

CITY OF MONTCLAIR

Montclair Civic Center
5111 Benito Street
Montclair, CA 91763

July 11, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: June 28—July 11, 2013

➤ **CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- Two weeks ago, I reported that County Supervisor and Metro Chairman Mike Antonovich introduced a motion requiring Metro staff to update Los Angeles County's Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment to include the latest project information for all Measure R projects. Measure R is a one-half percent sales tax measure for new transit projects approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2008 and sent to the ballot by legislative mandate under AB 2321. Specifically, Antonovich identified the need to update inaccurate information for the Gold Line Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Claremont project, which currently only reflects completion to Azusa.

To facilitate the decision, the Gold Line Construction Authority provided the Metro board with accurate information required to complete the voter-mandated project to Claremont. Updated information included changing the estimated project cost from \$758 billion to \$1.714 billion, and the project completion date from 2015-16 to 2022.

If the Metro list of projects accurately reflects the total cost of the Foothill Extension of about \$1.714 billion, and lists the project in its entirety, then San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)—San Bernardino County's transportation agency—will take the baton and support bringing the light-rail line across the county line to Montclair, and ultimately to Los Angeles/Ontario International Airport, making it the first east-west rail line to serve inside an airport in Southern California.

In addition, the Metro Board received a number of letters from regional agencies and cities along the Foothill Extension corridor, including Montclair, asking that outdated information be corrected, and that the Board include funding to complete the Foothill Extension Project to Claremont.

Twelve members of the state Legislature from the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire also asked the Metro Board to postpone a decision, presumably to allow a different Metro board to decide which transit projects get built sooner rather than later during the next three decades. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, whose eight-year term as mayor ended June 30, was seen as oppositional to the Gold Line Foothill Extension project; he was also seen as carrying too much control over Metro Board members.

Regrettably, the majority of the Metro Board, including the city of Los Angeles delegation and other sub-regional representatives, voted against the Antonovich motion.

In lieu of updating the expenditure plan with corrected information, the board requested two staff reports on the Measure R Program: One pertaining to a description and current project cost estimate for each of the unfunded elements of the Measure R Program; the other a report of the status of the second and third decade projects. Neither report would address the original motion to update the Measure R Expenditure Plan. The reports are due out in the next 60 days and will be up for discussion at the Metro Board's September meeting.

➤ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- Yesterday, the Senior Center was beaming with red, white, and blue as Montclair Walkers celebrated their annual potluck with a patriotic theme. Performer Dianne Chavarria sang patriotic songs and also held a sing-along with participants. The Walkers were invited to take pictures in front of a famous landmark backdrop and patriotic games were enjoyed by all.

A picture collage is included on Page 7.

- The 2013 Summer Concert Series kicked off its first two weeks with performances by *Remember Then* and *Ron Johnson Band* on July 2 and 9. Approximately 150 people each week came out to enjoy the live music in the park with their families and friends.

Join us next Tuesday, July 16 for a performance by *Mariachi El Aventurero*. In addition to free activities for children and refreshments for purchase, the Splash Pad will be open until 8 p.m.

The concert schedule for the rest of the summer is:

July 16 *Mariachi El Aventurero* (mariachi music)
July 23 *The Silverados* (country)
July 30 *The Ravelers* (classic rock)

Photos of the last two concerts are shared on Page 8.

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Police Department staff participated in the first Countywide Gun Buy Back Program on June 1. A total of 1,424 firearms were voluntarily surrendered during the course of the day. Twenty-three firearms were assault rifles, nine were reported as stolen, and two had been reported lost. While law enforcement officials are diligently working to return the stolen and lost weapons to their rightful owners, the bulk of the firearms were melted down into reconstructive rebar on June 20 at Gerdua (formerly Tamco) Steel Mill in Rancho Cucamonga. Chief Mike deMoet joined Sheriff John McMahon and other San Bernardino County police chiefs to witness the gun-melting process.

The objective of the Gun Buy Back Program is to take firearms off the streets and out of homes so they do not fall into the hands of criminals where they can potentially be used during the commission of violent crimes. The program, funded through Proposition 30—Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012—affords San Bernardino County residents an opportunity to voluntarily surrender in a safe environment firearms they no longer wish to possess.

The rebar will be utilized in the construction of buildings, freeways, parking garages, and other concrete structures.

- Brian Ventura was sworn in as Police Lieutenant by Chief Mike deMoet on Tuesday in a ceremony attended by members of his family and peers. Lieutenant Ventura was promoted from Police Sergeant on July 1. He has been with the Police Department since 2001.

Brian will be officially introduced as Police Lieutenant by Chief deMoet at Monday night's City Council meeting.

Congratulations, Lieutenant Ventura!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Captain Roger Mora instructed radio classes for Fire Department staff on June 26-27 and July 9. Captain Mora focused instruction on new narrow-banded channels and the general operation of the Department's VHF, UHF, and 800Mhz radios. Also included were mobile and portable radio operations and emergency activation procedures.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

- Work is winding down on the project to construct new restroom facilities at the Community Center. The project, which started construction last December, is about two weeks from completion. The new restroom facilities were designed based on the size of the Community Center and are fully compliant with Americans with Disability Act requirements. The total project cost is approximately \$350,000, with funding provided through the federal Community Development Block Grant program.

The new restrooms will be completed long in advance of their need for the *State of the City Address* on October 2.

➤ **SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION**

- There is no new information to report this week.

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"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

~ Abraham Lincoln

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15	Code Enforcement Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
15	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
18	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
18	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	2:00 p.m.
22	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
30	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.



Montclair Walkers Potluck



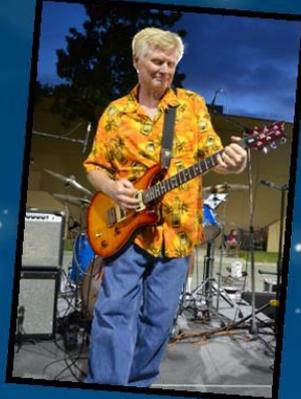
July 10, 2013



Concerts in the Park



REMEMBER THEN July 2



RON JOHNSON BAND July 9

