



**TO:** Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

**SUBJECT:** Director's Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive the Director's Report on current events and projects supported by the Neighborhood Services Department.

**DISCUSSION:**

**DELTOPIA EVENT PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

As the Commission may recall, the parking restriction program for the Halloween Event was placed on a hiatus at the recommendation of Law Enforcement and the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Standing Committee. This decision was due to the lack of parking activity and UCSB's efforts to provide alternative entertainment opportunities. The recommendation stated that the 2026 Deltopia restrictions are best kept in place. This year's Deltopia event is proposed to take place on the weekend of April 3rd or April 10th, with the April 3rd weekend appearing as the most likely option. Parking will be by permit only and will begin on Friday evening and last through Sunday morning. Emergency Preparedness personnel will notice residents, distribute the parking passes, and will monitor violations over the weekend.

**STATE OF THE CITY**

The Goleta Community State of the City is taking place on Wednesday, April 15 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Goleta Community Center (5679 Hollister Avenue). This event, in its ninth year, will have a new format. The Mayor and the entire City Council will be presenting on the City's accomplishments and challenges. Simultaneous Spanish interpretation will be available and light refreshments provided.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive at 5:00 p.m. to check out the City information tables. At the tables, City staff will be available to talk about upcoming projects and programs. This is also an opportunity for the public to mingle with the City Council, City staff, stakeholders and fellow Goletans. At 6:00 p.m. the main program will begin featuring the Mayor and City Councilmembers giving a State of the City Address, followed by a Financial Update from Goleta City Manager Robert Nisbet. The program ends with the popular Q&A session featuring City of Goleta Department Directors.

**NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES WORKPLAN**

On Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> the Neighborhood Services Department will present their workplan to the Goleta City Council at their regularly scheduled meeting. The information that was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission in January of this year, related to the Parks and Recreation Division will be carried forward to the City Council, in addition to the other divisions within the Department.

**STOW GROVE PARK UPDATES**

The Stow Grove Park project continues to advance, with significant progress occurring in the design phase and related implementation steps.

On Monday, March 9, 2026, the Planning Commission conducted a 65402 hearing to determine whether the proposed new easement within Stow Grove Park—intended to support installation of a water line for Stow Company LLC—is consistent with the City’s General Plan. As the Commission may recall, the location and configuration of this easement were developed in accordance with the Stow Grove Park Master Plan.

On Tuesday, March 17, 2026, the City Council is scheduled to consider final approval of the new easement. This action includes authorizing execution of a quitclaim deed for the existing easement and approving a modification to the current deed of gift to remove one of its restrictions. This modification was negotiated with the Stow family and is necessary to accommodate the new restroom facility and future maintenance and support structures identified in the Master Plan.

In the coming month, staff will return to the City Council with requests to authorize procurement of the playground equipment and restroom facilities. Due to extended manufacturing and delivery timelines for these items, early authorization is essential to maintain the overall construction schedule for the project.

**UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS**

The organizations listed below have applied for Special Event Permits with the City of Goleta.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Sponsoring Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>
4/8/26 5/13/26 6/3/26	Deckers and Santa Barbara Running Association Community Run	Deckers Brands and Santa Barbara Running Association	Deckers Headquarters to UCSB

For more information on the upcoming events, please visit the sponsoring organization’s web page.

**Respectfully Submitted:**



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Neighborhood Services Director