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TO: ► Members of the City Council
► Planning Commission

FROM: Randal K. Bynder, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Managers Status Report

The following report represents a summary for various departmental activities as well as updates for ongoing COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES WITH WORK IN PROGRESS for the 4th quarter of 2013:

ADMINISTRATIVE

HUMAN RESOURCES

The October through December period provided Human Resources the opportunity to interact with all employees as holiday and recognition events were planned and held. The service awards luncheon brought out just about every staff member in order to recognize service and the employees of the year. Feedback from all who participated was great and we thank everyone's support and participation. A team of employees has been assembled to begin work on the City Personnel Rules and Regulations Manual and we hope to have a draft at the end of the first quarter 2014. The Classification Study is moving forward as all staff have completed the position description questionnaires and management has reviewed. Following the holidays staff will be meeting with the departments for final approvals.

Welcome to Marcus Aleman (Finance) and Aaron Espinosa (Library-Finance).

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Staff reviews agendas and attends (as appropriate) the following, regularly scheduled intergovernmental meetings to represent the City or to monitor activities that may have an impact on the City:

- Sunline Transit Agency/Service Group – oversees public transportation in the Coachella Valley; administers/regulates taxi operations in the Coachella Valley
- Coachella Valley Association of Governments – a council of governments including all the Coachella Valley cities and Blythe.
 - Energy & Environmental Resources Committee
 - Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
 - Trails Management Subcommittee
- Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy – a State agency that oversees the protection of natural and cultural resources of the Coachella Valley and surrounding mountains.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The following activities took place during the fourth quarter of 2013:

- Continued monthly inspections of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units in City buildings. AEDs are medical devices to use on a person having a heart attack.
- Continued monthly participation in County Office of Emergency Services Radio-net drill. Continued monthly radio drill by City's Emergency Preparedness Committee (primarily comprised of City staff).
- Continued staff liaison duties to the Emergency Preparedness Commission (EPC) including facilitating the monthly Home Owners Association (HOA) radio drill call. The EPC concentrated their efforts on the upcoming *Race to Be Ready*, a 5k/1k Run-Walk to highlight emergency preparedness in a positive fashion. *Race* is scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 30, 2014 and will be held at the new Rancho Mirage High School. The EPC also had a booth at the Woman's Expo in November and staff made a presentation on emergency preparedness at one of the break-out sessions.
- The City participated in the Great California Shakeout in October, a state-wide earthquake drill. The Shakeout consisted of a Drop-Cover-Hold exercise and an evacuation of City Hall and the Library. After the City event, staff and the EPC had a booth at Sunnylands and participated in Sunnyland's Shakeout exercise.
- The EPC sponsored a presentation on the earthquake early warning system – known as CREWS (Coachella Valley Regional Earthquake Warning System) at City Hall. CREWS is trying to obtain funding to complete the warning system here in the Coachella Valley.
- Staff oversaw the collection and re-programming of approximately 50 handheld radios to be used in an emergency. In addition, a permanent label was attached to each radio with the radio channels/frequencies listed to ensure proper communication. Four hand-held radios were deployed at the City's Public Works Yard in Thousand Palms to be used in case of an emergency. The City has hand-held radios deployed at City Hall, the Library and the Yard. In addition key staff members have radios at their homes.
- Staff met with SCE in November to learn about SCE's emergency preparedness plans and procedures. SCE distributed special field guides to the City which have been placed at the Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) at City Hall, the Library and the City's mobile EOC vehicle.
- Staff and two EPC commissioners attended and observed Eisenhower Medical Center's emergency drill in November. The EMC drill was part of a state-wide hospital emergency drill. EMC will be a key partner with the City in any large-scale disaster.
- Staff attended an emergency preparedness training put on by Southern California Gas Company in October. Although geared towards first responders, the event had valuable information for emergency managers.
- The City sponsored a 3-day Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in November. The City reimburses Rancho Mirage residents who take the course. CERT teaches residents how they can help during a disaster and includes hands-on exercises along with classroom activities.
- The City was successful in obtaining a Department of Homeland Security grant for another CERT class to be held in early 2014. Staff attended a grant workshop in October to ensure compliance with the grant requirements.
- Staff attended an Emergency Medical Services (County) stakeholder meeting in December. The meeting was one of a continuing series of stakeholder meetings to identify ways to efficiently and effectively deliver emergency medical services in the County.
- The City put on a flu shot clinic for Rancho Mirage seniors in October. Staff and City volunteers were also allowed to participate. Flu shot clinics can deter the widespread outbreak

of the flu virus and ensure that City staff - who are official disaster workers – are available to provide city services.

- The City, acting in concert with the Agua Caliente Tribe, had an unveiling of a CERT trailer and tow vehicle in October at the Tribe's casino in Rancho Mirage. The tow vehicle and trailer are valued at over \$100,000 and it will provide emergency relief services to the Casino and City during a disaster. The cost of the vehicles was covered by a grant from the Agua Caliente Tribe of over \$290,000.

ENERGY INITIATIVES

- Staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Desert Cities Energy Partnership at CVAG offices and continues to participate in regional efforts on energy savings, programs and policies.
- Staff also worked with SCE to bump our rating in the Energy Leader Partnership (ELP) to the next level. The ELP allows cities to earn energy rebates for energy saving projects or policies. The City participated in SCE's *Direct Install* program wherein SCE replaces lights, switches, install window film, and other energy savings devices in city facilities at no cost to the City. These energy savings measures were applied at City Hall and the City's two fire stations. Final costs aren't in yet but the value of the improvements is sure to be in the thousands of dollars. And the City will experience lower energy costs in the future because of these improvements.
- The City was a sponsor for the Coachella Valley Energy Summit held in October at the Palm Springs Convention center and staff attended the event.
- Staff attended the Climate Registry/Cool Planet event held in October at the Westin. This event allowed for networking with utility companies and showcased the energy savings initiatives undertaken by the Westin. Climate Registry/Cool Planet is an advocacy organization supported by SCE and it helps cities track their greenhouse gas production.

RANCHO MIRAGE COPS

Staff continues to administer the COPS (Citizens on Patrol Services) program for the City. Meetings are held semi-monthly. Currently there are approximately 28 enrolled COPS.

Stats for COPS Patrols during the fourth quarter of 2013 are as follows:

- Total miles driven – 6,021
- Total incidents – 90
- Total hours – 546
- Patrol value - \$12,787.32 (using \$23.42/hour value)

MISCELLANEOUS

- Sit and Sleep's Founder donated 10 mattresses and box springs to Rancho Mirage Fire Station 50 on Highway 111 in October. The value of this was in excess of \$5,000 and welcomed by the fire fighters who were sleeping on nearly eight-year old mattresses.
- The City also completed a patio cover at Fire Station 50 to provide shade for the recently donated BBQ island donated by a Rancho Mirage resident as her thanks to the fire crews for providing multiple emergency calls to her family.
- The City named the City's Management Analyst as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator. The position was previously held by another employee who retired. The ADA Coordinator serves as an ombudsman to the public who have disabilities and need help with City services. The ADA coordinator attended the national ADA Coordinator's conference in November to learn the latest issues and trends in ADA compliance.

