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**CITY SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON DOWNTOWN OXNARD VISION**

The City is seeking public input on a vision for downtown Oxnard. From January 29-February 2, 2016, the City will host a five-day downtown revitalization charrette. The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) California Chapter will lead the charrette. The CNU, a non-profit volunteer professional organization of experts dedicated to promoting sustainable communities and healthier living conditions, is a leader in the field of planning and urban design. The five-day process includes a kickoff event, a film festival, a walking tour, a design pin-up and a City Council presentation. Each event is open to the public.

“This is a great opportunity for the public to weigh in on the future of downtown Oxnard. Additionally, we are working with a local grassroots organization dedicated to advancing the same cause,” said Kymberly Horner, the City’s Economic Development Director. “The charrette is an economical approach to creating a downtown vision plan, by using the services of CNU, a non-profit organization,” said Horner.

The following is a list of dates and times of public events:

- ❖ Kick Off Event
  - January 29 at 5:30 pm [Former Social Security building, 315-327 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street]
- ❖ New Urban Film Festival
  - January 30 at 5:30 pm [Plaza Cinema, 255 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street]
- ❖ Walking Tour
  - January 31 at 10:30 am [Plaza Park Pagoda, 500 S. C Street]
- ❖ Design Pin-Up
  - February 1 at 5:30 pm [Former Social Security building, 315-327 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street]
- ❖ City Council Presentation
  - February 2 at 5:00 pm [City Hall, 305 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street]

A ‘pop-up’ art gallery will be open daily from 10 am-4 pm at 315-327 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. There is no cost to attend any of the events. The film festival is limited to 75 seats, so please RSVP by emailing [info@cnucaifornia.org](mailto:info@cnucaifornia.org) or by calling the City’s Economic Development Offices at (805)385-7407.

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