Council Briefing

May 2010

Administrative Services

Fiscal Services:

- New police alarm permits issued in April totaled 36, bringing the fiscal year total to 322. The total number of active permits as of April 30 was 4,999.
- Invoices billed in April totaled 1,286, with a valuation of \$420,363. Invoices billed for fiscal 2009-10 to-date total 6,723, with a valuation of \$4,193,179.
- ➤ General checks and direct deposits in April totaled 763 and 268, respectively, with a valuation of \$7,365,634. General checks and direct deposits for the fiscal year-to-date totaled 6,362 and 2,508, respectively, with a valuation of \$65,075,723.

• Information Technology:

- Staff was instrumental in designing and implementing the Google Fiber Network site for the City. Citizens were able to map their home addresses to the website to show their support of the project. In addition, IT posted several YouTube videos by local businesses that were made to support the project.
- ➤ IT staff completed the mapping for the Police Department for crimes in the City. This mapping will allow quick access to what types of crimes are being committed and where.
- Purchasing: In April, the Division processed approximately 186 purchase requests; created approximately 123 purchase orders and change orders; and saved \$3,960 through early payment discounts. The Division also achieved \$1,207 in cost savings through competitive quotes, cooperative purchases and state/government resources. Central Services made 108,350 copies in April, and processed 11,940 pieces of mail.

Revenue:

➤ In April, 208 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that sum, 140 were businesses in Fullerton and 68 were located out of the city, but doing business here. Business tax collected for new registrants totaled \$16,779.

- ➤ A total of 152 businesses closed in April: 66 in the city and 86 out of the city.
- ➤ Business certificates renewed in April numbered 929, which totaled \$137,150 in business tax collected.
- Utility Services: In April, the Division answered 2,161 calls and processed 3,216 cash register transactions totaling \$19,907,359. Of the transactions, 959 were credit cards, 995 checks, 564 cash, and 169 direct deposits.

Community Development

Customer Service:

- A resident called to find out what to do about a neighbor who captured an owl and had it caged in his backyard. Community Preservation staff called Fish and Game and obtained a number at the federal level to report incidents involving wildlife and then called the resident and relayed the information.
- ➤ Community Preservation staff conducted weekly inspections of Iris Court and found properties which had not removed graffiti for more than a week. Two Administrative Citations were issued.
- While on patrol, a Community Preservation Officer noticed a five-foot, four-tier metal shelf hanging precariously from a tree branch over the southbound traffic lane of Brea Boulevard, north of Panorama Drive. Fearing the shelf may fall onto a passing car, the Officer called the Maintenance Services Department, which responded to remove it.
- ➤ Housing staff answered questions from several citizens regarding the Heritage Walk development. Most of the questions asked how to buy a home and who can qualify.
- A senior citizen seeking to relocate to an affordable housing apartment in Fullerton was concerned about whether the locations she was interested in could abandon their agreement and convert to market rate rents. Staff reviewed the Owner Participation Agreements for each and shared with her the specific restrictions for each of the locations she was considering.

Community Engagement:

- Flyers for local foreclosure prevention workshops are posted in the City Hall lobby and circulated for posting in all City community centers and both libraries.
- Community feedback on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan was solicited via the City web site, Facebook and Twitter.
- ➤ Planning staff met with Juanita Razo, CSUF associate dean of students and Maricela Alvarado, Greek life coordinator, to discuss the status of fraternities and sororities in

Fullerton. Planning staff will meet with them and current Greek presidents in the coming month to discuss City expectations and community involvement.

Economic Development:

- Building staff met with the design/build team for the proposed Gold's Gym at the Amerige Heights Shopping Center regarding a separate demolition and sewer tie-in permits and swimming pool requirements.
- ➤ Planning staff worked with SCAG staff and consultants on concepts for an imagination exercise on what the view on Harbor Boulevard between the Transportation Center and the 91 Freeway. The concept was presented at the SCAG General Assembly May 6.
- Public Health and Safety: Planning staff coordinated a meeting with Community Preservation, Building and a business owner at 321 E. Commonwealth Ave. to assist him in resolving outstanding building, community preservation and permit issues.
- Quality of Life: Planning staff contacted HUD to express interest in applying for a Sustainable Communities Grant and began the process to set up the City when the Notice of Funding Availability is released.
- Volume Of Work and Professional Development:
 - ➤ Weekly meetings continue for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Offers were submitted for two properties (one in Fullerton and the other in Costa Mesa).
 - ➤ Following the unexpected suspension of Rehab Financial Corp. operations in March, 39 purchase orders were established to facilitate the in-house production of monthly rental assistance checks to TBRA recipients without interruption, commencing with April rent.
 - ➤ Planning staff completed an update to the Development Activity Map and is constructing an interactive web application for the data.
 - ➤ Director John Godlewski and Planning Manager Al Zelinka attended the 2010 National Planning Conference in New Orleans. At the conference Manager Zelinka was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners.
- Community Preservation: In April, the Division had 722 active cases; received 273 complaints (2,357 fiscal year-to-date); resolved 211 complaints (2,130); conducted 722 inspections (7,212); issued 73 courtesy notices (789), 106 first notices of violations (1,070), and 36 citations (327); granted 30 extensions (279); received 36 graffiti complaints (247); sent 20 compliance letters (329); arranged pick up of 24 large items, such as sofas (301); and billed \$7,400 in revenue (\$66,454).
- Building Division: In April, the Division: received 295 new plan submissions; conducted 120 over-the-counter plan checks; made 839 inspection calls; conducted 1,429 inspections; responded to 21 complaints; conducted 10 NPDES inspections; conducted 67 mechanical,

electrical and plumbing plan checks; handled 1,582 customers at the counter; and issued 417 plans and permits.

Planning Division:

- ➤ Following are the Division's April statistics for the front counter: general planning and zoning inquiries 117 at the counter, 40 by email and 96 by phone; property specific inquiry residential 27; property specific inquiry 23; over-the-counter plan check 63; and business registration inquiries 34.
- ➤ Following are the Division's April statistics for the planning projects: minor site plan one completed and three new; major development project one completed; administrative restaurant use permit one completed; subdivision one completed; hearing per conditions one completed and one new; and other one completed and five new.

Engineering

- Project Development and Design: Bids are now being accepted for the Tennis Center
 pavilion renovations. The scope of the project includes interior demolition and remodeling to
 add new office space, a pro shop, warm-up room, storage area, kitchen, concession area,
 improved bathroom and locker facilities, and a concrete ramp. With estimated construction
 costs of \$740,000 to be covered by both the Brea Dam and Park Dwelling funds, the project
 is anticipated to start in August.
- Construction Management: Work is expected to be completed this month on the signal modification at Orangethorpe and Highland avenues and on signing and striping on Orangethorpe from Magnolia Avenue to Lemon Street. The 40-working day \$118,018 contract was awarded to PTM General Engineering Services Inc. in December. Construction began in mid-March. To date, signal upgrades at Orangethorpe and Highland have been completed, and striping sandblasting and painting for an additional lane in each direction remain to be finished.

Water Engineering:

- ➤ On Sept. 29, 2008, the City Manager mandated a 10 percent reduction in water consumption when compared to a three-year average of calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006. Water Engineering, Parks and Recreation and Maintenance Services have been working together to reduce the water usage at all City-operated sites. For calendar year 2009, the City saved approximately 15 percent, or 35.9 million gallons of water. In the first quarter of this year, the City saved approximately 14.1 million gallons, which is a 56 percent reduction in water usage when compared to the target three-year average.
- ➤ In May 2009, the Water Division installed, as a pilot project, a water circulation system inside the Hawks Pointe reservoir. The system, manufactured by SolarBee, is solar-powered and designed to improve water quality within water storage reservoirs. Prior to installation of the new system, Hawks Pointe reservoir testing showed periodic declines in chlorine residuals. This occurred, in part, from poor water circulation inside the

reservoir, which then resulted in loss of available chlorine. The new circulation system utilizes a solar panel on the top of the tank which provides power to the mixing system which floats on the water inside the reservoir. Water is then pumped from the bottom to the top of the tank in a circular motion. The results of the Hawks Pointe reservoir pilot project showed enhanced water mixing, elimination of temperature stratification, reduction in water age, and improvement in overall water quality. Subsequent to this success, five circulation systems were installed last month at other reservoir locations. Additional reservoirs are being evaluated as candidates.

