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I'm pleased to present the enclosed City Manager's Report for the 1st quarter of 2016. This Report provides information and updates by City department or division a wide variety of projects and public services. Topics include:

- Code Compliance provided abatement of imminent health and safety violations of several vacant/abandoned properties
- Continued progress of the remodel of Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center
- Rancho Mirage Community Park Expansion which included the state-of-the-art amphitheater that hosted the first of a ten week, thirteen concert series
- The Emergency Preparedness Commission hosted a Town Hall Forum regarding what happens the first seven days after a major earthquake
- City Clerk's office was busy gearing up for the April 12, 2016 Municipal Election
- The construction of the Dog Park began on March 14, 2016

Local government is where our residents, visitors, and businesses are best served. City staff is proud and privileged to serve the fine community of Rancho Mirage.

Randy Bynder
City Manager



City Manager's Report

The *City Manager's Report* is intended to keep the City Council, City staff and all others interested in up-to-date City matters. Some information in this *Report* may be preliminary or ongoing and subject to change. Potential land use and/or economic development projects described are to be considered tentative (and in some cases may be speculative), subject both to change and to all future City review and approval processes. Nothing in this *Report* constitutes, evidences or implies City approval of any such project, nor City acceptance of any proposed terms of any agreement, contract or understanding referred to in this *Report*. All such matters remain fully subject to all normal City approval processes, up to and including public meetings and/or public hearings before the Planning Commission and/or City Council, at future dates.

Administration

BUILDING & SAFETY

During this quarter, the City combined the Building & Safety and Code Compliance Divisions under the management of the Code Compliance Manager, Sandra Johnson. This organizational change aligns the two divisions responsible for the protection of public health and safety as it relates to construction and quality of life.

The Building & Safety Division provides plan review and construction inspection services to enforce minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of all buildings and structures.

The first quarter of 2016 brings some interesting numbers:

- PV permits were up from 73 in 2015 to 97 this year from \$2.6 million to \$3.8 million
- HVAC permits were also up to a smaller degree from 63 to 73 for the quarter.
- Home additions and remodels were the same as the previous year even during the peak season, at a time when most construction is slow we saw 28 permits down 7 from last year but still with a valuation of \$700,000 as a contrast the 3rd Qtr. of 2015 saw 46 permits with triple the valuation at just over 2 million.
- Commercial permits dropped from 11 to 10 but the valuation was three times last year at \$710,000, 3rd quarter 2015 was 14 with just over one million dollars of valuation, primarily due to the major remodel of Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center.

10 Year Comparison

CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE (JAN-MAR)	TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS	TOTAL VALUATION	SINGLE FAMILY HOME PERMITS	VALUATION OF DWELLINGS ONLY
2016	382	\$13,209,761.59	13	\$4,841,056.10
2015	310	\$12,499,059.95	6	\$3,751,970.60
2014	330	\$13,475,910.22	16	\$5,927,958.50
2013	299	\$10,273,082.30	11	\$4,031,915.30
2012	199	\$7,408,637.40	5	\$2,598,422.40
2011	217	\$8,337,676.84	1	\$442,227.20
2010	227	\$4,245,378.96	1	\$687,888.90
2009	337	\$16,464,398.39	1	\$1,500,000.00
2008	252	\$19,777,300.20	5	\$2,482,608.40
2007	287	\$54,614,634.00	10	\$4,735,234.40

RANCHO MIRAGE CITIZENS ON PATROL SERVICES (“COPS”) VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The COPS program volunteers are dedicated ambassadors for the City and provide support to the Sheriff's Department with traffic control duties during accidents. They also provide commercial and residential patrols, and assist with special event facilitation for the City, Library and the remodeled Rancho Mirage Community Park for the Music in the Park Concert Series at the newly added Amphitheatre. They assist in the reduction of crime by providing high visibility in various aspects of police surveillance and reporting procedures. The COPS members are trained/certified in CPR, first aid and emergency preparedness response.

