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TO: ► Members of the City Council
 ► Planning Commission

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SUBJECT: 2014 Fourth Quarter Activity 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 2014:

ADMINISTRATION

BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

Building Permits Issued – Ten Year Comparison of Third Quarter Construction Activity

CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE (Jan-Dec)	TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS	TOTAL VALUATION	SINGLE FAMILY HOME PERMITS	VALUATION OF DWELLINGS ONLY
2014	1,578	\$ 65,267,451	38	\$24,515,579
2013	1,052	\$ 40,581,579	31	\$12,891,431
2012	822	\$ 26,289,069	11	\$ 4,735,055
2011	755	\$ 22,865,379	3	\$ 1,850,358
2010	867	\$ 27,810,522	5	\$ 6,350,183
2009	852	\$ 30,985,715	4	\$ 3,711,678
2008	865	\$ 46,645,375	14	\$ 7,023,743
2007	1,148	\$103,306,397	41	\$20,227,300
2006	1,015	\$ 65,972,274	68	\$26,383,036
2005	1,498	\$102,567,536	259	\$67,762,942

Interesting building permit issued statistics for 2014

323 photovoltaic permits with a total construction valuation of \$13,057,541

541 energy efficient air conditioning and water heater replacement permits with a total construction valuation of over \$3,607,863

174 single family dwelling remodel permits with a construction valuation of over \$7,688,230

31 commercial tenant improvement permits with a construction valuation of \$3,296,325

73 new use and occupancy permits were issued for new businesses

79 fire department permits

Total receipts for building permits is over \$1,111,000

A total of 6,111 field inspections have been conducted with an average of over 25 inspections a day.

CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

Comprehensive Approach to Code Compliance

Code Compliance is responsible for helping citizens maintain and preserve their property values, and providing Animal Services through the enforcement of the City's Municipal Code. Although compliance is the primary objective, the road to compliance may be complex. Taking the comprehensive route includes outreach opportunities to educate Home Owner Associations and residents alike in establishing measurable goals based on the community needs and to determine the magnitude of the issues in seeking cooperative resolution.

Highlights of the Division's recent notable accomplishments include:

- Received and processed **449** complaints with **572** violation types.
- Code/Animal Services is currently developing an animal emergency preparedness program to include voluntary registration for pets and training on "pet safety" through a "town hall" forum similar to that of the CERT program offered to residents. The registration includes an identification card for residents and microchip information.
- With the elimination of the Compliance Assistance Program (CAP), the Code Compliance Division will assume the duties of inspecting restaurant and hazardous waste facilities beginning January 1, 2015. Intense training is underway related to storm water regulations in compliance with the state mandated Stormwater Management Plan-MS4 Permit (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System).
- The abandoned construction site located at the southwest corner of DaVall and Ramon Road was recently eradicated of graffiti; the parkway area was cleaned up (trash, dead vegetation, and other debris removed); the area along the eastern side property line was abated with the removal of overgrown and dead vegetation that was visible from adjacent properties.
- Work with residents to understand the implications of water waste and current drought conditions by identifying broken irrigation lines and addressing excessive water run-off on hardscape areas.

Code Compliance Fee Receipts

Business License	\$ 582.00
Massage Permits	\$1,075.00
Administrative Fines	\$1,850.00
Abatement Fees	\$1,220.00
Document Releases	\$ 414.00
TOTAL	\$5,141.00

Inspections and Code Activities	Inspection Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 293 Initial Inspections • 604 Follow-Ups • 112 Animal Control • 429 Phone Call Inspections • 12 Graffiti Inspections • 69 Weekend Inspections • 6 Massage Licenses • 21 Business License 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 City Abatements (includes graffiti and vacant properties) • 39 Abatement by owners • 254 Cases Closed • 51 Documents submitted for recordation at County

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Property Improvement Program

The Property Improvement Program allows eligible businesses to apply for two grants: monument signs and façade/property improvements. The monument sign grant provides eligible applicants up to \$15,000 in grant funds for the installation of a new or refurbished monument sign. The façade/property improvements grant provides eligible applicants up to \$50,000 in grant funds for the refurbishment of non-conforming and/or substandard properties on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis. To date, the program has funded new signage for Dhat Island Caribbean Creole Cuisine, Rancho Mirage Professional Office Building, Allan Pitchko Galleries, Misty's Consignments, and Dr. Walsh Urology, with plans for new monument signs at the former Right Bank building, Wally's Desert Turtle, and Rancho Mirage Florist in the works. No façade work has been completed through the program.

Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center

After closing escrow on the property in March of 2014, Paragon Commercial Group worked closely with the City to formulate plans for redeveloping the shopping center. The project was approved by the council in November followed by the relocation of the Chamber of Commerce offices (to the building at the rear of Lamps Plus and Pirch on Highway 111) and Sheriff's substation (to temporary space within the shopping center).

Escrow on the sale of the Annex building to Paragon closed on December 18th. Demolition of the Annex building is expected to occur the beginning of 2015, allowing for the construction of a new CVS store at that location. On a parallel track, the owner plans to submit construction drawings for the new Stein Mart in January to fill the former Vons space as well as plans for the remaining demolition and offsite work to be done.

