




City of Santa Barbara
Public Works Department

HEARING DATE: February 11, 2015
TO: Historic Landmarks Commission
FROM:  John Ewasiuk, Principal Civil Engineer
SUBJECT: News Rack Ordinance Update

The majority of the existing City news racks are in need of maintenance and repair. The news rack boxes are owned and maintained by the individual news rack owners. The City only owns the green news rack cabinets on State Street in the Downtown corridor that house privately-owned news rack boxes.

In the spring of 2014, staff took complete inventory of all news racks in the City and identified those that do not meet the current news rack Ordinance. See the attachment for citywide news rack locations.

Staff is preparing a news rack Ordinance update with the goal to provide more effective news rack management, so that news racks will be maintained to the expectations of the community. Staff has recently held meetings with the news rack owners and stakeholders in an effort to collaboratively work together on the Ordinance update.

Staff's presentation to the HLC will identify the news rack aesthetic issues for the HLC's review and comments. No HLC action is being requested at this time. Staff will return to the HLC in the near future to request further comments and action.

Staff will embellish on the key Ordinance update elements at the February 11th meeting.

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Attachment