BIGHORN SHEEP/TRAILS ISSUES

The heavy rains that hit Rancho Mirage on Friday, August 23rd caused damage to the bighorn sheep fence behind Thunderbird Heights. Flood waters came down a canyon and knocked out a portion of the fence and one of the gates. It was promptly repaired and the bighorn sheep were not impacted in any way.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT-WIDE UPDATES

Development Services is comprised of the following divisions:

- Building & Safety
- Code Compliance
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Planning

Redevelopment Transition

The Redevelopment Successor Agency's \$72 million bond refinancing and retirement plan was completed on September 24 and 25, 2013 with future anticipated debt service savings in excess of \$37 million over the next 20+ years. \$30 million in excess prior bond proceeds will be used during the next two years or so (from bond issues completed prior to 2011) for public works and economic development projects. Reimbursement agreements between the Agency and the City/Housing Authority will allow City staff to manage the upcoming projects being paid for with the excess bond proceeds.

Staff is still awaiting a response from the Department of Finance regarding the Long Range Property Management Plan approved by the Oversight Board on July 9, 2013. DOF approval would clear the way for the long-awaited sale of the Agency-owned land located on Highway 111 adjacent to Mimi's Restaurant for future development.

BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

Building Permits Issued – Ten Year Comparison

CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS	TOTAL VALUATION	SINGLE FAMILY HOME PERMITS	VALUATION OF DWELLINGS ONLY
2013	1352	\$ 55,194,069	43	\$ 17,851,765
2012	1126	\$ 36,414,073	16	\$ 6,666,361
2011	964	\$ 29,691,000	5	\$ 2,972,144
2010	1104	\$ 34,045,158	5	\$ 6,350,183
2009	1203	\$ 54,592,583	89	\$ 16,264,962
2008	1073	\$ 54,653,082	18	\$ 9,412,721
2007	1408	\$ 142,059,529	62	\$ 27,090,055
2006	1335	\$ 88,341,275	94	\$ 37,233,916
2005	1837	\$119,587,145	276	\$ 76,865,698
2004	2636	\$195,349,595	468	\$137,316,073

CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

Comprehensive Approach to Compliance

Code Compliance is responsible for providing Animal Services and helping citizens maintain and preserve their property values through the enforcement of the City’s Municipal Code, health and safety codes and applicable state laws. Compliance is the primary objective; however, the road to compliance may be complex. Efforts include outreach opportunities to educate Home Owner Associations and residents alike in establishing measureable goals based on community needs and determining the magnitude of issues while seeking cooperative resolution.

Highlights of the Division’s accomplishments for October 1st thru December 31st, 2013 (4th quarter) include:

- Received and processed **298** complaints with **406** violation types.
- Obtained inspection and abatement warrants for the demolition of two single-family residences that contained imminent health and safety violations that had become visual blights and an attractive nuisance to the community.
- Abatement of graffiti on the abandoned rehabilitation center project, public property including fixtures and signs, and right-of-way areas.
- Clean-up of the landscaped parkway area along Ramon Road between DaVall and Los Alamos (Gary Player Course).
- Coordinated abatement of dead trees, shrubs, weeds and removal of abandoned above-ground irrigation line on City owned property located on Frank Sinatra Drive, south of City Hall.
- Animal Control continued to work with the State and general public (including HOAs, property managers and golf course directors) in addressing wildlife issues to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all.

Code Compliance Fee Receipts

Abatement Fees	\$ 8,198.15
Administrative Fines	\$ 5,432.10
Business License	\$ 473.00
Document Releases	\$ 552.00
Massage Permits	\$ 810.00
TOTAL	\$15,465.25

Inspections and Code Activities	Inspection Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 180 Initial Inspections • 408 Follow-Ups • 128 Animal Control • 9 Business License • 13 Graffiti Inspections • 28 Massage Licenses • 238 Phone Call Inspections • 9 Weekend Inspections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 Abatement by Owners • 13 City Abatements (includes graffiti and vacant properties) • 36 Documents submitted for recordation at County • 281 Cases Closed

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Property Improvement Program

At its September 3, 2013 City Council meeting, the establishment of a Property Improvement Program (PIP) was approved for commercial properties within Rancho Mirage. The purpose of the program is to provide funding towards upgraded exterior property improvements such as signage, landscaping, lighting, architectural enhancements and solar systems for businesses. The program provides an up to \$10,000 grant for new monument signage and an 80/20 split on funding for property improvements up to \$100,000. Proposed projects with an estimated cost in excess of \$100,000 are to be considered for approval on a case-by-case basis by the Council.

Since adoption of the PIP, staff has been promoting the program and working with interested businesses. At its November 7th meeting, the Council approved an assistance package for Acqua Pazza at The River. Staff is currently working with Dhat Island, Quick N Clean Car Wash, Misty's Consignments, and The River on formulating projects through the program.

Dhat Island

The owners of Dhat Island restaurant in Redlands have opened a desert location in the former Marie Callender's building on Highway 111. The menu features a variety of cuisine from the entire chain of Caribbean islands. The restaurant had a soft opening in December and is planning a formal grand opening for early 2014.

Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center

After a lengthy period of uncertainty, the Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center is close to being under new ownership. Paragon Commercial Group is scheduled to close escrow on the center towards the end of January 2014. Paragon is working on plans to redevelop the shopping center in order to bring this key property back to life. Part of the redevelopment includes moving CVS to the corner of Highway 111 and Bob Hope, thereby freeing up another anchor space within the shopping center. The City has agreed to sell its annex building at that location to Paragon in order to facilitate this project and to assist with some much needed offsite improvements.

The Waterfront – Property Sale

Subject to eventual approval by the State Department of Finance of the Successor Agency's Long Range Property Management Plan, staff is preparing to move forward with the sale of the Agency-owned property at the southeast corner of Highway 111 and East Veldt to the adjacent property owner who developed The Waterfront (which includes Mimi's Restaurant). The site would be integrated into that earlier development and existing parking lot with a 6,000 square foot commercial retail building fronting Highway 111.

The Ritz-Carlton

Construction continues on the future Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage which promises to be the premiere luxury hotel in the Palm Springs Valley upon its scheduled opening by March 1, 2014.

HOUSING DIVISION

Southern California Edison Program

Through Southern California Edison, the Housing Authority (HA) can take advantage of a federal grant program whereby qualifying air conditioners and refrigerators can be replaced with new units at significantly reduced costs. For instance, the program will allow for the installation of a new air conditioning unit normally priced at \$4,500 (plus installation) for \$500 (including installation). The qualifying factors for participating in the program are 1) the household must be lower income and 2) the appliances being replaced must be less efficient than the new ones and in a condition that warrants replacement. Staff is in the process of identifying which units on our housing properties qualify for participation and determining what the total cost will be. Once that information is gathered, the topic will be brought to the Board for consideration.