The River

The River was acquired by Cheer Land Investment Group in June, 2014. Since the purchase, the City has been working with the new owners of the popular entertainment destination to help address concerns regarding vacancies and physical deficiencies of the property.

Pavilions

The Pavilions store at Bob Hope and Gerald Ford is being purchased by Washington based Haggen, Inc. The purchase is part of a package of 146 Albertsons, Pavilions, Safeway and Vons stores; the sale of which is necessitated by order of the Federal Trade Commission as a result of the Albertsons/Safeway merger. Haggen currently operates 18 grocery stores in the Pacific Northwest, so this is a substantial expansion to say the least. The change of ownership will be accompanied by a brand change to Haggen and is expected to take place in spring of 2015.

HOUSING DIVISION

Housing Website/Marketing

Following on the heels of the new economic development website, the existing Housing Authority webpage has been substantially improved. The revamped page now includes a map showing the location of each property as well as a series of photos for potential applicants to view, and information on outside organizations associated with affordable housing. Additionally, staff is working on a brochure providing pertinent information for each property to be available at each property and at City Hall.

Solar Power Pool Heating

Staff was in the process of obtaining bids for the installation of solar power heating systems for the pools at all four housing properties. However, due to a change in the program funding, this process is being placed on hold. Should future funding become available, staff will look to move forward.

Parkview Villas

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

- The RFP that was initiated to have the entire property repainted, including stucco repair with new light fixtures and signage and the addition of parking stops, was pulled after staff became aware that there are significant roofing issues that need to be addressed prior to this work taking place.
- Whitley's Construction was the lowest responsible bidder to the RFP initiated to address the roofing issues at the property. Their work is scheduled to start the first of the year.
- The project to replace cabinetry and flooring continues with 24 units having been completed and a contract for 17 more underway.
- Property-wide tree trimming was completed.
- Several areas of the landscape maintenance have been addressed.
- The property manager has continued to administer the free food pantry program, with many residents taking advantage. The program is put on every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month and is funded through the Cathedral Center.

San Jacinto Villas

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

- Property-wide tree trimming was completed.
- Tim Ramey was introduced as the new onsite property manager at San Jacinto Villas in December. Former onsite manager, Dawn Hammerton moved to Santa Rosa Villas in order to manage that property and Whispering Waters.

Santa Rosa Villas

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

- Property-wide tree trimming was completed.

- Dawn Hammerton became the permanent onsite property manager for Santa Rosa Villas and moved into the manager's unit.

Whispering Waters

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

- Property-wide tree trimming was completed.

Rancho Palms Mobile Home Park

The following is a summary of activity at Rancho Palms for the period:

- Additional property lighting was repaired.
- A landscape company was hired to clear debris, weeds, dead bushes/trees and trim trees on the property.
- Public Works staff assisted with several work items including minor repairs around the property and in the clubhouse.

All purchased mobile homes in Rancho Palms Mobile Home Park have been vacated and removed.

PLANNING DIVISION

Planning Applications Submitted/Processed – October through December 2014

- 1 Conditional Use Permit
- 1 Conditional Use Permit Extension
- 2 Final Development Plan
- 6 Minor & Major Modification Permits
- 2 Single Family Permits
- 5 Sign Permits
- 6 Temporary Use Permits
- 14 Use & Occupancy Permits
- 1 Zoning Interpretation

Major Planning Projects – Recently Entitled or Change in Status

Meriweather Tracts (Section 30)

Meriweather 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 consisted of nine lots on 5 acres and were approved by the City Council on July 31, 2014. The third Tentative Map consists of 98 lots in a gated community immediately north of Versailles (TTM 36620). The applicant has met with Versailles homeowners on a couple of occasions with regards to the project. On December 10, 2013, Staff met with the Section 30 subcommittee to review the Tentative Maps and to discuss comments received from CVWD (i.e., water pressure and capacity issues). On December 16, 2013, the ARB endorsed the perimeter wall and landscape design. Environmental Assessments have been completed and circulated. Tentative Tract Map 36620 is being revised to reduce the number of lots and add additional open space/recreational areas as of June 12, 2014. On August 11, 2014, staff met with the Section 30 subcommittee and direction was given for refinement of the Tentative Map. The applicant is finishing the revisions and staff expects to move the project forward for final consideration this fall. The Tentative Maps was approved by the City Council on December 4, 2014.

The Islands of 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. Following Planning Commission consideration of the project 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. In February, 2014, the developer submitted a revised site plan to the Fire Marshall. A new PDP application (PDP14005) was submitted on June 18, 2014 and the ARB evaluated the revised project on September 22, 2014. The ARB requested several modifications and that the project be brought back for further consideration. The project was considered by the Planning Commission in early November, and the City Council denied the Specific Plan Amendment and Development Plan at their December 4, 2014 meeting.

Section 19 Rancho Mirage Commons – Quorum Group

Staff has accepted an application for a Section 19 Specific Plan Amendment and a Development Agreement for the first phase of mixed use development in Section 30. We are currently reviewing the application for completeness, determining the most appropriate level of environmental analysis for CEQA compliance and continue to meet with the Section 19 Subcommittee on aspects of the Development Agreement. Our next meeting is being scheduled in early January. Currently, we are completing Tribal consultation under SB-18 regulations.