- ➤ Even though rainfall has been above average this year, the Board of the MWD has voted to continue the current level of the Water Supply Allocation Plan until June 30, 2011. The MWD reports that if current Delta pumping restrictions were not in place, the region would have been able to make modest improvements to water reserves; Instead, enough water to sustain the needs of a city like Fullerton for more than five years bypasses the pumps and flows into the San Francisco Bay. This means that Fullerton's current level of conservation will continue for at least one more year.
- ➤ In a separate action, the MWD Board passed a two-year water rate increase of 7.5 percent per year. The Board cites higher costs driven by Delta pumping restrictions as the primary factor behind consecutive 7.5 percent annual water rate increases. As a result, Fullerton will "pass-through" a 4 percent water rate increase, which will be presented to Council at its June 1, 2010, budget hearing.

Fire

- Statistics: The Department responded to 839 requests for service in April, which was down from the 955 calls received in April 2009. Of those requests, 663 were medical aid calls, 34 were fires, two were hazardous materials incidents, and 51 were service calls. In addition, the Department responded on 84 automatic aid calls, and received 108. Of the 663 medical aid calls, 451 were advanced life support and 212 were basic life support.
- Suppression/Notable Activity and Responses:
 - ➤ At 1:25 p.m. April 2, multiple units responded to a residential fire in the 600 block of W. Knepp Avenue. Firefighters discovered an outside water heater shed on fire, with the fire extending into the home's attic. Fire personnel quickly extinguished the flames. The origin of the fire was determined to be accidental, and was caused by a rag soaked with wood finishing material in a trash can near the structure. Damage was estimated at \$75,000 to a structure valued at approximately \$450,000.
 - At 10:46 a.m. April 4, Engines 2, 3 and 6, Battalion 1 and neighboring units were dispatched on a structure fire in the 2300 block of Emery Ranch. On arrival the crews found that County units had already extinguished the fire in the two-story, multi-unit condominium. Fullerton units checked the upstairs, walls and the attic for fire extension with a thermal imaging camera. It was determined the fire had been accidentally started by the occupant who had left the unit with five candles burning. No injuries were reported. The loss was estimated at \$13,000.

- ➤ At 9:27 a.m. April 8, Engine 5 responded to a call of a woman in full cardiac arrest. The Paramedics immediately defibrillated the patient and continued full arrest protocol. The patient regained pulse, respiration and blood pressure, and was taken to a local hospital.
- At 7:50 a.m. April 9, Engine 4, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to the intersection of N. Lakeview Avenue and N. Euclid street on report of a traumatic injury. A tree trimmer had been hit in the leg when a cut branch bounced back. The leg was fractured and crews had to use a Stokes basket to remove the patient from his tree trimming position eight feet off the ground. The patient was taken to a local hospital.
- At 3:39 a.m. April 12, Engines 3 and 5, Truck 1, Battalion 1, the Fire Marshal and neighboring fire units were dispatched on a fire call in the 2400 block of Fender Avenue. On arrival, the crews found two large semi-truck trailers behind an industrial building that were fully involved in fire. Both trailers were a total loss. Fire units prevented the fire from extending to the building. One of the trailers had been used as a makeshift living area and Fire personnel searched the burned-out trailers and found no occupants. The cause of the fire is undetermined. Damage was estimated at \$50,000.
- ➤ At 8:32 a.m. April 12, a full structure fire contingent responded to an automatic fire alarm in a restaurant in the 1000 block of S. Harbor Boulevard. Firefighters found smoke and flames coming from a roof façade. The crews made a forced entry and advanced a hose line to the roof to extinguish the fire. Cause of the fire is under investigation and the damage was estimated at \$15,000.
- ➤ At 9:18 a.m. April 14, Engine 1 was dispatched to the 400 block of W. Valencia Drive on a medical aid for two gunshot victims. The victims were assessed and treated by Paramedics before transport to an area hospital.
- At 1:49 p.m. April 18, Engine 2 responded to a call in the 1100 block of W. Williamson Avenue. On arrival, Firefighters found a 10-hour-old infant wrapped in a towel inside a plastic grocery bag in a closet. They checked for life signs, but the infant was dead.
- ➤ At 6 p.m. April 18, Engine 2 was sent out on a grass fire in the 2500 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue. The fire had been extinguished by the property owner. The fire was started by a spark from a lawn trimmer.
- Downtown Activities: At 1:01 a.m. April 17, Engine 1 responded to the 100 block of W. Wilshire Avenue on a report of a 27-year-old man who had fallen and hit his head. The patient was treated on scene and taken to a hospital for further evaluation and treatment.
- Public Events/Requests: CERT training sessions were held in April. Twenty-one citizen volunteers completed the course and are members of the CERT.