Parkview Villas

The following is a summary of activity at Parkview Villas for the period:

- A new gate panel was installed in November as the previous one was very old and began to malfunction.
- A community potluck was held in October and holiday dinners were held in November and December.
- Per the previously approved expenditure of excess housing bond proceeds, the entire property will be repainted. Staff has two bids for the work, but is seeking a third as another was considered insufficient.
- Staff met with a group of residents on December 5th in preparation of the previously approved cabinetry project to begin in January.
- Tree trimming for the property is scheduled to begin the second week of January.

Santa Rosa Villas

The following is a summary of activity at Santa Rosa Villas for the period:

- Two events were held (a taco night dinner and a Subway sandwich luncheon) during the period.
- Staff is planning to bring an exterior lighting plan to the Board in January 2014 to resolve significant dark areas of the property at night.
- There are no capital improvement projects planned for the property, but staff is looking into the possibility of installing screens on patio covers to help prevent substantial debris falling from trees onto patios
- Tree trimming for the property was completed in December.

San Jacinto Villas

The following is a summary of activity at San Jacinto Villas for the period:

- There was a holiday dinner event at the property on December 18th.
- Tree trimming is scheduled for early January.

Whispering Waters

The following is a summary of activity at Whispering Waters for the period:

- A new 60" high definition television was purchased and installed in the clubhouse in November, replacing an older television that was no longer working properly.
- A Thanksgiving dinner was held at the property in November and a holiday luncheon was held in December.
- As a result of a resident reporting a fall on a wet sloped walkway inside the property, the surrounding turf in that area was removed and replaced with rock so that overspray from irrigation of the turf would no longer be an issue. Concurrently, an ADA compliance representative from Hyder walked the property with staff to identify any additional areas that might need to be addressed. As a result, non-slip adhesive strips were installed along the walkway in the previously mentioned area as well as in another minimally sloped section. Handrails will be installed in three locations within the property.
- Shade slats, exterior repairs and repainting of the property (along with the installation of a new shade structure for the pool area) are currently being readied for contracts.
- Tree trimming on the property began in late December.

Rancho Palms Mobilehome Park

Several significant underground leaks were detected on the property necessitating approximately \$10,000 in repair work.

MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

The 2013 Rancho Mirage Art Affaire was held at Whitewater Park on the weekend of November 9th and 10th. The largest number of artists in the history of the 13 year old event applied for consideration to participate. Over 85 artists and craftsmen were accepted, resulting in a show of just under 100 booths. Four musical groups performed during the two day event drawing capacity crowds to the canopied stage area. Food service was provided by Rancho Mirage restaurants and libations by The Rancho Mirage Rotarians over the picture perfect weekend. Attendance was estimated to be approximately 4,000.

On the weekend following Art Affaire the last of a yearlong series of the City's 40th Anniversary events was presented at Whitewater Park. The Community Picnic and Concert attracted over 300 people who enjoyed the John Stanley King Band perform a 90 minute set that had the crowd clamoring for more. And more was promised with the presentation of plans for the renovation of the park and the addition of a new amphitheater to the parks amenities that will be premiered at the 2014 Rancho Mirage Art Affaire.

In partnership with the management of The River, the City has opened three art galleries in empty store spaces. Regional artists and crafts people, selected by art consultant Bill Schinsky, will display and sell their works in the spaces through April 2014. The three galleries will be open from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week. Simultaneously, a series of radio ads will promote "dining in Rancho Mirage" and experiencing the "Art Walk at The River" before or after a meal. The goal of the program is to attract additional visitors to The River while management of the shopping complex addresses the vacancy challenges triggered by continued impact of the earlier downturn in the economy.

PLANNING DIVISION

Major Projects

AT&T Telecommunication Tower – CUP13001

On September 3, 2013, the City Council approved a Conditional Use Permit application from AT&T Wireless for the installation of a 68' high telecommunication tower at 38-005 Vista Del Sol (at Frank Sinatra Drive). The tower is designed as a palm tree and is setback 54' from Frank Sinatra Drive. Any new electrical equipment will be housed in an existing AT&T building on the property.

Escala (North and South)

Toll Brothers continues construction on both Escala South, using detached single-story house plans that range in size from 3,163 sq. ft. to 4,085 sq. ft. (11 lots), and Escala North with detached single story house plans that range in size from 3,163 sq. ft. to 4,085 sq. ft. (20 lots).

Estilo Tract 34227 – Toll Brothers

The City Council approved this 39 residential lot subdivision on November 15, 2012 with four models ranging from 2,995 to 3,790 sq. ft. with optional casitas. To date, twelve (12) homes are either under construction or have been completed.

Family Inn – Brian Buchan

On Nov. 21, 2013 the City Council approved the project applicant's request for a one-year time extension for this previously approved small boutique style hotel (18 rooms) on a 2.5 acre parcel located at 72-094 Via Vail, just east of Bob Hope Drive. The site has already been cleared in preparation for construction. The applicant is changing his organizational structure into a non-profit corporation for tax purposes. Staff has been told the project will start in 2014.

Meriweather Tracts (Section 30)

Meriweather has submitted a Specific Plan Amendment for re-alignment of Via Florencia (a public street) and three applications for three separate Tentative Maps in Section 30 to the north of Versailles. Two of the Tentative Maps are on 5 acre parcels each consisting of 10 lots on gated cul-de-sacs (TTM 36621 and 36622). The third tentative Map consists of 98 lots in a gated community immediately north of Versailles (TTM 36620). The applicant has met with homeowners in Versailles on a couple of occasions. On December 10, 2013, Staff met with the Section 30 Subcommittee to review the Tentative Maps and to discuss comments received from CVWD. Staff is in the process of completing the environmental assessment. On December 16, 2013, the ARB endorsed the perimeter wall and landscape design. Minor changes are being made to the 5-acre tentative tract maps and it is anticipated that these projects may be reviewed by the Planning Commission in early 2014.

CUP for Cell Tower at Westin Mission Hills

A wireless tower facility was approved by staff at the Westin Mission Hills to be integrated with the architecture of the conference room facilities over the parking structure. The apparatus will be entirely concealed within the architecture of the building.

Five Peaks

The project, as originally entitled, consisted of a Tentative Parcel Map with five parcels and a Preliminary Development Plan (PDP) for a 229,000 square foot shopping center to be constructed as a single phase. In 2011, the applicant submitted a Major Modification application to develop the center in phases, with the two smaller pad buildings and all Highway 111 frontage improvements to be completed as Phase 1. On December 5, 2013 the City Council approved a request for a Time Extension of the PDP and MOD. The applicant will have through June 18, 2014 to exercise the entitlements for the PDP and Phasing Plan or may request another one-year time extension.

Magnesia Falls Office Building – Wendell Veith

At its meeting on April 25, 2013, the Planning Commission approved a Minor Conditional Use permit to re-establish an expired Conditional Use Permit for an existing office building totaling 4,235 sq. ft. The applicant will eliminate several non-conforming aspects of the property through new landscaping, updating and remodeling the exterior of the building, and various other site improvements. The site remodel is under construction and is expected to be completed by Spring 2014.

Palm Valley School

Palm Valley School submitted a Final Development Plan for its new 10,000 sq. ft. middle school building which staff has approved. The building is now being framed.