RMSW, LLC / Thunderbird Resort

The applicant has submitted a Preliminary Development Plan, Tentative Parcel Map, Specific Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment applications for the construction of 258,041 square foot development situated on 23.71 acres. The project known as “Thunderbird Resort and Spa” is a one and two story resort, spa, fitness, restaurant, conventional and residential buildings. The project is situated on the western half of Highway 111 between Frank Sinatra and Mirage Cove Drives opposite The Atrium. The project is being scheduled for a January Architectural Review Board meeting. The anticipated date for EA circulation will be in February 2015; Planning Commission review in March of 2015 and the City Council review in April of 2015.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

Staff wrote the LHMP over 2 years ago and submitted it to County Fire to be a part of the multi-jurisdictional LHMP. The project was under review by CAL EMA and FEMA for about 18 months. In May, staff was notified by FEMA that the document is ready for the City to adopt. The project was adopted by the City Council on September 22, 2014. We received confirmation on December 15, 2014 that we have completed the process. Our next revision is due June 2017.

Approved Under Construction

Escala (North and South)

Toll Brothers continues construction on both Escala South (11 lots) and Escala North (20 lots), using detached single-story house plans that range in size from 3,163 sq. ft. to 4,085 sq. ft. At this time, Toll had sold 15 homes. They have 14 lots left in Escala North and 2 lots left in Escala South.

Estilo Tract 34227 – Toll Brothers

The City Council approved this 39 residential lot Development Plan (PDP) on November 15, 2012 with four models ranging from 2,995 to 3,790 sq. ft. with optional casitas. To date, eighteen (18) homes are either under construction or have been completed.

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 subdivision development of Tract Map 36235 on

Clancy Lane. 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. The project received unanimous approval from the City Council on September 3, 2013, house construction plans have been approved and the construction of seven homes including the model began in January 2014. The model homes complex opened in June 2014.

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 began in early September 2014.

Tangerine Lane Estates (Verlaine)

On February 13, 2014, the Planning Commission recommended denial of a request by Verlaine Ventures 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 City Council considered this case on March 20, 2014, and following public testimony, approved the request(s) with a modification to decrease the number of lots to 17, and to provide a secondary pedestrian emergency access gate and easement for the benefit of residents in The Colony Mobile Home Park. 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 developer will complete the tract obligations of TTM 31800 (Rick Johnson) while expanding the tract boundaries to include property along Sunny Lane. The developer submitted the Preliminary Development Plan (PDP14003) application on May 30, 2014. The project was heard by the Planning Commission on September 18, 2014 and the Commission recommended approval. The City Council approved the project at its October 16, 2014 meeting. Site grading work began in December; single family homes will range from 3,188 -3,986 s.f.

Rancho Mirage Community Park Expansion

The construction drawings, specifications and bid documents for the Rancho Mirage Community Park Expansion Plan have been finalized and Public Works accepted bids on the project through April 16, 2014. A pre-bid meeting was held on April 2nd. Bids were rejected and the documentation package was clarified and updated. The project was re-advertised as prevailing wage and was awarded by the City Council in October. Construction began in December, 2014.

Mirada Villas

The remaining lots purchased by Davidson Communities in August 2013. Building permits for five (5) homes have been issued.

Rancho Mirage Rehabilitation Center

On December 11th, staff contacted David Hurst, with Falcon Companies, who will be purchasing the 43,336 sq. ft. private rehabilitation hospital on 6.79 acres at the southeast corner of Ramon Road and DaVall Drive project from Ray Sanders and the Dr. Bartell group.

- Business points have been agreed to and the acquisition agreements are now in the hands of the Attorneys.
- The goal is to finalize the agreements by the end of December 2014 and closing the deal by end of January 2015.
- Construction will start after required OSHPOD modifications are approved, hopefully by April 2015.

- Mr. Hurst understands the need for the sidewalks along the public streets, and says he will expedite moving the fences and providing safe pedestrian passage.

At this point, we will continue to monitor the acquisition to verify that it is moving forward.

Approved Not Yet Under Construction

AT&T Telecommunication Tower – CUP13001

A 68' high monopalm telecommunication tower at 38-005 Vista Del Sol (at Frank Sinatra Drive) was approved by the City Council on September 3, 2013, as requested by AT&T Wireless. The tower is setback 54' from Frank Sinatra Drive and any new electrical equipment will be housed in an existing AT&T building on the property. The building permit was issued on April 28, 2014.

DW Johnson TTM36698

Planning has accepted an application for a seven (7) lot subdivision on 3.68 acres located on the south side of La Paz Road approximately midway between Thompson Road and Los Reyes Drive (R-L-2 Zone). The applicant is proposing a gated entry to the development with desert landscaping along the La Paz street frontage. On April 24, 2014, the Planning Commission approved the project. City Council approved the project on May 15, 2014.

Rancho Bella (formerly Bella Sera)

Pelagic Real Estate LLC (applicant) submitted an application for a Tentative Tract Map, Map No. 36553 and a Preliminary Development Plan for consideration of a 122 lot residential community at the intersection of Ramon Road and Rattler Road (to the south side of Rancho Mirage High School). The proposal includes five different floor plans with multiple elevations, common area landscaping and unique aesthetic amenities. The City Council approved the project on May 15, 2014, and reduced the number of lots to 115 and increased the landscaped open space.