Human Resources

• Personnel Services: In April, Human Resources processed one new nonregular employee, three regular promotions, two nonregular promotions, two regular separations and one nonregular separation.

Risk Management:

- ➤ Ten new liability claims were filed in April, 15 claims were closed, and no lawsuits were served.
- ➤ Eleven new workers compensation claims were filed in April, 10 claims were closed and two new lawsuits were filed.

Library

- Far Away Places: Passports continue to be a much sought after item. In April, the Circulation Desk staff processed 276 passport applications and took 134 passport photos.
- New Additions: New bike racks were installed at the Main and Hunt libraries in April. They replaced the existing racks and can accommodate additional bikes.
- Helping Out: Library staff members participated in the Pre-School Family Festival at Independence Park in April. The event, sponsored by the Fullerton School District's Child Development Services, drew an estimated 1,000 people. The Library's Children's Services staff helped the young children make sun visors, and spoke to parents and caregivers about the programs and services available at the Hunt Branch and Main libraries.
- Children's Library Celebrates Earth Day: In honor of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, Children's Services celebrated with two different After-School Club programs and a display. "Earth Day Every Day" was held at the Main Library and featured earth-friendly crafts. The second program, held at Hunt Branch Library. was called "Chemists Celebrate Earth Day," and featured members of the Orange County Section of the American Chemical Society. Children were assisted by students from Fullerton and Irvine Valley colleges in conducting hands-on experiments. At both programs children were encouraged to think green and continue to help the Earth.

Maintenance Services

Administration:

- ➤ The Department received 1,372 service requests in April, completing 1,127 (82.2 percent) in the month. Of the total requests, two were emergency requests and have been completed. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests 823, or 60 percent of the total.
- ➤ In April, the Department's support staff received 1,807 calls, an average of 95 per workday, or 48 for each of the two primary customer service personnel.

Facilities:

- ➤ In April, the graffiti crews removed 61,100 square feet of graffiti from 529 sites, bringing the year-to-date totals to 560,435 square feet removed from 4,770 sites.
- Nolberto Torres completed 60 custodial inspections of City facilities.
- The capital project to replace the jail elevator and upgrade the Highland Avenue Police building elevator has been awarded.
- ➤ Construction is under way on replacing the fencing around the small pool at Independence Park's Janet Evans Swim Complex.
- Sewer Division: In April, the Division: hydrojetted 23.4 miles of sewer main; root cut/mechanically treated 4,764 linear feet of sewer main; mechanically treated 83 sewer laterals; conducted 15 CCTV inspections of laterals and 57 Source Control inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 30,106 linear feet of sewer main; approved 136 Lifeline and three Large Lot applications; received 31 sewer fee calls; and received 40 service requests.
- Street Division: In April, the Division: used 57 tons of asphalt for patching, 16 tons for digouts, and 61 tons for Water Division digouts; used 22,020 pounds of crack sealer; ground 61 sidewalks; planed 100 square feet of asphalt; cleaned 520 drains and 257,979 linear feet of sidewalk; maintained, fabricated and cleaned 478 signs; steam cleaned 197,299 square feet of sidewalk; swept 2,790 curb miles; used 61.89 tons of asphalt skin patch; and applied 140 gallons of street paint.
- Equipment Division: In April, the Division performed 24 general preventive maintenance (PM) inspections, two BIT inspections, one aerial Inspection, 87 PMs, 14 smog inspections, two smoke tests, and two motorcycle PMs.