New Officers will be elected in early April and a major effort will begin for recruitment of new volunteers for the coming year that will include enhanced duties in administrative support for City staff. Listed below are the 1st Quarter highlights for COPS activities:

- Miles Driven 7,874
- Reported Incidents 99
- Total Volunteer Hours 2,069
- Patrol Hours 77
- Current Members 26

CODE COMPLIANCE

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 for the 1st Quarter of 2016 (Jan-Mar) include:

- Received and processed **339** complaints with **392** violation types.
- Provided foster care for a feral cat and her four kittens to avoid euthanasia
- Abatement of imminent health and safety violations of several vacant/abandoned properties and recovered over \$14,000 in abatement cost incurred by the City.
- Traffic and Security Services for Music In The Park Concert Series
- Code Compliance and COP Volunteers assisted Rancho Mirage Police with motorcade lane closures during President Obama's visit at Sunnylands.

Code Compliance Fee Receipts

Business License	\$ 30.00
Massage Permits	\$ 1,060.00

Administrative Fines	\$16,962.50
Abatement Fees	\$14,437.50
Document Releases	\$ 851.00
TOTAL	\$33,341.00

Inspections and Code Activities	Inspection Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 251 Initial Inspections • 242 Follow-Ups • 13 Weekend Inspections • 129 Animal Control • 459 Phone Call Inspections • 10 Graffiti Inspections • 13 Weekend Inspections • 13 Massage Licenses • 1 Business License 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 City Abatements (includes graffiti and vacant properties) • 15 Abatement by owners • 239 Cases Closed • 53 Documents submitted for recordation at County

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Successor Agency Long-Range Property Management Plan

Highway 111 & East Veldt – The potential buyer has submitted their plans for a commercial development on the vacant pad next to the former Mimi’s Café. The project was presented to and received approval from the Architectural Review Board in December 2015, Planning Commission in February 2016, and City Council in March 2016. It is anticipated that escrow will close on the property mid-April.

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 Rancho Mirage Professional Office Building, Allan Pitchko Galleries, Misty’s Consignments, Dr. Walsh Urology, Rancho Mirage Florist, the former Right Bank building, Sleep N Den, and Wally’s Desert Turtle with plans for new monument signs at Old Spaghetti Factory, Cart Mart, Carnival Restaurant, the Pat’s Lighting Building, and The River in the works. No façade or property improvement grants have been issued through the program; however, one project is in the preliminary stages of review for grant funds.

Section 24

Staff met with representatives of Pulte Homes in March 2016 for a preliminary discussion regarding the potential of annexation of Planning Area 8 in Section 24 to the City. In the coming months Economic Development staff, along with the City Attorney’s Office, will work to determine the feasibility of an annexation and the proposed deal points thereof.

Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center

Redevelopment of the Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center is well underway. After closing escrow on the former City-owned Annex Building in December 2014, the center's new owners, Paragon, quickly began the demolition phase of the project. Center anchors Stein Mart and CVS are open with the new Hobby Lobby under construction. A new grocer, Greens International Market, is set to open this summer along with Starbucks and Pieology. This center is quickly developing into a brand new destination with a sophisticated modern design.

The River

Staff continues to work with the ownership group of The River to discuss a variety of topics including: use of the amphitheater, landscaping, new signage and leasing activity. The Fox & Fiddle California was announced as a new tenant and will take over the former Sam's Sushi space.

Several additional tenants are actively being pursued. Look for new signage, shaded parking, and continuation of the landscaping revisions this Fall.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

- Energy efficient lighting and pool pumps have been installed in all properties
- Staff solicited proposals from qualified companies to perform a capital needs assessment (CNA) of the Housing Authority owned properties. US Housing Consultants was awarded a contract and conducted on-site visits of the properties in March 2016. The completed CNAs are expected in early May. The CNAs will allow staff to plan for the anticipated short and long term needs of each property.
- The Food Distribution Program ended on March 15th. Staff is in the process of identifying a potential replacement agency as this program was well received and used by many of the residents.
- Hyder on-site managers are processing the rent recertifications for each Housing Authority property