Westin Mission Hills Cell Tower CUP

A wireless tower facility at the Westin Mission Hills was approved by staff 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.

Desert European Motorcars

On May 23, 2014, the applicant submitted a Preliminary Development Plan to add a new sales and service auto dealership (Jaguar) to an existing Range Rover facility. The project was reviewed by the ARB in August. The project was considered by the Planning Commission in October and approved by the City Council November 6, 2014.

City of Rancho Mirage Section 30 Dog Park

A dog park was initially included in the Whitewater Park project, however, in October 2013, it was determined that the park was too small and removed from the project. In April, the council conducted a Study Session, considered various sites, and generally agreed that a City owned site in Section 30 was a suitable location and was already zoned appropriately for such use. Further direction was given to work with the Section 30 Subcommittee and refine the proposal. Staff presented a revised site plan to the Subcommittee on July 22nd and the preliminary design and environmental assessment was forwarded to the Planning Commission for consideration on September 18th. The Commission conducted the public hearing and recommended that the item be continued to the October 9th meeting. The Planning Commission approved on October 9, 2014 and the City Council approved the project on October 16, 2014. Public Works is currently reviewing proposals for Design Services. We anticipate the Council may award the Design Services Contract in early February, 2015.

Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center

On June 18, 2014, the application was submitted for a (Major) Modification and a Conditional Use Permit for a major renovation/remodel of the Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center, which will include a new pharmacy with drive-thru. The ARB reviewed the project on August 25, 2014 and Planning Commission hearing. This project was approved by the City Council November 6, 2014.

Special Projects

Comprehensive Zoning Text Amendments

Staff continues to monitor required and suggested changes in the Municipal Code. We plan to have a staff meeting in January to discuss several new amendments and will be meeting with the Zoning subcommittee shortly thereafter.

Staff Liaison Work

Trails Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2015.

For additional information on any projects, please contact the Planning Division at (760) 328-2266.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The following activities took place during the 4th quarter:

- Rancho Mirage participated in the Great California Shakeout earthquake drill on October 16th. During the drill, Council and staff at City Hall practiced DROP-COVER-HOLD ON by crawling under their desks and then “evacuated” City Hall. A head count was made in the parking lot to be sure that everyone made it safely out of City Hall as part of the earthquake drill.
- The City’s Emergency Preparedness Commission had a booth at the Rancho Mirage Art Affaire in November. The Commission had many successful contacts with citizens regarding emergency preparedness.
- The City conducted a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class at Mission Hills on November 10-12th and one at the Library on December 18-20th.
- On November 20th, City staff participated with Eisenhower Medical Center on a statewide drill with an ebola scenario. Staff and RACES (Radio Amateur Civilian Emergency Services) operated the City’s emergency radio room at the Rancho Mirage Library. Staff also tested the operation of the City’s satellite phones during the drill. The City has six satellite phones deployed at three locations serving the City (Public Works Yard, Library, and City Hall).
- On December 3rd, the Mayor, in conjunction with the Emergency Preparedness Commission, presented the first in a three-part lecture series about emergency preparedness, safety, etc., entitled “Getting Prepared.” Two more lectures are planned during the first half of 2015.

ENERGY INITIATIVES

- Staff attended the October 10th Energy Summit held at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The Summit is a joint project of CVEP and CVAG.

- In October, staff coordinated an on-site energy audit by a consultant (paid for by the PUC) of the housing authority properties. That audit revealed several cost-savings measures and a formal report was provided to the City in December. Discussions are scheduled for January to consider implementation of the measures recommended in the study.
- Staff coordinated a light bulb replacement at three of the City's housing authority properties (Parkview Villas, San Jacinto Villas, and Whispering Waters). The cost of the lights and the contractor's labor (\$2,169.28) were all paid for by SCE.
- Another energy audit (draft) of the City Library was released this quarter and staff provided feedback to the consultant (paid for by SCE). Staff will be reviewing the potentially cost-saving measures once the final report is received in January. It appears the City will save energy/money with some of the programs which have short pay-back periods.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The last quarter of the calendar year found Human Resources busy with open enrollment, recruitments and training. The final event of the year, the Employee Holiday and Recognition Event, was well attended and the City recognized four outstanding employees of the year. Human Resources recruited for Accounting Supervisor and welcomed Jesse Eckenroth, and currently is in the process of recruiting for a Deputy City Clerk due to the retirement of Bess McGladrey. Training classes included: An Audit of Personnel Rules and A Guide for Disaster Service Workers sponsored by the Liebert Cassidy Employers Consortium of which the City is a member. The IT consultants from Client First met with all departments to review their needs, suggestions in order to develop the five year strategic plan. They will be back in January 2015 to present their draft findings and initiatives. Good news, the City's Worker's Compensation program received a refund for excellent claims history for the period of 2013 through 2014.

RANCHO MIRAGE COPS

Staff continues to administer the COPS (Citizens on Patrol Services) program for the City. Meetings are held semi-monthly. There are approximately 29 badged COPS.

