



Memo

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Clark, City Manager
DATE: August 28, 2014
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Workforce Housing

A workshop of the City Council, Planning Commission and Board of Appeals has been tentatively set on September 30 to hear a presentation by People's Self Help Housing regarding all aspects of building and financing affordable housing for people who live and/or work in Ojai.

Skate Park Maintenance Update

Staff met with California Skateparks the original builder of the skate park, which had its the grand opening four years ago this upcoming Ojai Day. They were impressed with the condition of the park, saying it is holding up well. There is some minor concrete cracking along the sawcut lines that they recommend using a special filler material for – this will require pressure washing and recutting the cracks, then filling all. Additionally, there are a few edges that installing a steel edge will stop some damage that is developing and some minor pool coping tile fixes. California Skateparks proposal for this work is just under \$10,000. This would be the first significant repair the park has incurred over four years, not bad for a \$400,000 park. Staff will bring this proposal to the City Council for consideration on September 23. The meeting included Shane Allen, who has been doing volunteer maintenance on the park, and members of Skate Ojai (Wendy Hilgers, Casey Myers).

Finance Director Recruitment Underway

We have begun to advertise for the finance director position. Applications will be received through Nov. 5.

Golden State Water Rate Case

We are following up with the CPUC regarding the filing we made to the CPUC two weeks ago seeking formal party status for the City for the rate case. We anticipate that we will be able to resolve the matter short of requiring someone to attend the Prehearing Conference in San Francisco on September 2. As usual, getting answers from the CPUC is a slow process.

Fall Recreation Guide Published

The Fall 2014 Recreation Activity Guide is out and has been distributed to local schools. A postcard will be sent out announcing the new recreation guide. A copy of the guide has been delivered to the Council inboxes.

Pressure Washing Arcade Sidewalks

To reduce water use during the drought, we have reduced pressure washing of Arcade sidewalks. We are also trying a dog deterrent spray at the base of Arcade columns, where dogs have a long-standing habit of "marking their territory by spraying" – this is one of the primary reasons pressure washing is necessary.

Ojai Trolley Service Lake Casitas Saturday Service

This is the second year/summer of this program, and the results have been impressive. This summer, service began on July 5 and will end on August 30, 2014. Ridership this year varied a bit from week to week, but averaged around 200 each Saturday. Most of those riders were within the Lake Casitas recreational area, but there were some riders that took advantage of the trolley rides to and from the lake to downtown Ojai. If this program continues next year, we hope to market the service to grow the use and interest, particularly to and from Ojai.

Website Design

The City Clerk's office released the "Request for Proposals" on the website design. Proposals are to be received by September 25. Staff hopes to select someone/company by October 1. You should notice changes to the website starting by November 1, 2014. If you have any questions please contact the City Clerk's office. Information has been advertised in the Ojai Valley News, Ventura Star and posted on the City's website.

Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below. Currently the September 23 meeting is overloaded, but I expect to push some of those items to October 14.

Sept 9 (Cancelled)

Sept 23

Presentation

- School Bond Measure (Hank Bangser)

- Ojai Day Poster

Consent

- Form 700 Review

- Paving Notice of Completion

- Records Retention

- Stuart Consulting Contract

- Planning Consultant Contract

- Pearl Street Easement

- Skate Park Repairs

Public Hearing

- Leaf Blower Ban Ordinance (Ban)

Discussion

- Neighborhood Planning Consultant

- Adopt Fee Schedule

- Skate Park Security

- July 4th Chairs

- Holiday Meeting Schedule

- PEG Agreement

September 30 6 pm Workforce Housing Workshop

October 14 (Carlton and Rob absent)

Discussion

- OBGMA Presentation

October 28

6 pm Arts Commission Workshop

Presentations

Consent

 Ventura River Algae Plan

 Landscape Maintenance Contract

Public Hearings

Discussion

 Telecommunications Ordinance Workshop

November 11 (Cancelled?)

November 25

Presentations

Consent

Public Hearings

Discussion

December 9

Announcement of Election Results

Reorganization of City Council

Discussion

 Final Audit Report

December 23 (Cancelled?)

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

September 17 Wednesday	October 1 Wednesday	October 15 Wednesday	November 5 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