Water Division:

- ➤ In April, the Division produced 681,953,920 gallons of water. Of that amount, 57.52 percent 392,261,000 gallons was pumped from wells and 42.48 percent 289,692,920 gallons was purchased from the MWD.
- > Following is the list of water main breaks that occurred in April:

SIZE	LOCATION	PIPE TYPE	POSSIBLE CAUSE	YEAR INSTALLED
8"	917 Bernard Dr	Cast Iron	age	1961
6"	2129 El Rancho Vista	Cast Iron	age	1963
4"	Wilshire @ Drake	Cast Iron	Sewer Contractor	1922
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Landscape Division:

➤ West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, performed the following services from July 1, 2009, through April 30: pruned 14,443 trees; removed 405 trees; and planted 495 trees.

- West Coast Arborists replaced seven California sycamore trees at Hillcrest Park.
- The Tree Division received 53 tree-related service requests in April.
- Red Imported Fire Ants were reported at three locations during the month, and crews also responded to seven reports of bee activity.
- Projects completed by Division crews in April included:
 - Independence Park sod and mulch installation completed
 - Chain link fence was repaired at Valencia Park
 - Trail fencing and gate repaired at Parks Road Trail
 - All athletic fields were aerated and fertilized over spring vacation
 - Vinyl fencing and end caps replaced at Panorama Trail
 - Pooch Park's large dog area was renovated and hydro-seeded
 - Several medians were replanted with drought-tolerant species

The Division received 43 landscape-related service requests in April

Parks and Recreation

- Capital Improvements:
 - As part of the recently completed entry hardscape and landscape improvements related to Independence Park, site furnishings, painting, and swimming pool fence enclosure improvements are in progress and will be completed by June.
 - The Union Pacific Trail Phase II project has been postponed. As part of a continuation of the first section (Transportation Center to Highland Avenue), this phase would extend the trail west to Richman Avenue and on to Independence Park. The project is currently in review, and a determination will be made as to how to move forward at a later date.
 - ➤ The Lions Field project continues to progress, with completion slated by August.
 - Laguna Lake Park trail improvements continue to move forward along the Bud Turner Trail, adjacent to the lake. Approximately 70 trees will be planted along the Bud Turner Trail with grant funds from SCAQMD.
 - ➤ Construction bids are being sought for the Fullerton Tennis Pavilion improvements. The project is slated to start construction as early as August.
 - Staff and the design team continue to move forward with completion of the conceptual phases for the Fullerton Community Center. The team will consider and incorporate comments and recommendations from potential users, City commissions and the public, which have been obtained during public review of the initial design studies of the facility.
- Senior Multi-Service Center:

- ➤ The Center began two classes in April. The annual eight-week "It's Your Estate" educational seminar began April 7 and has averaged 91 persons per session. This program is sponsored by Professional Fiduciary Services, in partnership with the Center, community charitable organizations and local financial professionals. A six-week "Healthy Living" began April 14, and has averaged 15 persons per session. The program is sponsored by Americorps and is led by We Care volunteer instructors.
- ➤ The Kaiser Permanente-sponsored "Enjoying Life with a Smile!" lecture series began in April. The six-session program examined themes related to humor and positive attitudes for successful aging. Attendance averaged 24 persons per session.
- The volunteer income tax assistance program concluded April 15. The 16 tax volunteers assisted a total of 424 individuals during the 11-week program sponsored through AARP.

