contractor to make the improvements and notices are up on the trail now. The contractor’s schedule estimates the trail being closed through the month of August and into mid-September.

Council Schedule

August 7, 2018 – City Council Meeting

Special Meeting, 4 pm, Location – Council Chamber

- NDSP – CED

City Council Regular Meeting, 6pm, Council Chamber

- Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Update – Board Member Mike McGill (P)
- Consideration and approval of First Amendment to Employment Agreement between the City of Walnut Creek and Dan Buckshi (CC) – CA

- Update on City Council Priorities (CC) - CMO
- Grand Jury Response – Joint Powers Authorities, Report No. 1808 (CC) – CMO/CA
- Rescind Admin Policies as a Result of Revised Personnel Rules & Regs (CC) – Clerk
- Ballot Initiative Update (4 measures) (CC) – CMO
- The Foundry (MND Addendum, GPA, PD Rezone, Parking in Lieu, TR, TED) (PH) – CED
- Reso re Marijuana Regulations – Business License Fees (PH) – CED
- Closed Session – Property Negotiations

City Council Recess

August 8 – September 3

September 4, 2018 – City Council Meeting

Special Meeting, 4 pm, Location – TBD

- Closed Session – Labor (2 groups – PMA and Teamsters)
- Closed Session – Lark Creek *tentative*

City Council Regular Meeting, 6pm, Council Chamber

- Rob Schroder, 90th Birthday Proclamation (P)
- Pain Awareness Month Proclamation (P)
- Blueprint for Success Update and OpenCounter Launch (P)
- Updated COI Code (CC) – Clerk
- League Position (2 items) (CC) – CMO
- McKay Meters financing agreement for the purchase and installation of 1,600 parking meters (CC) – CMO
- ADU Ordinance Amendments (PH) – CED
- WDSP – 1st Reading of Ord – WCMC Title 9 and 10 Changes, Final EIR (PH) – CED

SS – Study Session, P – Presentation; CC – Consent, PH – Public Hearing; C – Consideration