Palm Desert Senior Living at Rancho Mirage – Rick Johnson

The applicant proposed to build a one- and two-story, 66-room senior assisted living facility on ±2.04 acres located at 70-400 Country Club Drive adjacent to the Trojan Financial Plaza at Country Club Drive and Highway 111.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing in April 2013, and at the applicant's request, the item was continued to May 9th in order to give the applicant time to address several key concerns in greater detail. At the May meeting, the Planning Commission continued to express concerns about the Development Plan. Although the Preliminary Development Plan was approved on a 2-1 vote, the Specific Plan Amendment was denied on a 2-1 vote (which required 3/5 of the Commission to approve the Amendment). The applicant requested a delay in taking the item for final Council consideration. After several months of deliberation by the applicant, the application was withdrawn on November 27, 2013. Mr. Rick Johnson states that he will be submitting a revised, smaller PDP application for the proposed assisted living project in early 2014 so that he can continue processing Specific Plan Amendment 130001 and Development Agreement DA 120001.

Revelle - Rudy Herrera (Family Development)

The applicant has submitted a Preliminary Development Plan application for the construction of five model homes with associated landscaping for the development of Tract Map 36235. The subdivision consists of 32 residential lots, multiple lettered lots (including retention basin), and multiple private cul-de-sac streets with one main gated entrance at the southern edge of the subdivision on Clancy Lane. The project received unanimous approval from the City Council on September 3, 2013. Site grading has been ongoing since October. The house construction plans were submitted to the Building Division and staff anticipates that home construction will commence in early 2014.

The Ritz-Carlton and Related Projects

Renovation work on the Ritz-Carlton, which had been non-existent since September 2008, resumed in January 2013 and the re-opening of the Hotel is anticipated no later than March 1, 2014 in accordance with the TOT rebate agreement between the City and the property owners. In early December the first portions of the completed hotel were transitioned from the contractor to Ritz personnel in order to commence employee training. The final improvements to both the hotel and the surrounding site, including landscaping along Frank Sinatra Drive, are to commence the first part of January 2014. Representatives of the property owner have stated their intent to pursue previously planned future phases of the property's development once the hotel is re-opened.

Siena Vista Estates - Ken Cokeley

On June 20, 2013 the City Council approved the applicant's Tentative Tract Map submittal for the subdivision of a 5-acre parcel into 10 single family residential lots and multiple lettered lots at the southeast corner of Landy Lane and Victory Drive. In conjunction with this application is a Preliminary Development Plan for the construction of 10 homes ranging in size between 3,500 and 3,800 sq. ft. plus three car garages. The applicant has submitted plans for the final map and home plans are going through the plan check process. Grading on the site is scheduled to begin early in 2014.

Whitewater Park Expansion

In early September 2013, the Architectural Review Board reviewed and endorsed the Whitewater Park Expansion Plan, and in late September the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Plan and accompanying environmental assessment. On October 17, 2013, the City Council formally adopted the Plan and the environmental assessment. Staff has been working with the consultant to finalize the construction drawings, specifications and bid documents. We expect these documents to be completed within the next 30-days.

Tangerine Lane Estates (Verlaine)

Verlaine Ventures has submitted a request for a General Plan/Zoning Map Amendment, Tentative Tract Map 36623, Development Agreement and Street Name Change for consideration of an 18 lot subdivision on 6.7 acres at Tangerine Lane and Palm View Road in the Tamarisk neighborhood. The subdivision will have private streets but will not be gated and will have a public access easement overlay to blend with the existing character of the non-gated neighborhood. The details of the Development Agreement are being finalized, and once staff receives the revised maps, the project will proceed to the Planning Commission. The new developer is planning to complete the tract obligations of TTM 31800 (Rick Johnson) while expanding the tract boundaries to include property along Sunny Lane. The current street name, Tangerine Lane, is requested to be changed to Verlaine Drive.

Rancho Bella (formerly Bella Sera)

Pelagic Real Estate LLC (applicant) has submitted an application for a Tentative Tract Map, Map No. 36553 and a Preliminary Development Plan for consideration of a 122 lot residential community located adjacent to the south side of the new Rancho Mirage High School at the intersection of Ramon Road and Rattler Road. The proposal includes five different floor plans with multiple elevations, common area landscaping and unique aesthetic amenities. The project was reviewed by the Architectural Review Board on December 16th in which the project was well received but was required to address a couple of key issues with an anticipated following up meeting with ARB on January 13th.

Mission Hills Dog Park (private) The City has accepted an application for a private dog park located within Mission Hills immediately south of Dinah Shore Drive. During the initial review of the application the project was deemed incomplete. Staff has met with the project applicant and concerned residents to try and work through numerous concerns. Along with an additional follow up meeting staff is requesting further information from the applicant.

Other Major Projects Not Yet Completed:

- Bella Clancy
- Mirada Highlands – 63 single family homes on 90 acres.
- Mirada Villas – Remaining lots purchased by Davidson Communities in August 2013 Building permits for five (5) homes have been issued.
- Rancho Mirage Rehabilitation Center – 43,336 s.f. private rehabilitation hospital on 6.79 acres at the southeast corner of Ramon Road and DaVall Drive. Developer is still seeking financing for completion of the project.

Planning Applications Submitted/Processed – October through December 2013

- 3 Conditional Use Permit
- 1 Development Agreements
- 3 Environmental Applications
- 1 Final Development Plan
- 8 Minor & Major Modification Permits
- 6 Sign Permits
- 4 Single Family Permits
- 1 Specific Plan Amendment
- 3 Temporary Use Permits
- 1 Tentative Parcel/Tract Maps
- 19 Use & Occupancy Permits
- 1 Zoning Interpretation
- 2 Zoning Text Amendment

Special Projects

Comprehensive Zoning Text Amendments

Staff has started the annual Municipal Code Update and will be meeting with the Zoning Subcommittee in January 2014 to discuss potential updates and changes. The Update should be completed by Summer 2014.

Desert Cities Energy Partnership Activities

The Greenhouse Gas Inventory, Sustainability Plan and Energy Action Plan, along with the accompanying environmental document, were approved by the City Council on October 3, 2013.

Housing Element – 2014-2021

The Draft Housing Element for 2014-2021 (5th Cycle) received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission on October 24, 2013 and was approved by the City Council on December 5th. Staff has transmitted a certified copy of the document and adopting resolution to HCD which will comply with the State mandated time frame for the 2014-2021 Housing Element cycle.

Staff Liaison Work

Historic Preservation Commission

The City Council has designated 52 historic resources to date (51 sans Chart House). In September 2013, staff toured two prospective historic homes with the Commission. The Commission declined recommendation of one, and held a public hearing on December 10th and recommended designation of the other. The Commission recommendation will move forward to the City Council for consideration in early 2014. Staff continues to work with the Commission on its annual Historic Preservation Event at the Library to be held February 18, 2014. The guest speaker will be celebrated local architect Lance O'Donnell presenting aspects of mid-century modernism related to its influence on his design and architecture.

Trails Commission

At the November 6, 2013 Trails Commission meeting, the Commissioners requested that the Ritz Carlton fix various trail problems by the Tennis Court Villas site. The comments were forwarded to the developer and the improvements are to be completed before the hotel opens for business.