Gilbert and Garnet Community Centers

- ➤ Twenty-one teens concluded a 10-week rock climbing workshop at Rock City in Anaheim. Besides promoting physical fitness, the workshop focused on teamwork and self esteem building. The teens put their rock climbing skills to work on a weekend camping trip to Joshua Tree National Park April 30.
- ➤ Garnet After-school Program students put together a beautification project and planted a garden outside the Community Center. The students take turns tending the garden.
- A six-week parenting class concluded at the Gilbert Center. The class, provided in Spanish by Olive Crest, offered parents skills to assist their teenagers in the transition from junior high to high school, how to achieve success in school, and how to communicate on difficult topics such as drugs and sex.
- Latino Health Access taught seven families car seat safety April 27 at the Gilbert Center.
- ➤ The Gilbert Center hosted its second Health and Fitness Fair April 24. Twenty-five service providers made available health screenings and health promotion materials to the estimated 300 attendees. Second Harvest volunteers distributed 5,000 pounds of food, serving 180 families. The Lions Club's mobile hearing and vision clinic provide 69 exams and Latino Health Access performed 120 glucose and blood pressure screenings. In addition, trained staff and volunteers fitted and distributed 60 bicycle helmets to children under 18. Other service providers included Community Action Partnership, St. Jude Medical Center, F.A.S.T., WTLC, Alcoholics Anonymous, American Red Cross, Cal Optima, Caremore, OC Vector Control, and OC Head Start.

• Tiny Tots:

- ➤ Increased enrollment was found in all three preschool classes during April. 55 children enjoyed spring parties and creating funny bunny crafts.
- Final information was made available to kindergarten-bound families, and former preschoolers are beginning to volunteer and share their elementary school skills.

Pre-registration took place for 12 upcoming summer sessions and enrollment is looking encouraging.

Tennis Center:

- More than 6,500 players used the facility in April in spite of a few rain days.
- ➤ The Center hosted 19 USTA matches, including all of Servite High School's matches. In addition, the Center held the 4th Annual Fullerton Spring Junior Satellite Tournament, drawing 142 players, most from Orange County.
- On May 1-2, the Center was one of 12 sites for the Anaheim Junior Designated, a large tournament with more than 1,000 participants. The Center hosted many USTA matches, as well as finished off the Servite teams' regular season. On May 21, the Center will run a charity tournament, with proceeds going to the NAMI organization which helps people with mental illness.

Youth Sports:

- ➤ Little League, Softball, Soccer and Rugby teams continue to have a great season in spite of a few rainy days. Here are a few highlights:
 - Golden Hill Little League is celebrating its 54th season. The League had more than 500 players who participated this season. One of their players, Dieter Miller, 12, was recognized at the Little League World Series last year as the "Good Sport of the Year" for Little League.
 - Fullerton Hills Softball hosted 350 local girls from the ages of 4-15 in five divisions.
 The League will have nine teams playing in the All-Stars.
 - Fullerton Rangers have 78 teams, more than 90 coaches, and more than 530 boys and girls ages 4–16. Participation for spring season increased more than 80 percent.
 - Rugby teams are growing, with more than 200 boys and girls this season.
- ➤ The fall season is just around the corner, and registration for Fullerton Rangers and Pop Warner Football is under way. Little League and Softball will also be playing winter ball. They will be submitting their field requests for the fall/winter season soon!
- "Get Outdoors:" The 4th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby was a huge success, with more than 800 residents participating in the family event. The lake was stocked with more than 1,000 lbs of fish for the event. This year volunteers and donating organizations included California Department of Fish and Game, Fisherman's Access, numerous City of Fullerton employees, Fullerton Police Association, Fullerton Police Athletic League, Fullerton Fire Association, Fullerton Rotary Club, Aqua Bio, Z Pizza, Fullerton Community Bank, Izaak Walton League of Fullerton/Orange/Whittier, Sunny Hills Key Club, Teen Alliance-Independence Park, Boy Scout Troop 292, Fullerton Police Explorers and fishing enthusiasts from Fullerton and the surrounding areas.

The trout did not exactly jump on the hook but there were many happy faces as families took advantage of the hot dogs, drinks and chips served by the Izaak Walton League and Sunny Hills Key Club. The day ended with a raffle for the children, with prizes including tackle boxes, rods and reels, big stuffed fish and gift certificates for In n' Out, Z Pizza and Baskin Robbins. Nearly \$400 was raised in the raffle for rods and reels, a large tackle box with tackle, \$50 Taps gift cards and more.

