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Monthly Newsletter

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**CCDC Budget Review at City Council, No cuts so far.** Thank you to those who could come and support our projects. Next review, Tuesday, June 9, 2 PM Council Chambers.

**Railroad Quiet Zone.** No progress.

**Waterfront.** No news on any projects. Coastal Commission staff reviewing again.

**Federal Courthouse.** Construction started.

**Civic Centre Complex.** CCAC and CCDC recommend negotiations with winning developer to get best and final bid. City Council to review.

**Main Library.** Council directs CCDC study inclusion in new Civic Centre.

**Parks.** Interim Leash free dog park under discussion. Replace parking lot at Market/G St between 11th & Park Blvd. Other interim locations to be studied. Permanent site in Parks planning.

### Community News

**Little Italy. Joy or Curse??** West Coast Wellness 2215 Kettner is apparently a Medical Marijuana Coop, another is apparently planned for Broadway, between 8th & 9th. Landlords report other inquiries.

**Little Italy.** Sidewalk repairs, corner curb and street lights. Underway.

**Cortez.** Family Center Completion slips to Nov. Signal at Front & Cedar Construction June.

**Cortez.** Street lights-Phase 1 underway to complete in Jan, 2010.

**Marina.** Signals for Market & Union and Market & 3rd construction in fall.

**East Village.** Signals at Market & 9th, Park Blvd & Island, Park Blvd & J St. Start in fall.

**Gaslamp Quarter.** 5th & L Park fountain turned off. Included in Parks planning for future.

**Downtown.** New lighting/lamps installed on East side of First Ave between A St. & C St., and West Side of Second Ave between Broadway & C St. Please forward comments to John Anderson: [anderson@ccdc.com](mailto:anderson@ccdc.com)

**June General Membership Meeting.** Wednesday, June 24, 5:30 PM at the Red Circle, 420 E Street (between 4th & 5th Ave). Guest Speaker Shirley Horton, President, Downtown San Diego Partnership. The Partnership oversees our Clean and Safe Program. Please note non-members are requested to pay \$5 at the door. Please post the attached flyer for your neighbors information.

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**Information Items:** None

**Consent Items:**

**1. Parking Meter Utilization.**

Gives authority to Mayor to respond to requests from Community vice current City Council process.

**2. Red Velvet Wine Bar. *Little Italy.*** In the new Q on Fir St.

**3. 15th & Commercial Replacement housing. *East Village.*** Formalizes plan to replace existing housing in new project.

**4. Seniors Transitional Housing Program.** Approval of annual program. Provides hotel rooms for seniors.

**Action Items:**

**1. Civic Centre. *Core.*** Proposal to do nothing or enter Exclusive negotiating Agreement (ENA) to determine cost of new Civic Centre. Briefed on and discussed many scenarios and reviewed developers proposal for New Civic Centre. Includes City Hall, City Operations Building, Concourse, Parking Garage and Civic Theatre. Recommended approval of ENA.

**2. Parking Program. *Little Italy.*** Plan to open private facilities for public use and possible valet program. Administered by the Little Italy Association Business Improvement District. Recommended Approval.

**3. Parks Needs Assessment.** Received brief on study of park and open space needs assessment

for Downtown. Conducted as part of Community Plan implementation. Accepted. Forwarded for action.

**New Permit Requests.**

LI. Rooftop Antennas. Allegro Tower 1465 Kettner Blvd.

**Entertainment (ENT):** None

**Sidewalk Cafes (SWC):** None

**Pending Permits.**

GQ. ENT. Oestra 904 5th  
 GQ. ENT. Taste & Thirst 715 4th  
 GQ. ENT, Nicky Rottens 560 5th  
 GQ. SWC, Cirus 536 Market  
 GQ. SWC, Royal Thai 467 6th  
 GQ. SWC, Las Hados 558 4th  
 GQ. SWC, Shawarma 543 4th  
 GQ. SWC, Cremerie 509 5th  
 Core. ENT. Haji Babe 801 C St.  
 Core. Roof Patio at Se 1047 5th.  
 EV. SWC, Broken Yolk 355 6th  
 EV. SWC, El Vitral 815 J St.  
 EV. Parking Lot. 95 stalls at 1400 Sixth Ave.

**Granted Permits.**

**Conditional Use Permits:**

LI. Alcohol sales Red Velvet Wine Bar 750 W. Fir. Off premises Wine only.

**Neighborhood Use Permits:**

EV. SWC, J St Resturant, 390 10th  
 GQ. Funky Garcias 421 Market  
 GQ. Tabule 535 5th

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