On November 14, 2013, the Trails Commission and Staff Liaison Greg Trousdell walked the Chuckwalla Loop around The Villas of Mirada to examine the new trail signs that were installed by The Villas of Mirada HOA to discourage trespassers and to help identify the City's official trail. The signs were installed at no cost to the City of Rancho Mirage or the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy. At the December 4, 2013 Trails meeting, staff was instructed to contact Executive Director Jim Karpiak for follow-up on several items. Mr. Karpiak has requested a meeting with various City Divisions which is to occur in January.

Mayor Kite attended the December 4, 2013 meeting to update the Commission on various topics such as the Bump and Grind Trail, Bighorn Sheep Habitat (Palm Desert study), Critical Species Monitoring, Critical Habitat Purchases, and CV Resources Management. The members expressed to Mayor Kite their interest in the CVLink project.

Mr. Tom Kirk, CVAG Director, has stated that while CVAG could use eminent domain to buy sites that are needed for the project that would be only if the affected cities support the land purchase arrangement. At the December 5th meeting with the Rancho Mirage City Council, Mr. Kirk stated that many of the existing Rancho Mirage golfing resorts have stated they do not want the regional trail going through their developments and with these comments CVAG is looking at various routes around the resorts.

Valley-Wide Work

On an as-needed basis, planning staff attends meetings of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), which administers the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP) as well as CVAG's Technical Planning Subcommittee which is currently chaired by Planning Manager Bud Kopp. Staff plays an advisory role with CVAG in a variety of areas such as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), Regional Transportation Plan, Sustainable Communities Strategies, Water Conservation, Alternative Energy Planning, and Regional Facilities (such as bike lanes and trails). The Planning Manager also participates in the Valley-wide Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV) readiness plan working group.

Other Projects Approved Yet Not Under Construction

- Bellavia – Construction of 18 single story single family homes on two 5 acre sites. PDP expired, Tentative Tract Map still valid.
- GHA Paloma Group – Tentative Tract Map to subdivide 10.08 acres into 19 single family residential lots in Section 30.
- GRV Mirage, LLC – Tentative Tract Map to subdivide 4.67 acres into nine single family residential lots.
- Palms and Sands Subdivision (Santa Barbara 20) – South of Mirage Cove Drive, north of Highway 111. The applicant received a one year time extension in September, 2009. With State approved time extensions, the map will expire in 2015 unless a time extension is processed and approved. Final building and grading plans were submitted in September, 2011. Because no permits were issued, the construction plans expired in 2012. The PDP has expired. The developer has listed the property for sale and various developers have been reviewing the project. New project proponents are being instructed on how to complete the PDP application requirements that will require ARB, Planning Commission and City Council review consideration.
- Ritz Carlton Residences and Villas

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

REPORT FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, and DECEMBER 2013

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 2013*

	<u>Oct. 2012</u>	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Items Checked Out	51,323	41,584	-18.9%
Patron Visits to Library	30,319	23,805	-21.4%
Reference Questions	8,692	6,724	-22.6%
Holds/Reserves Filled	7,196	6,462	-10.2%
Total Website Pageviews	80,213	76,396	-4.7%
Library Cardholders	42,022	40,756	-3%
Cards Issued	489	412	-15.7%
Daytime Adult Programs		4 With	372 Attendees
After Hours Programs		5 With	707 Attendees
Tutorials		34 With	34 Attendees
Preschool Programs		24 With	313 Attendees
Family Programs		1 With	146 Attendees

*Note: Palm Desert Library was closed during October 2012, boosting RMPL use

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LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 2013*

	<u>Nov. 2012</u>	<u>Nov. 2013</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Items Checked Out	51,661	43,157	-16.5%
Patron Visits to Library	27,327	21,948	-19.6%
Reference Questions	8,092	6,217	-23.2%
Holds/Reserves Filled	6,731	6,232	-7.4%
Total Website Pageviews	77,959	75,303	-3.4%
Library Cardholders	42,442	41,113	-
3.1% Cards Issued	405	352	-13%
Daytime Adult Programs		5 With	743 Attendees
After Hours Programs		3 With	454 Attendees
Tutorials		22 With	22 Attendees
Preschool Programs		18 With	256 Attendees
Family Programs		1 With	26 Attendees

*Note: Palm Desert Library was closed during November and December 2012, boosting RMPL use.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

- October 2 Family Night: Fire Safety
- October 5 Palm Springs Writers Guild
- October 7 Film: American Documentary Film Festival – *Dance for Me*

October 11 Book Discussion Group: *Nothing to Envy - Life in N. Korea*
 October 14 Concert: The Orange County Clarinet Consort
 October 15 CVAG: CV Link parkway through the Valley
 October 16 Lecture: Puzzles About art, Art and Artworks
 October 23 Film: Chris Perry Presents – *The Kid Brother*
 October 25 *America's Economic and Political Outlook, 2014* Beschloss and Kelly
 October 28 Film: *Frankenstein*
 October 29 Film and Discussion: *Bride of Frankenstein* and interview with Sara Karloff
 October 30 Film: *The Mummy*
 October 31 Halloween Parade and Spooktacular Program

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

November 2 Palm Springs Writers Guild
 November 4 Lecture: Birding Along the Palms to Pines Nature Trail
 November 6 Library Open House Celebrating the City's 40th Anniversary
 November 6 Film: It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World
 November 6 Family Night: Furry Fun Storytime
 November 6 Concert: Judy Wexler – Jazz Singer
 November 8 Book Discussion Group: *The Language of Flowers*
 November 12 Concert: Sung Ho Yang, Pianist
 November 14-17 Fall Foundation Book Sale
 November 18-19 Lectures: An Appreciation of the Presidency of John F. Kennedy
 November 20 Lecture: Puzzles About Art – Beauty and Ugliness

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

December 4 Family Night: Star Tour USA (Astronomy program inside and outside the Library)
 December 5 Music: Allison To, Pianist
 December 7 Palm Springs Opera Guild Annual Vocal Competition
 December 9 Film: "Lucille Ball: Her Life on the Silver Screen"
 December 11 Ken Dahleen and his Big Band Staff
 December 12 Second Poetry Invitational
 December 13 Book Discussion Group: Train Dreams
 December 14 Palm Springs Writers Guild
 December 17 Music: Joslyn Singers Celebrate the Season
 December 21 Desert Storytellers Present: Magical Holiday Stories and Cookies
 December 23 Winter Break Movie: *Epic*
 December 24 Winter Break Movie: *Monsters University*
 December 26 Winter Break Movie: *Despicable Me 2*
 December 27 Winter Break Movie: *Turbo*
 December 30 Winter Break Movie: *Smurfs 2*
 December 31 Winter Break Movie: *Percy Jackson – Sea Monsters*

JUST FOR KIDS:

The Library offers five weekly storytimes for children:

Mondays at 10 AM: Book Babies activities for newborns

Tuesdays at 10 AM, Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM Tiny Tot Tales ages 1 – 3 years

Thursdays at 10 AM Preschool Storytime for ages 3 – 5 years

- The Preschool Storytime includes stories and an arts and craft project.
- The Toddler Storytime includes stories, singing and rhyming games.

