



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Monthly Report

Public Works Department Report – May 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Robert Harary, P.E., Director of Public Works

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APPROVED BY: Chip Rerig, City Administrator

City Council Meeting of May 4, 2021

- Mayor Potter read a proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week, May 16-22.
- The third draft of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was included with the draft operating budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/22. Funding for projects competed with pension liability, increased staffing and services, and other City Council priorities.
- Approved a list of asphalt streets to be re-surfaced this fall using SB1 and other external funds.

Planning Commission Meeting of May 12, 2021

- The Planning Commission approved a 5-year extension for the Mission Trail Nature Preserve's (MTNP) Coastal Development Permit (CDP).

Forest and Beach Commission Meeting of May 13, 2021

- Carmel Cares presented their "Median Minders" community engagement program.
- PG&E presented information regarding tree pruning and power line clearances.
- The Library & Community Activities Director introduced a plaza concept, between Devendorf Park and the Children's Library, across Sixth Avenue, for initial interest and feedback.

Special City Council Meeting of May 18, 2021

- The recommended FY 2021/22 Budget included 18 capital projects valued at \$2.3M and eight (8) special projects/initiatives funded within the applicable department's operating budget.

Climate Action Committee Meeting of May 20, 2021

- Carmel High School Environmental Club presented their environmentally-focused initiatives.
- Mr. LePage presented Monterey County Health Department's guidelines on grey water.
- Greenhouse Gas inventory concerns between LandWatch and AMBAG were reviewed.

Public Works Administration

- Maintenance Worker Rene Aldama and wife Emely gave birth to a baby boy named Rene.
- Attended the May 12 Council Strategic Plan update retreat.
- Started an initiative to clean up recurring invoices submitted for payment, by requiring description of work done or materials purchased, rejecting unwarranted late fees, catching invoices submitted more than once, statements with balance due vs. invoices, etc.
- Attended Carmel Lagoon Project stakeholder meeting hosted by Monterey County.

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- Continued to hold weekly meetings with Carmel Cares to coordinate improvements to the Scenic Pathway, Devendorf Park, Forest Theater, median islands, and other initiatives.

Environmental Programs

- The California Coastal Conservancy notified us that our \$45k grant application for wildfire fuel reduction for the MTNP would be recommended for Board approval.
- The City successfully passed CalRecycle's annual regulatory audit, and noted an impressive 75% residential waste diversion rate.
- The last metal ribbon-style trash/recycling container was installed downtown.
- A 2% increase is proposed for FY 2021/22 for GreenWaste Recovery's rates.
- Technical reports are in progress for a 5-year extension for the North Dunes Habitat Restoration Project's CDP.
- The Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club removed invasive weeds in the North Dunes.
- Provided biennial stormwater best management practices training to the Community Planning & Building, Police, and Public Works departments.

Facility Maintenance

- For the Sunset Center Emergency Fire Pump Replacement Project, Cosco Fire Protection received plan approval by the Monterey Fire Marshall, removed the old pump, and installed the new pump and equipment. Next, Gerecke Electrical wired up the system with modern fire panels, and Central Coast Systems hooked up the monitoring alarm system. By the end of the month, the system was tested and commissioned, with minor punch list items remaining.
- Supported the City Hall Re-opening initiative by obtaining measurements and coordinating installation of the plexiglass panels with a contractor and Human Resources.
- Surpassed the \$10,000 revenue milestone from the City's nine (9) electric vehicle chargers.
- ADA-compliant toilet partitions were installed in both men's and women's restroom at Devendorf Park.
- Coordinated warranty repairs for Sunset Center Boiler with the contractor and Sunset Center.
- Repaired two doors at the Norton Court parking garage.

Street Maintenance

- Approved and monitored CAWD's consultant for drilling geotechnical borings for a near-future, sewer pipe-bursting project along Scenic Road, from Ocean Avenue past Martin Way.
- Placed five (5) fire pits out on the beach, between Tenth and Twelfth Avenues.
- The Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD)'s vactor truck cleaned out the trash/water separator units and a number of catch basins in preparation for dry weather diversion.
- Implemented the springtime dry weather diversion change out.
- Removed 14 more piles of fire fuels and invasive materials from the MTNP.

