



Welcome to the 2nd edition of Brad's Bulletin, Sailing the 7 Cs. We had a great celebration last week of the new outdoor patio (see below) and refurbished employee lounge. Plans are already in the works to do something similar at MLK for an outdoor employee space. Thanks for all that you do and let me know if you have any other suggestions. Here's some updates from last night's City Council meeting and other things to keep you in the know....

Homeless Outreach Team (H.O.T) Team

Chief Tellez and Lt. Seward presented a summary of the new H.O.T Team that the Police Department have deployed to address homeless issues in National City. This program is partially funded by a joint grant with Chula Vista and provides two dedicated National City police officers to collaborate with our neighbors as we face the growing challenge of homelessness. These officers are receiving the necessary trainings to deal

with this complicated issue that requires a collaborative approach between City departments, other government agencies, and the non-profit community. Thanks to Sgt. Walters and Officers Anderson and Duran for stepping up to the challenge.

Paradise Creek Educational Park

The City Council approved a contract for the next phase of construction of the City's first new park in over 50 years, Paradise Creek Education Park. This park is funded for by the Paradise Creek Apartments that the City partnered with affordable housing developers to build on the site of the old public works yard. The neighborhood park will include walking paths, native and drought tolerant vegetation, a playground, and a community garden. We continue to make improvements to the Old Town neighborhood around Kimball Elementary and expect the park to open next summer.

Strategic Plan Workshop

The next City Council meeting on September 17th will start with a Strategic Planning Workshop at 4pm. We will review our [existing strategic plan](#) and begin a process for updating it for the 2020-2025 timeframe. A strategic plan is a high-level policy document that allows the City Council to give staff direction about the priorities for our community. We will be preparing a community survey and will encourage all employees to be involved during "Outreach October" as we gather input. A special meeting with the City Council is already planned for October 29th where we will present the feedback and discuss our strategic plan moving forward.

Two New Officers are Sworn In



Officer M. Ibarra

I was born and raised in San Diego and I'm married with two young children. I'm a graduate from Sweetwater High where I was two sport athlete in wrestling and baseball. I'm a newly appointed police officer with the National City Police Department. My Dad, Joe Ibarra, was a long-time City of National City Public Works employee.



Natalie Tapia

I was born and raised in south San Diego and was a Police Explorer for the National City Police Department from 2013-2015. I'm now a newly appointed Community Service Officer and honored to be part of this department once again. I will be graduating soon from Point Loma Nazarene University with my B.A in Criminal Justice.

Importance of Work-Life Balance

I'm headed next week to Europe with friends to celebrate a group of birthdays with loved ones. I encourage all of you to use your time off to spend quality time with family and friends. Alfredo Ybarra will be the acting City Manager from September 6-15 while I'm out of the country. Bon Voyage....

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Big thanks to everyone who helped make our employee lounges a reality and

Happy Birthday to our August babies!