EXHIBITS:

The Annenberg Reading Room:

October: Photorealist paintings in watercolor and oil by Diane Morgan

November: Boris Karloff – Images and Memorabilia from the Collection of Sarah Karloff

December: Janet Buretz Cross Stitch Exhibit

Reference Room

October: Photorealist paintings in watercolor and oil by Diane Morgan

November: Photos from City of Rancho Mirage archives

December: Photos from City of Rancho Mirage archives

Lobby Cases

October: Boris Karloff – Images and Memorabilia from the Collection of Sarah Karloff

November: Antique cameras and a sampling of the Library's extensive photography book collection

December: Create a Literary Legacy marketing for the Library Foundation

Children's Room

Cover art from famous children's books.

Lobby Corridor to Café and Book Nook

Framed prints of book covers are in place for a lead-in for café and Book Nook patrons.

VOLUNTEERS:

During October, 42 volunteers provided 675 hours of service.

During November, 45 volunteers provided 767 hours of service.

During December, 45 volunteers provided 648 hours of service

PERSONNEL/CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- All staff participated in the Great California Shakeout earthquake exercise, October 17.
- Staff took opportunities for webinars on e-books, research methods, and relevant topics.
- Sarah O'Brien a library page earning her masters degree on-line, moved to Library Assistant in the Children's Room, replacing Karen Gevers.
- Aaron Espinosa began in a new position, Library Accounting Technician II.
- Robert Rekuc moved from Librarian PT to Librarian FT taking on a broad range of duties related to providing information service to patrons. .

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Projects under Construction

CP 13-285 & CP 13-306: CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM AT CITY YARD AND CITY HALL

The City has finalized the Power Purchase Agreement with Nobell Energy Solutions, LLC. Work began in early October and be complete in February 2014.

CP 12-271: DESERT SUN RANCH (KERSTEN ROAD, DESERT SUN DRIVE, KEENAN DRIVE, KAYE BALLARD LANE) NEW ROLLED CURB AND PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION

The project constructed wedge curb and gutter, full street reconstruction and installation of sanitary sewer on Kersten Road and the easterly portion of Kaye Ballard Lane. Construction began in early September 2013 and is fully completed. A notice of acceptance for the public improvements will be present to City Council for approval at the January 16, 2014 meeting.

Projects under Design

CP 06-225: FRANK SINATRA DRIVE/HIGHWAY 111 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

The City received a \$900,000 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) State Grant, which will fund the majority of the project improvements. This project will improve on safety and capacity of the intersection by way of additional left turn lanes and traffic signal modifications. The NEPA/CEQA environmental clearance process and final design are complete. City staff is in the process of finalizing right-of-way certification with Caltrans and submitting the Request for Construction Authorization. Construction is scheduled to commence in May 2014 and be completed by November 2014.

CP 10-254: MONTEREY AVENUE (SOUTHBOUND) STREET WIDENING FROM DINAH SHORE TO GERALD FORD DRIVES

The City received an \$850,000 grant through the State Transportation Program (STP) for this street widening project. NEPA/CEQA environmental studies have been submitted to Caltrans for final review and approval. Final design plans will be completed immediately upon receiving environmental clearance from Caltrans. Construction is tentatively scheduled for summer 2014.

CP 12-269: FRANK SINATRA DRIVE BRIDGE AT WHITEWATER RIVER

The City received a \$35 million Highway Bridge Program (HBP) State Grant to construct an all-weather bridge to replace the current low water crossing that no longer serves its intended purpose. The City's consultant is analyzing Project Alternatives and preparing the Environmental Document (PA&ED) for the project. The PA&ED commenced on October 1, 2012 and will take 18 months to complete. If all goes as planned bridge construction can begin in late 2016 and be completed within 12-15 months thereafter.

CP 12-275: MEDIAN ISLAND LANDSCAPING REHABILITATION ON HIGHWAY 111 (PAXTON DRIVE TO BOB HOPE DRIVE, INCLUDING THE PARKWAY ALONG FRONTAGE ROAD, FROM SAN JACINTO DRIVE TO BUTTON DRIVE)

This rehabilitation project will remove aged plant material, portions of stamped concrete, and the aged irrigation and electrical lighting systems. New drought-tolerant plant materials, water efficient drip irrigation and energy efficient LED electrical lighting systems will be installed. Design plans are complete and construction is scheduled for spring of 2014, with a 90-day construction period and a 90-day maintenance period.

CP 12-276: MEDIAN ISLAND LANDSCAPING REHABILITATION ON BOB HOPE DRIVE (FRANK SINATRA DRIVE TO COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE) & CP 12-278: MEDIAN ISLAND LANDSCAPING REHABILITATION ON FRANK SINATRA DRIVE (MORNINGSIDE DRIVE TO BOB HOPE DRIVE)

This rehabilitation project will remove aged plant material and the aged irrigation and electrical lighting systems and replaced with drought-tolerant plants and water efficient drip irrigation and energy efficient LED electrical lighting systems. Design plans are complete and construction is tentatively scheduled for spring of 2014, with a 90-day construction period and a 90-day maintenance period.

CP 12-284: WHITEWATER PARK EXPANSION/AMPHITHEATER

See the Development Services Department/Planning Division Section of this report for details about this project.

Other News

LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND PM¹⁰ CONTROLS

The City's new PM¹⁰ ordinance is in effect. All projects that require grading or demolition permits must submit a Dust Mitigation Plan, which we call the Local Air Quality Management Plan (or LAQMP) signed by the owner, contractor and a certified individual through the SCAQMD dust mitigation course. In response to the South Coast Air Quality Management District's "Guidelines for Dust Control Plan Review," and a growing concern that dust is not being controlled adequately, we have now updated our standard LAQMP forms. It is available as a 24" x 36" mylar to be attached with the grading plans or is available with the newly updated Standard Drawings by e-mail upon request. This way, the public is able to print their own.

RECYCLING NEWS IN RANCHO MIRAGE

- Document Shredding / Electronic Waste (e-waste) collection event at the City Library

The City conducted its paper shredding/e-waste event on Saturday, October 26, 2013 (the third of three we hold each year). The event was held at the Rancho Mirage Public Library parking lot. As usual, the hours of operation were from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our next event will be Saturday, January 25, 2014.

- Recycling at Art Affaire

Recycling receptacle boxes were used at this year's Art Affaire in November. In addition, the Rad Hatter made an appearance again conducting his handmade hat workshop, showing visitors how to make fun hats using paper grocery bags and recycled material.

- Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) and Sharps (Needle) Collection

The City continues its free pickup of household hazardous waste (HHW) and sharps (e.g. needles) for the residents of Rancho Mirage. If a Rancho Mirage resident wishes to dispose of

either HHW or sharps, an appointment must be made by calling 1-800-449-7587. Residents who have ordered a HHW/Sharps collection may also leave out e-waste on the same day, which will also be picked up at no charge. Riverside County is conducting its annual HHW collection event at the City Hall parking lot on January 18, 2014. The event will be held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

- Bulky Item Pickup

The City continues to offer free bulky item pickup for Burrtec's residential customers that live in the City. Residential customers need to call Burrtec at 760-340-2113 to make an appointment. Bulky items are picked up on the same day the customer's trash is picked up.

- Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Recycling

We continue to monitor all construction sites in Rancho Mirage and assist contractors in their efforts to recycle. In the past, this type of waste was taken to landfills, but that practice is no longer allowed.

- Food Waste Recycling

There are thirty-three (33) Rancho Mirage restaurants, resorts and country clubs successfully recycling food waste. This number fluctuates up and down each year, but is expected to increase in the upcoming years as we are incorporating additional goals into the new Burrtec contract.

- Mandatory Commercial Recycling

The City continued its implementation of the Mandatory Commercial Recycling program, which is required by State law (AB 341). Effective July 1, 2012, all multi-family housing of five (5) or more units and all commercial enterprises that generate more than 4 cubic yards of waste per week are required by the new State law to recycle. The City's responsibility under this law is to provide "education, outreach, and monitoring" of the program to housing projects and the business community.

Also, we are working with the owner of the apartments on Ocotillo Dr. and Sahara Dr. to install trash/recycling enclosures in an effort to divert more of their trash to recycling bins. We went out to informal bid in November 2013. We received only one bid, which was \$83K. Since this bid was far more than the Engineer's Estimate of \$31K, and since we didn't have multiple bids for comparison, we rejected the bid. We are in the process of rebidding the project to additional contractors. We plan to have the RFP sent out by the week of January 6 or January 13.

- Burrtec Contract Negotiations

City staff and consultants continue to meet with Burrtec representatives in an effort to develop a new contract. The current contract that had a June 30, 2013 end date was amended by the City Council to be extended on a month-to-month basis until the new contract is completed and approved. Similar to the current contract, the new contract will have a term of six (6) years, but will now include penalty provisions should Burrtec not meet the contract's requirements for providing reports. The contract will also include new language in order to bring it in line with recent and expected future legislation.

Upcoming schedule:

- January 6, 2014 – Budget Subcommittee to discuss final issues that staff needs direction.
- The following will be necessary only if Burrtec determines that they indeed have customers on the “low income discount” program:
 - January 16, 2014 – Tentative date for City Council to approve a Notice of Intent to send out Prop. 218 notices.
 - January 17, 2014 – Tentative date to mail out Prop. 218 notices.
 - March 20, 2014 - City Council to review responses from Prop. 218 notices. Will also review and approve new Burrtec contract.
- If Burrtec determines that they don’t have any customers on the “low income discount” program and Prop. 218 notices aren’t necessary at this time, the following dates apply:
 - February 6, 2014 – City Council to approve contract.

Photovoltaic Solar projects

The following progress has been made since we last reported on it:

- City Yard – Pre-construction meeting held on October 29, 2013. Construction began mid-November 2013. Underground substructure has been installed coming from carports and retention basin to the main building. Solar panels and their mounting hardware are being installed on the carports. Building Dept. is doing the inspections, and Public Works is keeping an eye on the progress and the impact the construction has on the City Yard.

PERMITS ISSUED DURING OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2013

Grading	10
Encroachment	32
Transportation	9
Pool Drainage	10
Miscellaneous	0
TOTAL:	61

If the public wishes any additional information on any projects, please contact the Department of Public Works at (760) 770-3224.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES WITH WORK IN PROGRESS

The following chart is an up-to-date list of ongoing Council Subcommittees with work in progress. Subcommittee members include Council members and others completing work on City projects. This chart provides a progress report for the established subcommittees and the status of the projects:

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES WITH WORK IN PROGRESS			
GROUP	MEMBERS INCLUDE	STATUS	SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT
<p>Affordable Housing Design Subcommittee</p> <p>Originally formed at 10-16-03 Council meeting and tasked with redesign of Santa Rosa Villas; reconfigured 9-14-04 by Ron Meepos.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Kite Councilmember Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith City Engineer Enos City Manager Bynder</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To assist in the site planning and unit design for sites held by the Housing Authority for affordable units.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> No activity to report.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>Audit/Budget Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 7-14-05 by memo from Alan Seman.</p> <p>On 05-18-06 combined Audit with Budget Subcommittee.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Kite Councilmember Hobart</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Finance Dir. Hagerman Other Dept. Dir. or staff as needed.</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Subcommittee to: 1) Specifically review the procedures concerning the process of the annual (financial) audit; 2) Meet with City Manager and Dept. Directors to review mid-year and year-end budget adjustments (as needed), the two-year budget and ten-year budget projections.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> Subcommittee to: 1) Review the City's Investment Policy; 2) Review the December Monthly Treasurers Report; 3) Review the Draft Procurement Policy</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (1-07-14) 1) Annually the City's Investment Policy is reviewed and updated. Proposed updates will be presented to the subcommittee in late January 2013 and presented to the full Council in February 2014. 2) Seek input from the subcommittee on the December 2013 Monthly Treasurers Report and use the formatted report on a go forward. The report will be provided to the subcommittee in mid-January 2014 for comment then provided to the full Council in February 2014. 3) Have the subcommittee review the draft purchasing policy prior to presentation to the full Council in February 2014.</p> <p><u>Burrtec Solid Waste and Recycling Contract Negotiations</u> City staff continues to finalize the new six year contract with Burrtec staff. The subcommittee has met several times with staff to discuss the progress of the negotiations, but several more meeting will be needed. The contract that had expired on June 30, 2013 has been extended by City Council action on a month-to-month basis until the new contract is completed and approved. Similar to the current contract, the new contract will have a term of six (6) years, but will now include penalty provisions should Burrtec not meet the contract's requirements for providing reports. The contract will also include new language in order to bring it in line with recent and expected future legislation.</p> <p><u>Photovoltaic Solar Projects</u> The City Council approved a Power Purchase</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES WITH WORK IN PROGRESS			
GROUP	MEMBERS INCLUDE	STATUS	SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT
		Agreement (PPA) with Nobell Energy Solutions, LLC on September 16 th for the City Hall and City yard projects. Construction for the City Yard project began in November 2013, and will complete in late February or early March 2014. The City Council discussed a potential solar project for the Rancho Mirage Library, in which the subcommittee will be involved in initial staff discussions regarding financing such a project. Funding by the Successor Agency has been approved through the ROPS process. Staff is currently putting together the details on the project and will be scheduling a meeting with the subcommittee within the next few months.	
Chamber of Commerce Subcommittee	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Smotrich Councilmember Weill <u>Staff Assistance:</u> Dev. Svcs. Dir. Watts Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith	<u>Assignment:</u> Coordinate with members of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber's Executive Director related to services provided to the City by the Chamber. <u>Status:</u> Subcommittee meets with Chamber officials on a quarterly basis. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet again on January 7, 2014.	Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.
Commercial Development Subcommittee Formed 9-20-07 by memo from Mayor Hobart.	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Kite Councilmember Hobart <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Dev. Svcs. Dir. Watts Planning Mgr. Dev. Kopp	<u>Assignment:</u> To review proposed and recently submitted commercial development projects. <u>Status:</u> The subcommittee met on October 4, 17, 22 and 30, 2013 to discuss the City's property improvement program and Coachella Invest sponsorship.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
Eisenhower Medical Center Subcommittee Formed 4-19-07 Council meeting	<u>Council:</u> Councilmember Hobart Councilmember Weill <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Dev. Svcs. Dir. Watts Planning Mgr. Kopp <u>EMC Representatives:</u> Aubrey Serfling, President & CEO Ali Tourkaman, VP, Facilities & Construction	<u>Assignment:</u> To work cooperatively with representatives of Eisenhower Medical Center to ensure an effective partnership between EMC and the City on various concerns and topics of interest. <u>Status:</u> EMC notified staff that many proposed projects have been eliminated or scaled back. Staff met with Eisenhower Medical Center in October and they do not have any major projects scheduled for 2013.	Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.
Golf Club Subcommittee Formed 9-19-02 Council meeting Per an email of 9/8/08 from then Mayor Meepos.	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Hines Councilmember Kite <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Contract Specialist Griego	<u>Assignment:</u> Golf Club for residents implemented January 1, 2003. Reconvene periodically to consider program modifications, terms and conditions of contract with provider, fees charged, etc. <u>Status:</u> Negotiations have concluded and the change to the program will have the City enrolling and certifying residents and the Westin will collect fees and issue cards. Review will occur end of 2014 or as needed.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
McCallum Theatre Subcommittee Formed 11-21-02 Council meeting	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Kite Councilmember Weill <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Mgt Analyst Wilson	<u>Assignment:</u> Provide direction in implementation of a funding agreement with McCallum Theater. <u>Status:</u> No action to report this quarter. The City budgeted \$40,000 for the McCallum Theatre in FY13-14 and FY14-15. The subcommittee met with Mitch Gershenfeld and chose three programs	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES WITH WORK IN PROGRESS			
GROUP	MEMBERS INCLUDE	STATUS	SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT
		to sponsor. As part of the City's sponsorship, residents will receive a discount on three shows and the City has advertising at the McCallum Theatre during the shows.	
<p>Mobilehome Liaison Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 03-17-05 Council meeting. At 04-21-05 Council meeting it was noted that Ron Meepos had replaced Harvey Gerber.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Councilmember Hobart Councilmember Weill</p> <p><u>Community Member:</u> Mobilehome Park representative(s) to be invited as necessary.</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Attorney Quintanilla Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Promote communication and develop a productive working relationship between mobilehome park HOAs, mobilehome park owners and residents of mobilehome parks. Also develop an enforcement system to carry out the Mobilehome Fair Practices Commission decisions and findings.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> No activity to report.</p>	Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.
<p>Public Safety Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed on 6/16/13 Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Smotrich Councilmember Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Svc. Dir. Malcolm-Valente</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To meet, discuss and advise on public safety issues, programs, matters and fiscal matters.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> No meetings have been held.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
<p>Section 19 Specific Plan Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 12-15-05</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Councilmember Hines Councilmember Hobart</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Kopp Dir. of Public Works Harry Dev. Svcs. Dir. Watts</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To meet with staff, consultant and invited property owners for the development of a Specific Plan in Section 19, which has now been drafted.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The Subcommittee met with City staff and representatives from CVWD and Quorum Realty Funds to discuss the status of infrastructure development in Section 19.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
<p>Section 30 Planning Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 5-20-10 Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Councilmember Hines Councilmember Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Kopp Dir. of Public Works Harry Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To review future development alternatives in Section 30, including property owned by the City of Rancho Mirage.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The Subcommittee to discuss various applications for development. Also discussed was the status of water availability and imminent improvements required in the Mission Hills Pressure Zone.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
<p>Section 31 Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 9-14-04 by memo from Ron Meepos</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Councilmember Hobart Councilmember Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder City Attorney Quintanilla Planning Mgr. Kopp City Engineer Enos Dev. Svcs. Dir. Watts</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To discuss terms and conditions of a settlement agreement and development agreement between the City and property owners to allow a Partition Agreement to proceed.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> No recent meetings have been held.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
<p>Senior Citizen Advisory Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 9-20-07 by memo from Mayor Hobart</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Councilmember Hines Councilmember Weill</p> <p><u>Community Member:</u> Resident(s) of Housing Authority projects</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> Econ. Dev. and Housing</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To continue the Council's liaison with the senior community.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> No activity to report.</p>	Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES WITH WORK IN PROGRESS			
GROUP	MEMBERS INCLUDE	STATUS	SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT
	Mgr. Smith		
<p>Special Assistance Funds (SAF) Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 7-18-02 Council Meeting 10-26-04 Ron Meepos appointed Harvey Gerber to serve in his place. 10-20-05 Council appointed Richard Kite to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Gerber.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Smotrich Councilmember Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> Contract Specialist Griego</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Review and recommend changes in policies and evaluation criteria. Review submitted applications for funds and report back to Council with funding allocation recommendations.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The City Council awarded Special Assistance Funds to 38 nonprofits on October 17, 2013.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
<p>Sphere of Influence (SOI) Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 06-07-06 Special Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Smotrich Councilmember Hobart</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Kopp Dev. Svcs. Dir. Watts</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Review and analyze information and data related to City's Sphere-of-Influence (SOI).</p> <p><u>Status:</u> A meeting of the subcommittee was held on March 28, 2013 to discuss a potential future project for Section 24 and annexation.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
<p>Sustainability Subcommittee</p> <p>Name changed from Solid Waste/ Recycling Subcommittee to Sustainability Subcommittee at 6-25-09 Council Meeting. Formed 6-17-04 Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Councilmember Hines Councilmember Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Project Mgr. Viegas</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Meet on an as-needed basis to discuss issues related to sustainability.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The Subcommittee met on May 28th to discuss the solar project at the City Yard. The primary purpose was to update the subcommittee on the consultant's progress and to fine-tune some of the deal points.</p> <p>A Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and environmental document was approved by the City Council on September 16th.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
<p>Tourism, Marketing and Special Events Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 1-2005 by Ron Meepos; modified in conjunction with Marketing Plan approved by City Council in 12-2007.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Smotrich Councilmember Hobart</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Mgr. Bynder Dev. Svcs. Dir. Watts Marketing Mgr. Barrett</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Develop a theme for Rancho Mirage tourism; create an effective and user-friendly format to market Rancho Mirage tourism opportunities via the Internet; pursue group marketing of Rancho Mirage tourism; and promote Rancho Mirage hotels as a place to hold conferences, business meetings, and other special events.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The subcommittee last met on April 10, 2013 to discuss design and security up-grades to the City's website as well as proposed enhancement for MirageScope.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee; related Tourism Advisory Committee subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.
<p>Zoning Ordinance Update Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 11/08/10 by then Mayor Kite</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Kite Councilmember Hobart</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> Planning Mgr. Kopp</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To meet with staff pursuant to Municipal Code Section 17.02.030 to discuss a list of potential corrections, clarifications, interpretations and recommended updates to the Zoning Ordinance (Municipal Code Title 17)</p> <p><u>Status:</u> Staff will be requesting a meeting with the Subcommittee in January 2014.</p>	