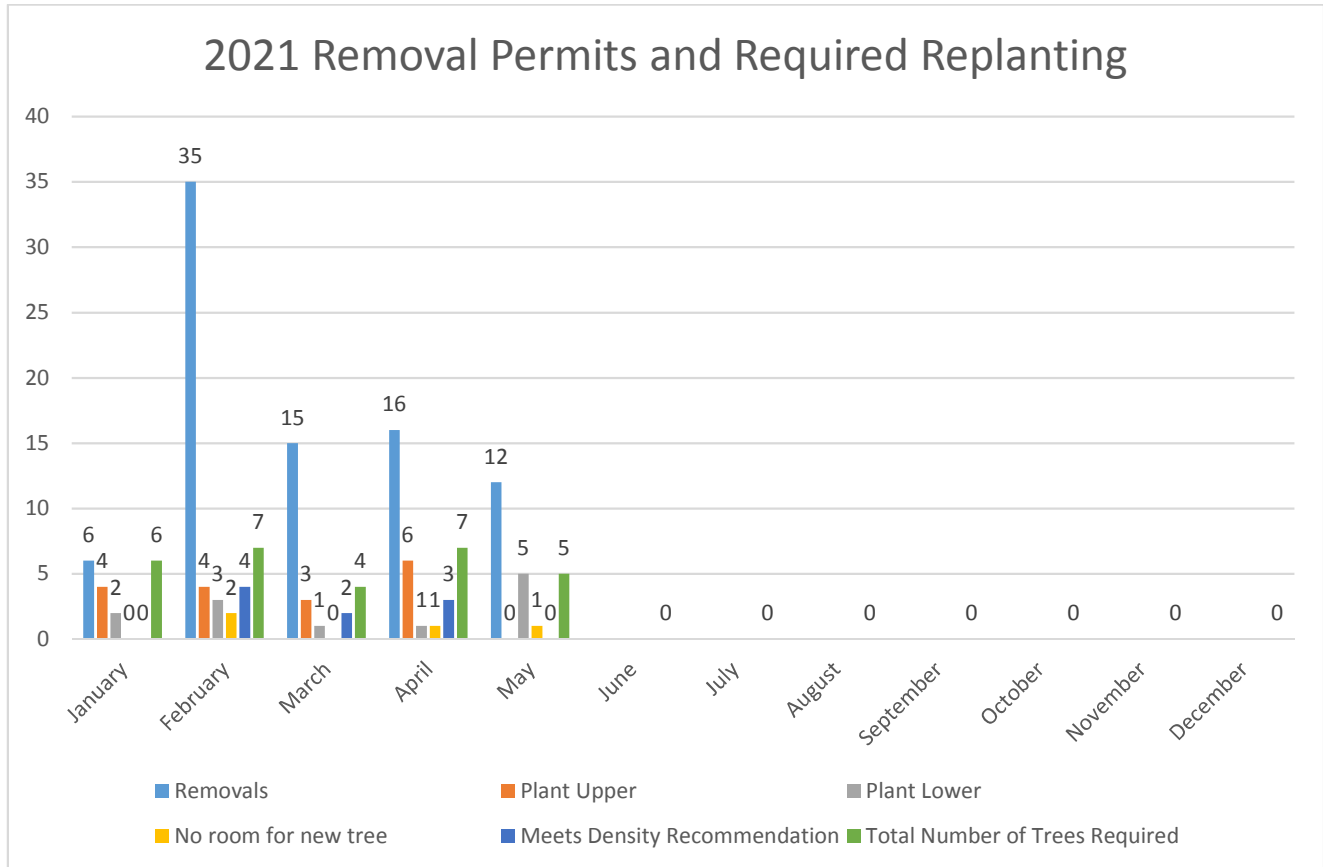
Forestry, Parks and Beach (Forester's Report)

- Carmel Cares generously donated two (2) new chainsaws as well as an Alaskan sawmill, capable of cutting tree logs into benches, planter boxes, etc.
- Carmel Cares volunteers removed an enormous amount of ice plant that grew down the stone-faced walls along the beach.

