



CITY MANAGER MEMO

DATE: November 17, 2009
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: City Manager, Rick Daniels
RE: City Manager Memo

Planning Division

General Plan Update - Staff is currently reviewing a revised Land Use Map provided by the consultant. It is expected that the Land Use Plan will be brought before the City Council for review with the intent to use this Land Use Map for additional studies as we move forward.

Residential Rental Inspection Program – The City Council reviewed this Ordinance at their November 9, 2009 Special Meeting and recommended changes and directed Staff to present the Ordinance to the Public Safety Commission on Thursday, November 12, 2009 prior to having it come back in December 2009. Staff will incorporate the City Council's and the Public Safety Commission's changes for consideration at the December 1, 2009 City Council meeting. The ordinance will help increase neighborhood stability by alleviating blight, securing property values and ensuring the right to safe accommodations for tenants.

MSHCP & I-10 Annexation - The City's annexation application is currently scheduled for LAFCO's December 3, 2009 meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Riverside. This meeting was to be taken to LAFCO in October, but Staff requested a continuance due to some issues raised by the USFWS. Staff is working with the agency to address their concerns prior to the December 3, 2009 meeting.

Vortex Specific Plan - The MSWD approved the Water Supply Assessment for the Vortex SP. The consultant has now completed a draft Final EIR and Staff is currently reviewing it prior to scheduling public hearing meetings to approve this project. It is expected that the Vortex Specific Plan and Final EIR will be approved in December 2009.

Architectural and Landscape Review Committee – The City Clerk has published a notice accepting applications for positions on this new Committee. Potential applicants will be interviewed by the City Council and three people will be appointed to the Committee. So far we have two applications on file and are awaiting one more prior to conducting interviews to fill the positions.

Business License Division

The total weekly Development Department cash receipts were \$3,507.25, of which \$1,575.00 consisted of Business License fees, including renewals.

Eleven (11) abandoned residential properties were registered, totaling 90, with total fees collected of \$54,060.00 out of 953 listed.

A new Business License was issued to So Cal Real Estate Services (34107 Linda Way, Cathedral City, CA 92234).

Public Works Division

- Public Works Staff:
 - Removed an illegally dumped 55 gallon drum from an RDA property on 1st Street.
 - Replaced door knob at Cabot's Museum.
 - Repaired main line water break at Skyborne Fire Dept.
 - Made repairs to vandalized water lines at RDA Temple Building.
 - Completed trimming of Tamarisk Trees along Tedesco Park Basin.
 - Assisted with Veterans Day Ceremonies.
 - Had Mission Springs Park & Veterans Park treated for Fire Ants.
 - Installed door stops at Tedesco Park Buildings.
 - Changed out parking lot lights at Tedesco Park.
 - Completed Yearly Smog Inspection & Report for required vehicles.
 - Changed out parking lot lights and repaired wooden fence at RDA owned Save-a Lot.
 - Removed and discarded broken file cabinets from Cabot's Museum.
 - Hung "Open During Construction" banners for Palm Dr. & Pierson Blvd. construction.

Police

The Police Academy completed week 7 and the topics included representatives from the Investigations Bureau.

The first Crime Free Multi Housing class, (Phase I) at the Henry Vellore Lozano Community Room took place. In attendance were city staff, local property managers and apartment owners interested in learning valuable information to better manage their properties and to help improve safety and security in our community.

Department representatives met with PSUSD security and DHSHS staff for the purpose of evaluating recent school activities and off campus student behavior. A framework has been established to support on-going communication and collaboration to enhance school and community safety.

PD and Finance are working together on submission of the US Department of Justice Weed and Seed Grant application for fiscal 2010 with a deadline of December 1, 2009.

Community Resources Specialist Jim Knabb is now working out of the Neighborhood Police Office at Tedesco Park. Code enforcement will be relocating one officer to the office over the next two weeks.

Code

Code Enforcement staff has started a survey of the proposed annex area to compile a list of possible outstanding code cases to forward onto the County of Riverside Code Enforcement Department.

DVD assisted Code Enforcement and picked up a large pile of discarded furniture and a mattress at Mesquite and 8th.

Code Enforcement was able to pick up two (2) mattresses, trees, and a headboard which were dumped on Mesquite and 5th Street.

Code Enforcement responded to a citizen complaint to investigate illegal dumping of hazardous substances at 13103 El Cajon Drive. The report was valid and a citation was issued to the property owner.

Code Enforcement was directed by Police Dispatch to investigate a container of hazardous waste at 66338 1st Street. It was determined the container did not contain hazardous waste – but human waste. Police investigation continues to attempt to tie the container to a previous Code Case on October 31, 2009.

Week ending 11-13-09

Administrative Citations Issued	4	
Administrative Citations	\$ 2,300.00	
Notice of Violations issued		28
# Closed last week		32
Foreclosure Citations Issued		7
Amount of Foreclosures issued	\$76,000.00	