Cultural and Events:

- ➤ The exhibit "Cine-Saurus: Dinosaurs in the Movies" wrapped up in April, with Golden Hill and Acacia schools taking the final tours. "Cine-Saurus Family Day" and the Easter dinosaur egg hunt were a huge success.
- The "Technicolor Dreaming: Psychedelic Posters from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame" exhibit opened April 18. The exhibit features more than 30 posters, influenced by the experimental music and lifestyles of the 1960s and '70s. The exhibit is on loan from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. Alongside the "Technicolor Dreaming" exhibit is "Dreamglow," featuring black-light paintings, a form that also has deep roots in the 1960s.
- ➤ Wednesday Studio and Guitar Gateways, the Museum's after-school music and art classes, are under way and enjoying good attendance.
- ➤ Project Safe art classes are continuing at Sonora High School. This four-week program leads at-risk youth through a self portrait project designed to foster creative thinking and self expression. Project Safe is a collaboration between the Museum, the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, Orange County Bar Foundation, the Fullerton Police Department, Boys and Girls Club, and other community organizations dedicated to providing alternate activities to drug and gang involvement for Fullerton youth.
- ➤ Fullerton Market opened April 1 and was voted No. 1 in the "MyFoxLA" 2010 "Best of the OC Hotlist" competition in the best farmers market category. The Museum Center also took to honors in the competition, winning the title of best Orange County museum.

Police

Patrol:

- Officer Billy Phu stopped a vehicle and determined the driver was a parolee. During a search of the vehicle, Officer Phu found six methadone pills concealed in the gas cap compartment. The parolee was arrested.
- Officers Perry Thayer and Eric Song, checking on a vacant apartment, found four juvenile gang members had broken into the residence and were vandalizing the interior. All four were charged and transported to Juvenile Hall.
- At the request of Buena Park Police Department, Sgt. Kevin Craig, Cpl. Jose Torres, Officer Dan Heying and K-9 Officer James Boline responded on a call of a subject

threatening "suicide by cop." During the incident the subject claimed to have a .45-caliber and two 9mm handguns in his possession. When the subject left his residence and started walking towards the Officers, telling them they were going to have to shoot him, K-9 Blitz began barking. The subject immediately dropped to the ground and surrendered. The subject was taken into custody without incident. No weapons were found at the scene.

- ➤ During a Watch Commanders' briefing discussion centered on a parolee-at-large who was possibly driving a stolen vehicle with Wisconsin plates. On patrol, Officer Bryan Bybee saw the suspect and vehicle in the area of State College Boulevard and Commonwealth avenues. The suspect fled from the car and, after a foot pursuit, was taken into custody by Officer Tim Haid and Cpl. Adam Park.
- ➤ Officer Ryan O'Neil made a pedestrian check of a man and woman at a local motel. The man was on parole and living with his girlfriend at the motel. Officer O'Neil received consent to search their room and vehicle. In the vehicle, he found a hidden compartment containing more than 50 personal profiles, a computer, printer, blank checks, and instructions on how to print checks, birth certificates, social security cards, ID cards and credit cards. Both suspects were arrested.
- Cpl. Scot Clanin, after stopping a vehicle, noticed there was no key in the ignition. Further investigation revealed the vehicle was an unreported stolen from Anaheim. The driver was arrested for the stolen vehicle, burglary tools and stolen property. The driver is a member of an Anaheim gang and Fullerton's Gang Unit is assisting in this case.
- Officer Roger Tonon, responding on a call of a fight in progress at a residence, was directed by several onlookers to an apartment where several people were fighting. As Officer Tonon walked past the front window of the apartment, a man inside the apartment was thrown against the window, causing it to shatter onto the Officer. As the fight inside continued, the combatants inside refused to open the door and Officer Tonon had to kick it in to gain entry and restore order. Officer Tonon did not require medical treatment.
- ➤ Officers responded to St. Jude Medical Center regarding an 18-year-old girl who was at the hospital with a placenta but no child. The girl provided Officers with information that was suspicious, and on further investigation, a dead infant was discovered at the girl's home. The Crimes Persons Unit was requested and took over the investigation.
- ➤ Officers responded on a report that a man was threatening to harm himself at his girlfriend's home. Further information revealed the boyfriend did not live at the location and had broken in. Cpl. Scot Clanin located the boyfriend driving away from the residence and stopped him. It was discovered the suspect had assaulted his girlfriend with a firearm. At the time of his arrest, the suspect had firearms in his possession.
- Officers Emmanuel Pulido, Richard Gibson and Ranger Garcia were dispatched to a bank regarding a man who had cashed checks the previous week which were now reported as lost or stolen. The man attempted to give the Officers a false name and denied any illegal activity. The tellers positively identified the suspect as a forgery suspect from the previous week. Officer Pulido used the suspect's car keys and located the his vehicle which contained additional stolen property. Detective Mike Moon