Parkview Villas

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

- Energy efficient interior and exterior lighting installed on January 12th & 13th
- A broken window in the storage shed was replaced
- An RFP for Roofing of the garages and carports was completed
- Continental breakfast was provided every Thursday from 8:00 AM-10:00AM
- Two major main line water breaks in the irrigation system were repaired
- One tree was lost and one damaged due to the high winds
- New kitchen cabinetry project continued
- Fruit trees have been pruned

Santa Rosa Villas

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

- Energy efficient interior and exterior lighting was installed January 7th & 8th
- Residents participated in Monday morning breakfast
- Dinner night was attended by 30 residents from Santa Rosa and Whispering Waters
- A Nationality Pot Luck Dinner was held on March 23rd for Santa Rosa and Whispering Waters

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- March birthdays were celebrated on March 30th

San Jacinto Villas

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

- A significant landscape refurbishment was completed with the planting of a number of plants, trees and shrubs
- Unused emitters were capped
- One tree was lost near the spa due to high winds
- A continental breakfast was served from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM on Thursdays
- The quarterly community dinner was held on March 17, 2016.
- The rear exit gate was repaired

Whispering Waters

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

- Energy efficient interior and exterior lighting was installed on January 11th
- DirecTV was installed property wide to replace Time Warner Cable
- Fruit trees were pruned
- Residents participated in a birthday celebration for a 103 year-old resident
- New cable wiring painted and sealed holes in the stucco

Rancho Palms Mobilehome Park

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

- A number of pool related issues were addressed including: the replacement of a cracked manifold and filters, replacement of the two main drains, switch out of the pool light and gasket, cleaning of filters for pool and spa and the replacement of lifesaving floatation devices
- An inoperable photo cell for the exterior light on the clubhouse was replaced
- Broken/damaged light poles were repaired
- Staff is securing estimates for quarterly property clean-up

PLANNING DIVISION

Planning Applications Submitted – January through March 2016

- 8 Minor & Major Modification Permits
- 2 Single Family Permits
- 4 Sign Permits
- 6 Temporary Use Permits
- 16 Use & Occupancy Permits
- 4 Variances
- 3 Zoning Interpretations

Major Planning Projects – Applications Currently Being Reviewed/Processed

Section 19 Rancho Mirage Commons – Quorum Group

Project Planner: Bud Kopp, Planning Manager

Staff has accepted applications for an amendment to the Section 19 Specific Plan and Development Agreement for the mixed use development in Section 19 known as Rancho Mirage Commons. In March, May and early June of 2015, staff met with the Section 19 Subcommittee on aspects of the Development Agreement. Tribal consultation under SB-18 regulations has been completed. The applicant and Section 19 Subcommittee are currently negotiating and finalizing the terms of the DA. Staff continues to meet with the Section 19 Subcommittee and receive direction on the terms of the Development Agreement and requested Specific Plan amendments. Staff completed the AB-52 consultation and is currently working on the Environmental Assessment. We anticipate the project to move forward for Planning Commission consideration in May, 2016.

Waterfront Pad Site – Baycrest Development – PDP15002

Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

An application was submitted for the construction of a retail building on the undeveloped pad site adjacent to the former Mimi's Café. The proposed building is 6,004 sq. ft. and will consist of three retail tenants. The surrounding parking lot improvements have already been installed leaving just the building and associated landscaping around the base of the building to be entitled. Staff has reviewed the project and deemed the application complete for processing. The project was considered by the Architectural Review Board on December 14, 2015 and received full endorsement. The project went before the Planning Commission on February 11, 2016 with a recommendation of approval to the City Council. The Council took final action on March 17, 2016 approving the proposed retail building. It is anticipated that plans will be submitted to begin the plan check process in the coming months with construction to begin sometime in the Fall.

Verdana – Tahiti Partners – PDP15003

Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

On September 3, 2015 the applicant submitted a Preliminary Development Plan application for the construction of Tract Map 34435 on Da Vall Drive just north of the Tuscany residential development. The subdivision consists of 27 residential lots, multiple lettered lots (including the retention basins) and a private cul-de-sac street with one main gated entrance. The name of the proposed development is Vardana and the PDP consists of three floor plans with homes ranging in size from 2,325 to 2,795 sq. ft. The application was deemed incomplete on September 30, 2015. Staff received a resubmittal packet in late January. Staff reviewed the resubmitted plans and determined that the application was still deemed incomplete. Staff has met with the applicant several times to guide them through the process (most recently on April 8th). A resubmittal of plans is anticipated sometime late spring.

