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**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Robert Clark, City Manager  
**DATE:** January 15, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Weekly Update

## RDA Loan

One of the officially recognized obligations of the former RDA is to repay funds loaned to it by the City. There is a State-wide dispute between the Department of Finance (DOF) and successor agencies over what interest rate is applicable under existing law. The DOF argues that the current LAIF rate should be applied retrospectively, and the agencies argue that the LAIF rates in effect during the time of the loan should be used. Our loan is valued at \$2.2 million using the State interpretation, and \$5.2 million under the agencies interpretation. In a League sponsored webinar yesterday, the DOF hinted that its position is negotiable as part of the implementation of the Governor's proposed budget.

## Group Homes

The State Department of Social Services (DSS) held an outreach meeting for those who live in the vicinity of a group home. They indicated that licensed group homes with up to six residents are allowed in residential zones without any City permits by State Law. DSS is responsible for licensing these facilities and enforcing State regulations. They also try to help the operators maintain positive relations with the communities in which they operate. They provided information on how to lodge a complaint with DSS regarding the activities of a licensed group home.

## Shedding Light on N. Montgomery & Ojai Avenue Corner

Progress! After over a year of effort: working with the cable company to remove the half-height wood pole left at the corner, and obtaining the necessary permits from Southern California Edison (SCE) for a new light, and receiving a Caltrans permit today - we are permitted to begin installation of a new street light at the corner of N. Montgomery and Ojai Avenue. The light will improve pedestrian safety at this busy corner. The City will begin installation of the conduits, SCE will pull wire and SCE's contractor will install the new light pole. SCE normally schedules 6-8 weeks out; so, we are still likely a few months before seeing the light.

## Cluff Vista Park – Winter Maintenance

City crews have spent the past week doing winter pruning, including cutting back deer grass, wisteria, and weeding in Cluff Vista Park.

## Public Meetings Cable-Casted

The City recorded and cable-casted 90 public meetings on Channel 10 in 2014, an average of nearly two per week.

## Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below.

### **January 20 (special Telecommunications Workshop) – 6:00 pm Boyd**

#### **January 27**

Joint Meeting with Art Commission

Presentation – SCE Tree Pruning

Consent

CDD Fees (Development/Building)

Complete Streets Master Plan Contract

Mountain to the Beach Marathon

Discussion

FLOW Amendment to Agreement

Director's Exemption

Appointment to Appeals Board

RFP Sarzotti Park Master Plan

2<sup>nd</sup> Unit Compliance Program

Libbey Park Playground Equipment (RFP)

Tree Trimming Ordinance

Successor Agency

ROPS 15-16A

Budget

#### **February 10**

Joint Meeting with Historic Preservation Commission

Recognition of Outgoing Arts Commissioner Barbara Hirsch

Consent

Request for Proposal for Planning Services

Commission Reports

Public Hearing

Tree Trimming Ordinance

Discussion

Political Signs

PW Fees (Grading/Drainage)

RFP for Building Services

Pennant Policy

Policy on Commission Absences

Affordable Housing/Agency

Affordable Housing

#### **February 24**

Public Hearing

HPC Landmark Request for Twice Sold Books

Telecommunications Ordinance

Discussion

Administrative Fees

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

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

February 4 Wednesday	February 18 Wednesday
DRP 11-05 RV01 Weil Tennis Academy	DRP 14-02 California Solar Electric 302 N. Montgomery Street additional parking
DRP 14-16 914 S. Ayers Court Second Story addition	CR 14-05 Concept Review Community Memorial Hospital Continuing Care Center

Pending Resubmittal from the Applicant

- Landscape Ordinance Guidelines (handout)
- DRP 13-17 & CUP 13-08, Emerald Iguana Inn, 108 Pauline Street, modification to existing CUP
- DRP 14-05 & CUP 14-01, 821 W. Ojai Avenue, Topa Mtn. Winery, Phase 2
- DRP 14-20, 409 Fox Street, Ojai Valley Athletic Club, Carport for PV system and microturbine project in P-L zone
- DRP 14-21, 401 E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai Burger, remodel of building in C-1 zone
- CR 14-06, Concept Review ,311 S. Montgomery Street, New 2-story in VMU zone
- DRP 15-01, 706 Daly Road, second-story addition