- recognized the suspect as being wanted by Newport Beach Police for burglary, as well as having warrants for narcotics and robbery.
- ➤ Cpl. Robert Kirk assisted Fullerton College security in attempting to stop a vehicle that was possibly involved in a hit-and-run. Cpl. Kirk began to pursue the vehicle southbound on Lemon Street to westbound Commonwealth Avenue. The pursuit ended quickly when the suspect rear-ended another vehicle. The suspect fled on foot but was soon arrested by back-up Officers. There were no injuries in the pursuit. The suspect had an outstanding "no bail" warrant and was charged with numerous other violations.

Redevelopment and Economic Development

- Economic Development Action Team: Meetings take place on a continual basis with those looking to do business in Fullerton or to expand their existing business. Meetings took place in April on the following locations: 1120 E. Elm Ave., 222 W. Houston Ave., and 1536 Valencia Ave.
- Downtown Business Improvement District (BID): On April 6, the City Redevelopment Agency authorized staff to proceed with a proposal from BID consultant Steve Gibson of Urban Place to hold three "BID 101" community meetings. The meetings are being targeted for the end of this month or early June. Staff will return to the Agency following the community meetings to determine if there is sufficient community interest to begin a multi-phased BID formation/exploration effort.
- West Avenue Olson Company: Construction began March 1 on a 34-unit affordable housing development on the south side of the 400 block of West Avenue. It will consist of three- and four-bedroom detached single-family units featuring a Mediterranean design. The homes will be sold to moderate-income buyers. This project will be completed in three phases (10-12 units each phase) over the next year or so. A pre-sale event was held at the site April 24, and all of the homes offered in Phase I (11 units) have been sold.
- Transportation Center Community Meeting: A community meeting was held April 19
 where City staff and consultants presented the draft Fullerton Transportation Center Specific
 Plan. Approximately 40 citizens attended. The next step is to present the draft Specific Plan
 components to the various City committees and commissions. The Specific Plan is
 scheduled to go to the City Council in August.
- California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA): This project, approved by voters in 2008, will provide train service between the state's major metropolitan communities. The first corridor of the statewide system will connect Anaheim and San Francisco a trip expected to take less than three hours. Future system expansions include stations in Sacramento and San Diego. Initial plans call for the Anaheim to Los Angeles high-speed rail corridor to travel along the existing LOSSAN (Los Angeles-San Luis Obispo-San Diego) Rail Corridor. Trains will move between the future Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center and Los Angeles' Union Station. An additional station is being considered for either Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs or Fullerton. High-speed rail trains will reach top speeds of 110 mph along this section, taking passengers from Anaheim to Los Angeles in a little more than 20 minutes. Representatives from the CHSRA conducted a community meeting on the

proposal April 29, and approximately 30 citizens attended. Council heard a presentation on the project at its April 20 meeting.

- Unemployment Rates: Current unemployment rates on the national and local levels are as follows: U.S. – 9.7 percent; California – 12.6 percent; Orange County – 10.1 percent; and Fullerton – 11.3 percent. This data was provided by the Orange County Workforce Investment Board.
- Website Statistics: In April, the Department's section on the City website had 1,561 hits.
- Transportation Center Parking Expansion Project: On April 7, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved allocation of Proposition 116 and State funds for the Fullerton Transportation Center Parking Expansion Project. Total State allocation to date is approximately \$40 million. The Project will include approximately 821 public parking spaces to provide additional parking to serve the growing parking demand at the Fullerton Station. Bids are being sought on a design-build consultant. Tentative construction start date is December, and the projected completion date is July 2012.