Rancho Mirage, LLC. – TPMX-34741

Project Planner: Jeremy Gleim, Planner

An application for a time extension of Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 34741 was received on July 27, 2015. The subject property lies on the east side of Vista Del Sol, midway between Frank Sinatra Drive and Country Club Drive. The Planning Commission approved a one year extension of the Tentative Parcel Map on February 11, 2016. While there have been no proposals for homes on the subject property, custom homes will eventually be constructed on each lot using the SFP process.

Essi Engineering – TPM36849

Project Planner: Majna Dukic, Assistant Planner

An application was submitted on December 22, 2015 for a Tentative Parcel Map. The application was declared incomplete for processing. The project consists of a single parcel of 4.22 net acres to be

subdivided into three parcels. Each parcel will contain a minimum of 1-acre net. Also, there would be a private street which would provide access to the three parcels. The 4.22-acre parcel to be divided is currently vacant. The project lot is located west of Monterey Avenue and east of Vista Dunes Road. There have been similar subdivisions of land approved on surrounding lots. Custom homes will be proposed on each lot using the SFP process.

Approved and Under Construction

Residential:

Escala (North & South) – Toll Brothers – TTM’s 32320/PDP11001 (N) and 32330/MOD11022 (S) Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

The applicant received City Council approval on April 21, 2005 for a Preliminary Development Plan including the construction of three floor plans with associated landscaping for the two subdivisions. These subdivisions consist of 57 residential lots (on 30 acres), multiple lettered lots (including retention basin), and looped private cul-de-sac streets each with one main gated entrance. 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 Brothers has sold a total of 27 homes in both subdivisions with 11 lots remaining in Escala North and no lots remaining in Escala South.

Estilo – Toll Brothers – TTM34227

Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

The City Council approved this residential Development Plan on November 15, 2012. The development consists of four floor plans with various elevations ranging in size from 2,995 to 3,790 sq. ft. with optional casitas. The subdivision consists of 39 residential lots, multiple lettered lots (including retention basins), and a looped private street with one main gated entrance. Currently the residential development remains under construction and to date, 31 homes are either under construction or have been completed.

Revelle – Rudy Herrera (Family Development) – PDP13003

Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

The applicant received City Council approval on September 3, 2013 for a Preliminary Development Plan including the construction of five floor plans ranging in size from 3,297 sq. ft. to 3,667 sq. ft. associated with the development of Tract Map 36235 located on Clancy Lane. The subdivision consists of 32 residential lots on 18.3 acres, multiple lettered lots (including retention basin), and multiple private cul-de-sac streets with one main gated entrance and secondary exit/emergency access to Verbenia Road. The construction of seven homes including the model began in January 2014. The model home complex opened in June 2014. To date, 12 homes are either under construction or have been completed.

Siena Vista Estates – Ken Cokeley – TM36530/PDP13001

Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

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 3,989 and 4,464 sq. ft. plus three car garages. The first model home and all site improvements were

completed in August 2015. The developer has recently contacted staff regarding additional elevation options for the three approved floor plans. Staff will continue to work with the applicant and are awaiting their submittal.

Verlaine – GHA Enterprises – TM36623/PDP14003

Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

On March 20, 2014 the City Council approved the subdivision of 6.7 acres into 17 residential lots at Tangerine Lane and Palm View Road in the Tamarisk neighborhood. The developer subsequently submitted an application for a Preliminary Development Plan for the construction of the 17 homes ranging in size from 3,188 to 3,968 sq. ft. on May 30, 2014. The City Council approved the project at their October 16, 2014 meeting. Site grading work began in December 2014 with all tract improvements and the three model home complex being completed by June 2015. Of the 17 lots within the subdivision, Lot No. 16 was purchased by an adjoining homeowner who plans to merge the two parcels to protect their views to the west. Of the remaining 16 lots 12 homes have either been constructed or are under construction.