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- Carmel Cares continues to work on the Scenic Pathway, Devendorf Park, and the Forest Theater.
- Carmel Resident’s Association held a Beach Cleanup Day on May 15th.
- Contracted out for the grinding and removal of dozens of tree stumps.
- A significant branch fell from the oak in Devendorf Park onto Ocean Avenue.
- There was one Stop Work Order issued at Monte Verde Street and Second Avenue.
- The engraver beetle damage to the pines has slowed.
- Purchased an appropriate storage locker for pesticides.

Private and Development Activities



2021 Permitted Removals and Required Planting

	Removals	Plant Upper	Plant Lower	No Room for New Trees	Meets Density Recommendation	Total Number of Trees Required
January	6	4	2	0	0	6
February	35	4	3	2	4	7
March	15	3	1	0	2	4
April	16	6	1	1	3	7

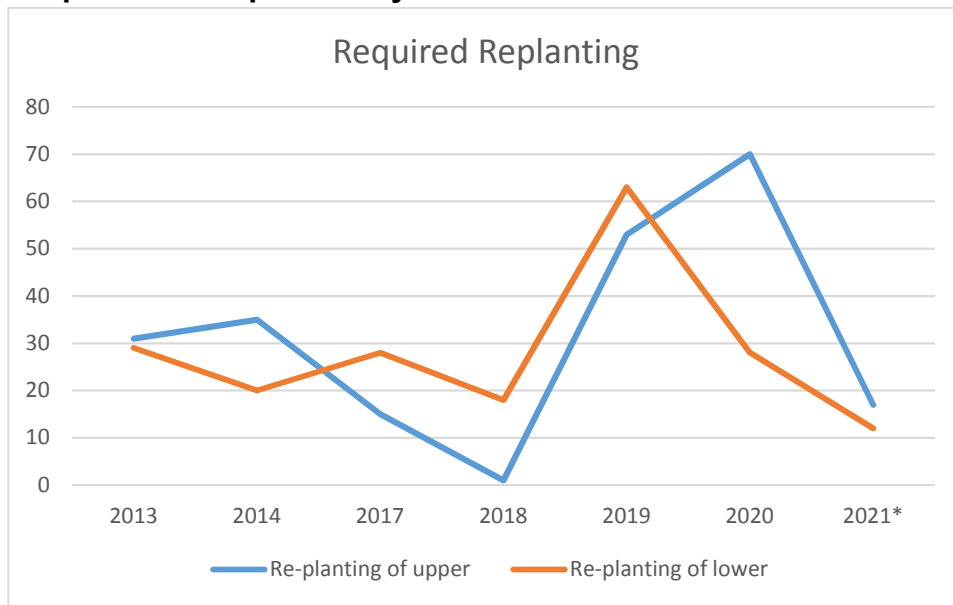
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May	12	0	5	1	0	5
June						0
July						0
August						0
September						0
October						0
November						0
December						0
2021 Totals	84	17	12	4	9	29

Historic Permitted Removals and Required Planting

	Removal Permits	Removal of Upper	Removal of Lower	Replanting Required	Replanting of Upper	Replanting of Lower	Replanting %
2012	96			20			20.83%
2013	123	60	63	59	31	29	47.97%
2014	145	64	81	49	35	20	33.79%
2016	90			37			41.11%
2017	119	50	69	43	15	28	36.13%
2018	77	37	60	20	1	18	20.62%
2019	170	107	63	116	53	63	68.24%
2020	175	57	41	120	67	26	122.45%
2021	51	25	59	29	17	12	34.52%

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City Forestry, Parks, and Beach Activities

City Tasks May 2021

Work Type	Count
Failure - limb	2
Inspection	38
Planting	5
Removals	4
Stump removal	1