Stats for COPS Patrols for the time period October-December are:

- Total miles driven – 6,680
- Total incidents – 62
- Total hours – 561
- Patrol value - \$13,138.62 (using \$23.42/hour value)

COPS had a booth at the Rancho Mirage Art Affaire in November. Not only is this a good recruitment tool with great exposure, but it serves as great public relations with the community.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Sheriff's Substation: In December, staff coordinated the move of the Rancho Mirage Sheriff's Substation from the now-vacant Annex Building to one of the in-line shops in the Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center. Activities included prepping the space for occupancy (e.g. painting, installing keyless pad entry lock on door, new toilet, etc.).
- Staff put on the annual flu shot clinic at the Rancho Mirage Public Library on October 22nd.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Information Services (IS) is a division of the Department of Administrative Services consisting of three full-time employees. The division is responsible for developing and maintaining effective, reliable and secure information systems to support administrative functions of the City. Highlights of the Division's notable accomplishments from October 1st to December 31st, 2014 include:

- Resolved over 600 helpdesk requests.
- Deployed 13 new and/or replacement desktop computers and 2 netbooks.
- Conducted network and website scans to proactively detect and resolve emerging security concerns.
- Performed two ergonomic workstation evaluations providing successful low-cost improvements to prevent future injuries and increase staff productivity.
- Distributed online shopping safety tips to staff to educate them prior to the holiday shopping season.
- Relocated Sheriff Substation equipment and services to new facility and installed new computers, telephones and wireless network.
- Decommissioned network equipment and services located at the City Hall Annex facility in coordination with the needs of the Chamber of Commerce and former Sheriff Substation.
- Established a staff panel to oversee replacement of mailing machine equipment near end-of-lease. Panel developed the scope and released the Request for Proposal to initiate the replacement process.
- Participated in the Center for Internet Security - 2014 Nationwide Cyber Security Review (NCSR)
- Decommissioned end-of-life anti-virus server. Replaced with the latest software on a virtual server.
- Resolved Permits Plus bug whose calendar ended December 31, 2014.
- Auctioned surplus equipment.

For additional information, please contact the Information Services Division at (760) 324-4511.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Redevelopment Transition

Almost \$30 million in excess redevelopment bond proceeds (from pre-2011 bond issues) are being utilized to fund various Public Works projects throughout the City.

The California Department of Finance ("DOF") approved our Long Range Property Management Plan on February 20, 2014 which allows staff to proceed with the long-awaited sale of the Agency-owned land located on Highway 111 adjacent to Mimi's Restaurant for future development. The future property transfer was approved by the Oversight Board on February 25th and then by DOF on March 5th. The related Purchase & Sale Agreement has been executed and escrow has been opened. The land transfer will not occur until the developer successfully completes the design and entitlement process for the new project.

MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The 14th annual Rancho Mirage Art Affaire was held at Rancho Mirage Community Park on November 8th and 9th, 2014. Seven Thousand guests attended the event that featured over one hundred artists and craftspeople throughout the West displaying and selling their wares. Smooth jazz was once again featured on the main stage each afternoon. However, this year, a partnership with Marker Broadcasting provided a higher level of entertainment, and a significant increase in radio promotion time over previous years. The festival was featured on the cover of the Desert Guide and the Guide included a two-page illustrated article about the event. Television ads were produced and aired repeatedly during prime time news hours, on all the main desert channels, leading up to the event. During Art Affaire, the Department, in cooperation with the Public Works department, produced a ground breaking ceremony at which the Council Members, the park's architect, and contractor, as well as, the Parks and Recreation Commission formally inaugurated the construction project.

The quarter was also spent finalizing the 2015 issue of R/M Magazine and the January issue of R/M INSIDER and getting them to the publisher prior to the end of the calendar year.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

REPORT FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, and DECEMBER 2014

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 2014

	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>Oct. 2014</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Items Checked Out	41,584	37,472	-9 %
Patron Visits to Library	23,805	22,283	-1 %
Reference Questions	6,724	5,701	-15.2 %
Holds/Reserves Filled	6,462	6,128	-5% %
Total Website Pageviews	76,396	75,672	-1% %
Library Cardholders	40,756	44,380	-8.9 %
Cards Issued	412	290	-29%
Daytime Adult Programs		5 With	464 Attendees
After Hours Programs		5 With	611 Attendees
Tutorials		16 With	16 Attendees
Preschool Programs		14 With	334 Attendees
Family Programs		2 With	223 Attendees

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 2014

	<u>Nov. 2013</u>	<u>Nov. 2014</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Items Checked Out	43,157	36,645	-15%
Patron Visits to Library	21,948	19,802	-9.7%
Reference Questions	6,217	5,221	-16%
Hold/Reserves Filled	6,232	5,554	-10.8%
Total Website Pageviews	75,303	67,567	-10.2%
Library Cardholders	41,113	44,596	+8.5%
Cards Issued	352	235	-33%
Daytime Adult Programs		5 With	488 Attendees
After Hours Programs		2 With	625 Attendees
Tutorials		10 With	10 Attendees
Preschool Programs		11 With	224 Attendees
Family Programs		1 With	28 Attendees

