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MANIFEST

Welcome to the Manifest; a quasi-weekly summary that cares more about brevity than grammar, and what is about to or could happen in Seaside than what did or didn't. Contributions to future editions are welcome at cmalin@ci.seaside.ca.us.

- ▣ The Big Opportunity, This Week - The City Council, Plan Commission and Board of Architecture Review meet Thursday, starting at 7:00 PM at the Oldemeyer Center to review the latest draft of the Cutino Park plans.

The concept plan is a continuing work in progress. On Thursday, the Council, Commission and Board will see an updated plan that includes a 270' right field fence. This will expand the turf area, and not take anything away from the types of uses the present configuration allows. The goal is to add recreation opportunities and dramatically improve the playability of the turf area with synthetic turf.

In adding recreation opportunities, more people have more opportunity to meet, appreciate and support their fellow Seaside citizens. That's the real goal of parks – to be the community play and connect spaces. The more people who can do that – and the greater diversity of uses – the better.

There may be some sticker shock involved, but we'll get through that with a phasing plan, and an absolute belief in Seaside's bright future.

Everyone's invited to the meeting Thursday. A small bit of advice is to encourage recreation uses across the broadest spectrum that's possible in the space. Somebody else's game may not be your game, but our game has to be to spur everyone's love of community, through their sport of choice.

- ▣ The Big Opportunity, Next Week – You know how often cities get to plan a campustown, basically from scratch? Never. But Seaside gets to do that, and we're opening the doors of the Soper Community Center all next week and inviting you to participate. It starts at 6:00 PM Monday, and will run through to Friday, with a concluding presentation, also starting at 6:00 PM. In between, you can show up anytime between 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and shout out your best ideas, or draw them if you want to. There will be a mid-week progress presentation Wednesday at 6:00 PM if you're more the presentation viewing type.

- ▣ Another Kinda Big Opportunity, This Week – Monterey County’s Fort Ord Committee is meeting Thursday at 11:00 AM to review Oak Woodland Conversation Area concepts on the former Fort Ord. The agenda is attached, and has some updated maps outlining choices for where the Oak Woodland Conversation Area boundaries could be drawn. As noted in the 10.18.17 Manifest notes, the boundaries for the highest ranked concept for conservation (#3) don’t impact the Veteran’s Cemetery Endowment Parcel, which should be good news.

The Seaside City Council will likely get their first review of the concept maps at the Nov. 16 City Council meeting.

- ▣ Police Department Updates – As of Friday, the City had 38 applicants for the Police Chief position. The application period closes Oct. 30, and the sifting will begin with a writing exercise. We’ll be assembling a broadly inclusive interview panel, and will be putting finalists through their paces, publically. Stay tuned for opportunities to participate.

During the interim period, Chief Dempsey has accepted a special assignment of, effectively, being the final personnel officer for the Police Department. He’ll provide input and direction on personnel matters, inclusive of any required discipline. Doing so taps Chief Dempsey’s considerable experience in employee-supportive leadership and reinforces a team-based approach to Seaside city management. Thanks, Chief Dempsey.

- ▣ 10.19.17 Council Meeting Follow Up:

- STR - The plan for the Short-term Rental ordinance is to revise the draft ordinance by Monday, and include it in the 10.31.17 Manifest. Then, wait around until Friday to see if the City Council wants to review the revised draft (which they could indicate at the end of the Nov. 2 meeting). If not, then staff will send it on to the Plan Commission, where they can lend their wisdom to it, before bringing it back to the Council.
- Homeless Commission & Environmental Committee – Heading to the Nov. 2 City Council agenda, in fully formed for discussion, form.
- City Hall Solar – If all goes well this week, also heading to the Nov. 2 City Council agenda, for moving forward with. If not, then Nov. 16.

- ▣ Affordable Housing / Homeless Housing Idea Follow Up (from the 10.4.17 Manifest) – Spent sizeable chunks of the weekend walking the Endowment Parcel site and the parcel immediately to the north. Did not disabuse myself of the idea to respect the landscape and provide a model of environmentally and socially responsible affordable and homeless housing with shipping container-based dwellings while doing so.

Next page is optional reading. So, factor that in before you turn it.

