



City Council Meeting
Public Comments
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Item # oral communications

Subject code enforcement

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Ed Gallo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Kudos with a slight caveat to our Code Enforcement team. This past Sunday afternoon I decided to file a request to code enforcement using the Report It app regarding an urban outdoorsman encampment on E. Valley Pkwy which apparently just moved about 100 yards east of the building they formally camped after it burned down a few months ago. By Tuesday afternoon all the tents, bicycles and debris had been removed. As i drove by the site, which was very visible for weeks being only 10 feet from the street, I cheered in awe that the removal was so quick. Thanks to the Report It app which everyone should have on their phone. The caveat is why was this encampment allowed to be in plain sight of the vast amount of people who traverse E. Valley Parkway daily. Again, thank you CE for your quick response.

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Item # Oral Communication

Subject cool zones

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jackie Abrams

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

COOL ZONES: What, if anything, has been done to insure we have cools zones available to those who need them for the upcoming season. Have the area schools been contacted, and arrangements made to use cafeterias and gymnasiums? Has the county been approached/partnered with to provide available services to this portion of our population? Case workers can be made available to determine eligibility and do on-spot intakes for food stamps (Calfresh.) Medical and Calworks (cash assistance for families with children) General Relife (cash assistance for the homeless) and Domestic Violence counseling and more.

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We, the neighbors in the immediate vicinity of the upcoming construction project, are writing to express our collective concerns and share our thoughts on several important aspects related to the project. As residents who will be directly affected by the construction activities, we believe it is crucial to address the following concerns and suggest measures that can help minimize the project's impact on our community:

Traffic: We recognize that construction projects often bring increased traffic to the area. To mitigate the impact on our neighborhood, we encourage the consideration and implementation of traffic management strategies, such as the construction of dedicated turning lanes, roundabouts, or traffic signal improvements. Additionally, we suggest the incorporation of bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure to promote alternative modes of transportation and enhance safety for all residents.

Aesthetics: The visual appeal of our neighborhood is important to us, and we would like to propose the inclusion of recreational areas, green spaces, and landscaping features in the project design. These additions would not only enhance the aesthetics but also provide spaces for community gatherings, outdoor activities, and relaxation. Moreover, we believe the integration of dog parks or designated dog-friendly areas would cater to the needs of pet owners in our community and contribute to a vibrant and inclusive environment.

Environmental Concerns: As advocates for the preservation of our local ecosystem, we encourage the incorporation of sustainable design principles and environmentally friendly practices into the construction project. This may include the use of energy-efficient materials, stormwater management systems, and native plant landscaping. By protecting and promoting native plant habitats, we can help support local wildlife and maintain the biodiversity that makes our neighborhood unique.

Noise: Construction-related noise can be disruptive to residents' peace and well-being. To mitigate the impact of noise during the construction phase, we suggest implementing measures such as noise barriers, scheduling construction activities during less sensitive hours, and utilizing quieter construction equipment. Minimizing noise disturbance will contribute to a more harmonious living environment for all residents.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute our ideas and suggestions for the upcoming construction project. By considering the inclusion of recreational areas, bike lanes, dog parks, green spaces, and sustainable design practices, we can help minimize the project's impact while enhancing the overall quality of life in our community.

We look forward to further discussion and collaboration to address these concerns. Please provide us with the meeting details and any additional information you may require.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns and for considering our suggestions. Together, we can create a project that not only meets our community's needs but also enhances our neighborhood's vitality and sustainability.

Yours sincerely,

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Item # 10

Subject AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) STATUS

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Dan Forster

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Mr. Mayor and Honorable Council Member's,

Thank you for allowing us to extend this request. As a proud member of the Escondido Downtown Business Association (EDBA), I am writing to bring to your attention a proposal that we believe would significantly enhance the festive spirit and economic vitality of our downtown area during the holiday season.

As you are aware, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has provided our city an opportunity to invest in projects that can uplift our community and stimulate economic growth. With this in mind, we request that the City Council consider allocating a portion of the ARPA funds to support the EDBA in organizing and executing holiday decorations in the heart of our downtown.

The EDBA has a proven track record of fostering community engagement and driving foot traffic to local businesses. By investing in an installation of captivating and visually appealing holiday decorations, we aim to create an inviting atmosphere that encourages residents and visitors alike to explore our downtown area, patronize local shops, and contribute to the growth of our local economy. With ARPA funding, the EDBA would be able to procure high-quality decorations, such as enchanting lighting displays, beautifully adorned trees, and festive street banners, all specifically designed to captivate the imagination and spread holiday cheer.

It is important to note that the EDBA will work closely with the City Council and other relevant departments to ensure that the proposed decorations adhere to safety guidelines and complement the overall aesthetic of our downtown area. We are committed to creating a holiday ambiance that reflects the unique character of Escondido and celebrates the diverse businesses and cultural offerings that make our city truly special.

By investing in these holiday decorations, the Council would not only contribute to the economic well-being of local businesses, but also strengthen the sense of community pride and togetherness during the holiday season. The positive impact of such an initiative would extend far beyond the businesses themselves, bringing joy to residents, attracting visitors, and fostering a strong sense of civic identity.