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2014

	<u>Dec. 2013</u>	<u>Dec. 2014</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Items Checked Out	41,938	40,873	-2.5%
Patron Visits to Library	21,677	21,518	even
Reference Questions	5,891	5,322	-1%
Hold/Reserves Filled	6,711	6,341	-5%
Total Website Pageviews	74,184	70,457	-5%
Library Cardholders	41,364	44,856	+8.4%
Cards Issued	250	258	+3%
Daytime Adult Programs		6 With	768 Attendees
After Hours Programs		2 With	461 Attendees
Tutorials		23 With	23 Attendees
Preschool Programs		13 With	208 Attendees
Family Programs		1 With	44 Attendees

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

10/1 Fire Safety Family Night for kids and caregivers
10/6 Film: American Documentary Film Festival screening *The Agreement*
10/8 Film: Christopher Perry presents silent film: *Nosferatu*
10/10 Book Discussion Group: *The Gift of Rain*
10/11 Palm Springs Writers Guild
10/16 Concert: OperaArts: *Emily Dickinson*
10/20 Kids' Book Discussion Group: *Wild Wings*
10/21 Lecture: *Turkey Vultures*
10/24 Debate: American Foreign Policy with Morrie Beschloss and Steve Kelly
10/27 Lecture: *Why Shakespeare*
10/28 Film: *The Taming of the Shrew*
10/30 Concert: Scott Beaty pianist
10/31 Halloween Costume Parade

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

11/1 Palm Springs Writers Guild program
11/3 Film: *Barton Fink*
11/5 Family Night: "the Rad Hatter" hat making program
11/6 Film: *O Brother, Where Art Thou*
11/7 Film: *Inside Llewyn Davis*
11/10 Meet the Author: Arthur Hoyle
11/13 – 15 Foundation Fall Book Sale
11/14 Book Discussion Group: *The Warmth of Other Suns*
11/17 Kids Book Discussion Group: *Wonder*
11/19 Foundation Fund-Raiser, Theater: *Marilyn, Madness & Me*

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

12/3 Family Night: "Altered Book Holiday Decorations"
12/10 Meet the Author: William J. Mann
12/11 An Afternoon of Poetry: With Rancho Mirage Poet Laureate, Dorothea Bisbas
12/12 Book Discussion Group: *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*
12/12 Concert: Fa-La-La with the Joslyn Singers
12/13 Palm Springs Writers Guild
12/15 Kids' Book Discussion Group: *These Hands and the Camping Trip that Changed America*
12/15 Concert: Ken Dahleen and His Big Band Staff
12/16 Film: *La Strada*
12/20 Family Event: The Desert Storytellers Present Holiday Tales
12/22 Film: *Nights of Cabiria*

JUST FOR KIDS:

The Library offers three weekly storytimes for children:
Tuesdays at 10 AM, Wednesdays at 10 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: Watercolor Paintings Curated by Robin St. Louis

Reference Room: Desert Photography by Bill Leigh Brewer

Lobby Cases, October – November: Winberry Gourd Artists

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 587** hours of service.

During **November**, **39 volunteers provided 579** hours of service.

During **December**, **41 volunteers provided 615** hours of service

PERSONNEL/CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- **All staff** participated in the Great California Shakeout earthquake exercise, October 16.
- Staff took opportunities for webinars on e-books, research methods, and relevant topics.
- **In December: Aaron Espinosa** Library Accounting Technician II and **Yvonne Reed**, Technology Librarian were voted "Male and Female Employees of the Year, respectively by their colleagues.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Projects under Construction

CP 12-284: RANCHO MIRAGE COMMUNITY PARK EXPANSION/AMPHITHEATER

Park construction commenced on December 1st and will continue through the end of August 2015. Public access to the park was closed on December 22nd due to construction. The project improvements include an outdoor amphitheater, new grand arrival area, new children's playground area, a seven station fitness course, two new pickle ball courts, new landscaping and lighting and additional parking. The existing tennis, basketball and racquet ball courts will remain in place. Funding for the construction consists of fees collected from new development and Successor Agency Bond Funds.

Projects under Design

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 early summer 2015.

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 has completed analyzing Project Alternatives and preparing the Environmental Document (PA&ED) for the project. The PA&ED commenced on October 1, 2012 and is scheduled for completion by way of a final NEPA environmental document in February 2015. Final design plans and specifications will be prepared starting in March 2015 and take 12-15 months for completion and Caltrans approval. If all goes as planned bridge construction can begin in late 2016 and be completed within 18-24 months thereafter.

CP 12-270-1: CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS AT THREE INTERSECTIONS (BOB HOPE DRIVE/FRANK SINATRA DRIVE); CP 12-270-2 (BOB HOPE DRIVE/GERALD FORD DRIVE) AND (DA VALL DRIVE/DINAH SHORE DRIVE)

These projects will provide needed capacity improvements and provide an improved level of service for the motorists. The City's consultant has been working on final plans and specifications for the three intersection capacity enhancing projects. The Bob Hope/Frank Sinatra intersection project is the most complex of the three intersections and requires Southern California Edison coordination to relocate several 115 kV transmission poles in order to accommodate the intersection widening.

