



Memo

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Clark, City Manager
DATE: January 29, 2015
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Animal Services Contract

The County has notified all of the cities that contract for animal services that they are requiring full cost recovery for these services starting in FY 2015-16. It is clear from their presentation that they can make a strong case that they are currently undercharging by a significant amount. The charge to Ojai is proposed to increase from \$27,500 to \$72,977. We are reviewing the numbers, and have already asked for additional information to understand the reasons behind this nearly tripling of the cost. We will also assess what other options may be available. We will also check with the other contract cities to see how they are responding.

SCAG Draft Growth Forecast

SCAG has issued a growth forecast estimating that we will add 5 homes per year on average from now until 2035. This would take us to a population of 8,206 twenty years from now. This compares with the unbelievable forecast of about 46 per year used in the last RHNA cycle. Even though the prior forecast was clearly ridiculous, SCAG denied our appeals as being untimely. The new forecast will not be used for the next Housing Element, but each forecast builds on its predecessor, and at this point we think it is reasonable.

Neighborhood Planning Stakeholder Interviews

The consulting team will be in town interviewing about 20 people who represent a broad spectrum of interests. The interviews will help the consulting team understand the types of issues that need to be addressed in the first community workshop. The workshop (the date has not been set yet) will include: a review of how the community took shape over time; a summary of the stakeholder interviews; maps and overlays showing how the current standards do or do not support the historic and/or envisioned character of certain neighborhoods; sample illustrations of the types of layouts that might work in various neighborhood; and, case studies. The idea is to stimulate thought by residents about how they would like their neighborhoods to look and function.

Billiard Tournament

On Saturday, January 31, the Recreation Department is hosting an 8-Ball Billiards Tournament in the Boyd Center game room at 510 Park Road. The event begins at 2:00pm and the cost is \$10 per player. Gift cards will be awarded to the first and second place finishers in each division. The registration deadline for the tournament is Thursday, January, 29. If interested, players should contact the Recreation Department at 805-646-5581 ext. 306 or email desbaillets@ojacity.org

2014 Crime Statistics

At the beginning of 2014, the City of Ojai was down 44% in total Part I Crime over the previous two years (a 22-year low). By the end of 2014, total Part I Crime in Ojai had increased by 9%. The increase was driven by Crimes Against Property as indicated below (various forms of theft, such as burglary, shoplifting, theft from vehicles, etc.). Crimes Against Persons, however decreased.

Part I Crimes

Part I Crimes are considered to be among the most serious. These crimes are reported to the Department of Justice by agencies throughout the country and are used by the FBI in their annual Crime in the United States Statistical Report. The Part I Crimes are broken down into two categories:

Crimes Against Persons (homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault):

In 2014, these decreased by 4 cases for a total of 10 cases: a -29% decrease from the previous year. This equates to 1.32 cases per 1000 persons in Ojai – the second lowest rate in 23 years.

Crimes Against Property (burglary, grand and petty theft, shoplifting, theft from vehicles, auto theft, and arson):

In 2014, these increased 15 cases for a total of 120 cases: a 14% increase from the previous year. This equates to 17.12 cases per 1000 persons in Ojai.

Public Meeting Documents

As of the regular City Council meeting on January 27, 2015, staff has made changes to the City calendar on the website. Documents are now loaded directly into the calendar where they will be archived. Staff is very excited about this new addition to the website and hope that this effort will allow the public to find documents more easily.

To access the documents via the City calendar, go to www.ci.ojai.ca.us, click on the calendar on the left hand side, find the date of the meeting you wish to view, and click on more details. As the minutes, resolutions, ordinances and any other documents relating to the specific meeting are approved, they will be uploaded. If you have any questions or comments regarding the website, please contact the City Clerk.

Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below.

February 10

Joint Meeting with Historic Preservation Commission

Recognition of Outgoing Arts Commissioner Barbara Hirsch

Consent

Policy on Commission Absences)

PW Fees

Issuance of Business License for Zoning Non Use

Commission reports

Discussion

Goals

Tree Trimming

RFP for Building Services

Penant Policy

2nd Unit Compliance Program

February 24

5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Website Open Forum

Consent

Administrative Fees

Public Hearing

HPC Landmark request for Twice Sold Books

Telecommunications Ordinance

Tree Trimming Ordinance

Discussion

Historic Overlay Zone for Arbolada

March 10

Commission reports

Consent

Cemetery Fees

2nd reading Telecommunications Ordinance

Public Hearing

Discussion

Archeological Processes

March 24

Discussion

Political Signs

Affordable Housing/Agency

Affordable Housing

Planning Commission Upcoming Meetings

February 18 Wednesday	March 4 Wednesday	March 18 Wednesday
DRP 14-19 & VAR 14-03 Twice Sold Tales Bookstore Remodel, addition of meeting room & pergola		
DRP 14-02 California Solar Electric 302 N. Montgomery Street additional parking		
CR 14-06 Concept Review 311 S. Montgomery Street Replacement 2-story SFR in VMU zone		

Future Agenda Items - *Tentative*

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

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
- DRP 15-01, 706 Daly Road, second-story addition
- CR 15-01, Concept Review, 601 Pearl Street Development