- ▣ You Asked For A Manifesto, You Got It – Invited to an interview with the Seaside High School Athletic Director to discuss my suitability for a baseball coaching assignment in the upcoming year. Not that I ever give a whole lot of thought to baseball ...

Manifesto - There's four elements to an intentional infliction of emotional distress lawsuit. There's nine innings in a baseball game. Coincidence!? Don't be naive. It's all right there, in fine print, on the back of each MLB ticket. They're not liable for foul balls, errant bats or broken hearts.

Failure is the only certainty, except for forty of the seven point six billion chosen by serendipity each year to enjoy one beautiful day, in full. Yet, we still show up, or tune in, years and decades after we last dug into the batter's box loam, eyeing up the meat on the mound and looking for that weak sauce. That meat on the mound, meanwhile, has you figured out and is gonna make you look a fool. I'm told the opera has culture, and class, and singing. I know baseball has two hundred operas each game, and songs I understand.

Here's my understanding of the national pastime. It's very difficult. There's a small round ball, and a smooth round stick not larger than 2.61 inches in diameter at the largest point. The small round ball comes at you fast, and not always on a parabola that's known to exist in the gravitational field known as "Earth". You get less time to decide if and where that smooth round stick goes than a teenager, deciding if they should look at their phone. If you make it to first base somehow, there's this guy called "Javy Baez" who exists to make sure you [don't make it](#) to second.

Oh, and there's this. Everyone gets to watch everything you do, because there's no scrum of football or constant motion of basketball, soccer or hockey. When you make a mistake, everyone knows it, and why, and probably has an idea about why and how your character is so flawed that you messed up. Probably something to do with your parentage. They'll share that idea with the person sitting next to them. And the cashier at the grocery store. Twenty years from now. Are you still with me, Mr. Buckner?

Even in the face of all that, we do it. We suit up, we lace up, we buck up and head out to take the field. Don't step on the foul line! Some of us play it. Some of us teach it. Some of us call the balls and strikes.

If you are going to teach it to kids, here's what you have to know. Not one of your batters wants to strike out. Not one of your pitchers wants to walk anybody. Not one of your fielders wants to commit an error. Notice the word is "commit", connoting intention. That's how hard this game is. No one has ever wanted to commit an error, but that's the word we use, as if they did.

With fate and the universe and Clayton Kershaw working against you, the game of baseball has to be played positively, adaptively and joyously. You can't be angry. You

can't be stiff. You can't be tense. There's not just nine players versus you on the field, there's a whole team; eyeing you up, noticing everything, stealing signs. So you need to recognize it ain't just you against them, it's everyone, working together. It's a three-hour chess match, with ninety mile per hour moves, and speed of light communications. Anyone who thinks baseball is boring has no idea what is going on.

We want our sons and daughters to play the game because we know if they can play it well, and honorably, they'll be well prepared for life. The baseball as life metaphor is well-worn, because it's true. I can't think of a single life situation that baseball hasn't prepared me for, with the possible exception ... of golf.

Play it well, and play it honorably. And play it joyfully, because no one has yet left this gravitational field with their mortality intact. What carries you forward, and what remains long after the last out, is your spirit.

As always ... see you at the planning meeting.

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Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 26, 2017

11:00 AM

Fort Ord Committee

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11:00 A.M. – CALL TO ORDER**PUBLIC COMMENT****AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS****11:00 A.M. – SCHEDULED MATTERS**

1. Receive a verbal update on the MOU with the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District regarding management of County-owned lands in the former Fort Ord.

2. Recommend support of an amendment to the East Garrison *Urban Services Agreement* to transfer ownership of existing and future Neighborhood Parks to the East Garrison Community Services District.

Attachments: [Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Map of EGCS D](#)

3.
 - a. Receive a presentation on the Oak Woodland Conservation Plan Project on the former Fort Ord; and
 - b. Provide direction for Oak Woodland Conservation Area concepts to use as the basis for the next collaborative planning steps.
Attachments: [Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Fort Ord Reuse Plan Biological Resources Policies](#)
[Attachment 2 - Oak Woodland Conservation Area Concepts](#)

4. Receive a matrix of Fort Ord Committee agenda items; and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Attachments: [Attachment 1 - Future Agenda Planning](#)

OTHER MATTERS**ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting scheduled for:

*Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
Government Center - Monterey Room
168 W. Alisal Street, 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901*