The Bob Hope/Gerald Ford and Dinah Shore/Da Vall intersections will be constructed together during the summer of 2015, while the Bob Hope/Frank Sinatra intersection improvements will be constructed in the summer of 2016.

CP 13-298: MAGNESIA FALLS DRIVE STREET, CURB & GUTTER REPLACEMENT (HIGHWAY 111 TO JOSHUA ROAD); CP 13-300: CHOLLA LANE & VERBENIA ROAD STREET RECONSTRUCTION

This project will replace aged and damaged curb and gutters and replace deteriorated asphalt pavement with new improvements in compliance with current city standards. A consultant has been hired to prepare engineering plans and specifications for public bidding. The plans have been reviewed by staff and returned to the consultant for corrections. The work is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2015.

CP 14-310: CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM & NEW PARKING SHADE STRUCTURES AT THE LIBRARY

This project will construct the infrastructure and improvement needed to supply the City's Public Library with nearly all its electrical power needs. In addition, shaded parking structures will be constructed in the westerly parking lot of the Library, made up of a solar panel roof system. Preliminary design has already been completed and final design and construction of the improvements will commence in April 2015. All project improvements are estimated to be completed by the summer 2015.

Preliminary Engineering/Grants

CP 12-283: STREETLIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAY 111 (PAXTON DRIVE TO EAST CITY LIMIT – 30 NEW STREET LIGHTS), (WEST CITY LIMITS TO MIRAGE COVE – 18 NEW

STREET LIGHTS), AND (MIRAGE COVE DRIVE TO PAXTON DRIVE), CHANGE OUT EXISTING FIXTURES FOR NEW ONES

The City applied for and received a Federal Highway Safety Improvement program Grant to install LED roadway lighting along the entire stretch of the City's busiest roadway Highway 111. The addition of roadway lighting will provide enhanced nighttime visibility and greatly reduce potential nighttime collisions.

Being a federal grant, the process will likely take 18-24 months before the City can receive authorization to proceed with construction of the improvements. Currently, the City's consultant is preparing the environmental documents that are required to obtain authorization to proceed to the design phase.

CP 13-287: HIGHWAY 111 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION (BOB HOPE DRIVE TO EAST CITY LIMITS)

This project will remove and replace deteriorated asphalt pavement only. The City applied for and received a State Transportation Improvement Program pavement rehabilitation grant for this work. The City's consultant is in the process of preparing the required environmental documents in order to proceed onto the next phase of work, which is design. Once the City receives Caltrans authorization to proceed to construction the project can be bid and a contract awarded. This process will take 12-18 months.

CP 13-308: TRAFFIC SIGNAL INTERCONNECT & CONTROLLER CABINET EQUIPMENT UPGRADES ON HIGHWAY 111 (NORTH CITY LIMIT TO SOUTH CITY LIMIT), BOB HOPE DRIVE (FRANK SINATRA DRIVE TO HIGHWAY 111), COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE (BOB HOPE DRIVE TO MONTEREY AVENUE), DINAH SHORE DRIVE (KEY LARGO AVENUE TO MONTEREY AVENUE) & MONTEREY AVENUE (SOUTH CITY LIMIT TO NORTH CITY LIMIT)

The City applied for and received a Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant for this work. Once again the City's consultant is in the process of preparing the required environmental documents in order to proceed to design and eventually construction. We anticipate this project may take 18-24 months to get Caltrans authorization to bid and construct.

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.

PERMITS ISSUED DURING OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2014

Grading	8
Encroachment	64
Transportation	21
Pool Drainage	8
Miscellaneous	0
TOTAL:	101

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
Affordable Housing Design Subcommittee Originally formed at 10-16-03 Council meeting and tasked with redesign of Santa Rosa Villas; reconfigured 9-14-04 by Ron Meepos.	<u>Council:</u> Councilmember Kite Councilmember Weill <u>Staff Assistance:</u> Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith City Engineer Enos City Manager Bynder	<u>Assignment:</u> To assist in the site planning and unit design for sites held by the Housing Authority for affordable units. <u>Status:</u> (01-06-15) No activity to report.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
Audit/Budget Subcommittee Formed 7-14-05 by memo from Alan Seman. On 05-18-06 combined Audit with Budget Subcommittee.	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Hobart Councilmember Kite <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Finance Dir. Hagerman Other Dept. Dir. or staff as needed.	<u>Assignment:</u> Subcommittee to: 1) Perform the annual review of the City's reserve balances and recommend changes as necessary. 2) Review the Fiscal Year 14-15 Budget for final approval by the 2 nd meeting in June 2014. <u>Status:</u> (01-06-15) Meetings will take place in January 2015.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
Chamber of Commerce Subcommittee	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Smotrich Councilmember Townsend <u>Staff Assistance:</u> 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> (01-06-15) Subcommittee meets with Chamber officials on a quarterly basis. The subcommittee met in October and is scheduled to meet again in January..	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 Pro Tem Hobart Councilmember Kite <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Dev. Kopp	<u>Assignment:</u> To review proposed and recently submitted commercial development projects. <u>Status:</u> (01-06-15) Staff met with the Commercial Subcommittee on a couple of occasions to discuss a proposed Assisted Living Facility at Country Club and Highway 111. Staff also met with the Commercial Development Subcommittee to discuss the proposed Thunderbird Resort project prior to receiving the application and again	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.

