



Memo

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Clark, City Manager
DATE: August 7, 2014
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Neighborhood Planning

The City is seeking proposals from planning firms to help develop the first phase of neighborhood planning. This process will move us away from one-size-fits-all planning regulations, to a scheme that recognizes the unique characteristics of each of our neighborhoods. Its success will be highly dependent upon community input from the neighborhoods. The proposals are due next week. I am planning to invite the Mayor and Planning Commission Chair, or their designees, to participate in the interviews of the prospective firms.

Dog Holding Area

In response to citizen concerns about unsupervised, aggressive dogs in the parks, the Police Department has established a comfortable holding area for dogs owned by people who are arrested by the police. In the past the dogs were being turned over to (often unreliable) friends of the arrestee. Alternatively, a deputy could be held up for hours holding the dog for Animal Control. Now the dogs will have a comfortable place to stay with food and water until picked up by Animal Control.

Ojai Village Merchant Committee

Sergeant Harwood, three other Police representatives, and I met with the Committee to discuss problems with congregations of unruly individuals in the Arcade. The Police are increasing patrol using COPS grant funds, making contacts with individual merchants, and continuing to arrest offenders. Merchants were encouraged to report any undesirable activities they observe, and to establish Wi-Fi passwords and lock external electrical outlets. Free Wi-Fi access and places to charge phones tend to attract these individuals. The City Attorney's office is continuing to seek stay-away orders from the court for repeat offenders.

Lighting Ordinance Compliance

At the August 12 City Council meeting, the City Council approved a partnership agreement with the Ojai Valley Green Coalition. One of the initial goals of the new partnership is to help residential property owners bring their property into compliance with the lighting ordinance. Pictured is a shield that will cover a bare bulb and a bulb with a built in shield. Both will be provided free to the public while supplies last.



County Wireless Ordinance

County Planning Director Kim Prillhart said that the County agrees with our recommendation that the language in its proposed wireless ordinance should be changed to avoid such phrases as "whenever feasible" which tend to put the burden of proof on the County instead of the applicant. Our special

legal counsel, Jonathan Kramer, is helping me prepare a letter that addresses other recommendations as well. The County watched the City Council review on TV, and has been proactive in soliciting the City's input.

Skatepark Lights

We have rescheduled this matter to the September 3 Planning Commission meeting to allow time to receive the additional information requested from the lighting designer that shows the levels of lighting on the Park-and-Ride property outside of the skate park area.

Golden State Water Rate Case

The City filed its objections to the water rate increase recently applied for by Golden State Water. In addition, the City requested to be given formal party status, so we can participate in the case as it is processed by the CPUC. We also requested that Public Participation Hearings on the rate increases be held in Ojai, which have been held here in the past.

Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below:

August 19

Special Joint Meeting with PRC regarding Skateboard Park

August 26

Consent

- PRC Duties Ordinance
- Investment Policy Amendment
- Records Retention Update
- TDA Grant Resolution
- Stuart Consulting Contract
- Salary Resolutions

Discussion

- Review Lighting Ordinance
- Affordable Housing Discussion
- Tree Protection Policy

Successor Agency

- ROPS 14-15B

Closed Session

- Pearl Street Land Acquisition

Sept 9 (Cancelled)

Sept 23

Presentation

- School Bond Measure (Hank Bangser)

Consent

- Form 700 Review
- Paving Notice of Completion

Public Hearing

- Telecommunications Ordinance
- Leaf Blower Ban Ordinance (Ban)

Discussion

- Adopt Fee Schedule
- Skate Park Security

July 4th Chairs
Holiday Meeting Schedule

October 14 (Carlton and Rob absent)

Planning Commission Upcoming Meetings
Future Agenda Items - ***Tentative***

September 3 Wednesday	September 17 Wednesday	October 1 Wednesday	October 15 Wednesday
Landscape Ordinance Regulations City Attorney and Ad Hoc Landscape Committee			
Skatepark Lighting 450 E. Ojai Avenue			
Amendment to the Second Unit Compliance Program			

Pending Projects (NOTE: Not all projects have been deemed complete)

Pending Resubmittal from the Applicant

- Emerald Iguana Inn, 108 Pauline Street, modification to existing CUP
- DRP 13-18, Craftsman Village redesign, 611 Pearl Street
- DRP 14-02, California Solar Electric, 302 N. Montgomery Street
- CUP 14-03 & DRP 14-07, Mountain Vista Manor addition of a new building to an existing board and care facility for the elderly
- Minor DRP 14-11 demolish shed and replace with larger in a VMU zone, 206 N. Signal Street