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		on the first following submittal of the exhibits to discuss the incompleteness letter.	
Eisenhower Medical Center Subcommittee Formed 4-19-07 Council meeting	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Hobart Councilmember Weill <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder 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: (01-06-15)</u> EMC notified staff that many proposed projects have been eliminated or scaled back. They do not have any major projects scheduled for the immediate future. Staff will be meeting with the EMC Subcommittee on September 30th to discuss a proposed building expansion project on the EMC campus.	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> Councilmember Kite Councilmember Weill <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: (01-06-15)</u> Membership fees will increase from \$75.00 to \$80.00 for calendar year 2015; The green fees and member fees per round would be increased slightly by \$2.00 except during the period June 1. to September 30; The Westin would be required to provide the City names and addresses of those Rancho Mirage members who renew their memberships so that those members will not need to come to City Hall to renew memberships; The expiration date of the New Agreement would be December 31, 2016; and The deadlines for the two options to renew would be extended an additional year.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
McCallum Theatre Subcommittee Formed 11-21-02 Council meeting	<u>Council:</u> Councilmember 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: (01-06-15)</u> No activity this quarter.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
Mobilehome Liaison Subcommittee Formed 03-17-05 Council meeting. At 04-21-05 Council meeting it was noted that Ron Meepos had replaced Harvey Gerber.	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Hobart Councilmember Weill <u>Community Member:</u> Mobilehome Park representative(s) to be invited as necessary. <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Attorney Quintanilla Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith	<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. <u>Status: (01-06-15)</u> Staff presented the annual activity report to the City Council in October.	Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.
Public Safety Subcommittee Formed on 6/16/13 Council Meeting	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Smotrich Councilmember Weill <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Svc. Dir. Malcolm-Valente	<u>Assignment:</u> To meet, discuss and advise on public safety issues, programs, matters and fiscal matters. <u>Status: (01-06-15)</u> No activity this quarter.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES WITH WORK IN PROGRESS			
GROUP	MEMBERS INCLUDE	STATUS	SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT
<p>Section 19 Specific Plan Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 12-15-05</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Hobart Councilmember Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Kopp Dir. of Public Works Harry</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: (01-06-15)</u> The Subcommittee has been meeting with City staff and representatives from CVWD and Quorum Realty Funds to discuss the status of infrastructure development in Section 19. Staff has met on a couple of occasions with Tom Noya to discuss the application contents required for processing the requested Development Agreement, Specific Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment. We are currently coordinating a Subcommittee meeting in January to discuss the proposed contents of a Development Agreement.</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> Mayor Pro Tem Hobart 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: (01-06-15)</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. The Subcommittee has convened to discuss several proposed residential developments in Section 30 along with possible locations for a Dog Park. We anticipate having a meeting with the Subcommittee in February to further discuss details of the proposed dog park.</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> Mayor Smotrich Mayor Pro Tem Hobart</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder City Attorney Quintanilla Planning Mgr. Kopp City Engineer Enos</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: (01-06-15)</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 Townsend Councilmember Weill</p> <p><u>Community Member:</u> Resident(s) of Housing Authority projects</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To continue the Council's liaison with the senior community.</p> <p><u>Status: (01-06-15)</u> No activity to report.</p>	Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.
<p>Special Assistance Funds (SAF) Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 7-18-02 Council Meeting</p> <p>10-26-04 Ron Meepos appointed Harvey Gerber to serve in his place.</p> <p>10-20-05 Council appointed Richard Kite to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Gerber.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor 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: (01-06-15)</u> On October 16, 2014, the Council approved an award to 30 nonprofits totaling \$99,017. On November 20, 2014, the Council approved additional funding to nonprofits totaling \$10,000.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.

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<p>Sphere of Influence (SOI) Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 06-07-06 Special Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Smotrich Mayor Pro Tem Hobart</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Kopp</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Review and analyze information and data related to City's Sphere-of-Influence (SOI). <u>Status:</u> (01-16-15) Staff met with the subcommittee in January to provide an update on the proposed Section 24 projects being let by the Tribe (ACBCI) including the 340 acre Pulte homes project. Staff is meeting with Pulte Homes on January 5th, and we will update the Subcommittee on the proposed application and status of the tribe processing the Specific Plan and EIR at that time.</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 Townsend Councilmember Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Mgt Analyst Wilson</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Meet on an as-needed basis to discuss issues related to sustainability. <u>Status:</u> (01-06-15) No activity this quarter.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
<p>Tourism, Marketing and Special Events Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 1-2005 by Ron Meebos; modified in conjunction with Marketing Plan approved by City Council in 12-2007.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Smotrich Mayor Pro Tem Hobart</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Mgr. Bynder 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. <u>Status:</u> (01-06-15) No activity this quarter.</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 Pro Tem Hobart Councilmember Kite</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) <u>Status:</u> (01-06-15) Staff met with the Zoning subcommittee on January 14, 2014 and March 6, 2014 to discuss several potential zoning recommendations for future possible development project. In October, the City Council approved changes to the minimum lot sizes in residential zoning districts.</p>	