Villas of Mirada – TTM29389/PDP04011

Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

The applicant received City Council approval on November 18, 2004 for a Preliminary Development Plan including the construction of four floor plans ranging in size from 3,423 to 4,152 sq. ft. with associated landscaping for the subdivision. The subdivision consists of 46 residential lots (on 47 acres), multiple lettered lots (including retention basin), and multiple private cul-de-sac streets with one main gated entrance. Twenty-eight (28) homes were constructed through the summer of 2013 when the remaining eighteen (18) lots were purchased by Davidson Communities. In order to provide additional options to potential home buyers the developer proposed to staff two additional floor plans prepared by the project's original architect. Staff reviewed and approved the additional floorplan option bringing the total to five differing floor plans to choose from. To date 37 homes have either been constructed or are under construction.

Commercial and Office Projects:

Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center – CUP14006/MOD14011

Project Planner: Jeremy Gleim, Planner

On June 18, 2014, applications were 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. This project was approved by the City Council November 6, 2014. As of March 2016, Building A (Stein Mart), and the new CVS pad building have been completed and are fully operational. The inline buildings on either side of Stein Mart are in various stages of completion and will likely be finished in the coming weeks. The former CVS building has been demolished in preparation for the construction of Hobby Lobby, and the three existing multi-tenants buildings are in various stages of completion. The new entry from Highway 111 has been operational for many months now, and staff has received many positive comments on its design and functionality.

Rancho Mirage Rehabilitation Center – Vibra Healthcare – TPM31761/PDP07012

Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

On December 6, 2007 the City Council approved the development of a single story physical rehabilitation hospital in two phases, totaling 70 beds and 64,768 sq. ft. on a 6.79 acre parcel at the

southeast corner of Ramon Road and Da Vall Drive. Construction began in the spring of 2008 and was halted with the downturn in the economy. The construction of the building was approximately 30% complete. In the beginning of March, the new property owner and operator Vibra Healthcare closed escrow on the property with plans to complete the project and open the site as a rehabilitation hospital. Founded in 2004, Vibra Healthcare is a national post-acute healthcare provider with 92 facilities in 18 states (including ten in California). Vibra intends to commence construction on the facility very soon with an approximate 12 month timeframe for completion. In mid-March, staff met with their project team to discuss several small modifications to the building to suit their operational needs. Staff anticipates on site construction activities to begin by the end of April.

Sunnylands – Lance O’Donnell – MOD15008

Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

On March 18, 2015, Lance O’Donnell, AIA submitted an application on behalf of the Sunnylands Trust to construct several new buildings on the Sunnylands Visitors Center campus. The buildings are proposed to be located west of the Visitors Center and include a 15,000 square foot administrative building, 7,374 square foot archive building, 13,746 square foot operations building and an 8,000 square foot storage building. The buildings are low profile and consistent with the mid-century architectural color and material palette. The applicant intends to pursue a LEED Platinum certification and the project includes substantial features such as solar and a greywater reclamation system. The project was endorsed by the Architectural Review Board on June 22, 2015. The project was reviewed and endorsed by the Planning Commission on July 30, 2015 and the entitlements were granted by the City Council on September 3, 2015. The applicant’s team has submitted a Final Development Plan for review which was approved in February. As of late March the plan check process has been completed, a grading permit has been issued and building permits will be issued in early April with site construction to commence shortly thereafter.

City Projects:

Rancho Mirage Community Park Expansion – City of Rancho Mirage – PDP13004

Project Planner: Bud Kopp, Planning Manager

The construction drawings, specifications and bid documents for the Rancho Mirage Community Park Expansion Plan were 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 2014. Construction began in December, 2014. A ribbon cutting of the Amphitheatre was held in November 2016 in conjunction with the Art affaire. The remaining improvements including the ceiling of the Amphitheatre and children’s play area were completed prior to the “Music in the Park” series of concerts. Minor adjustments to park operations continue to be considered as needed.

City of Rancho Mirage Section 30 Dog Park – The City of Rancho Mirage – PDP14006

Project Planner: Bud Kopp, Planning Manager

A dog park was initially included in the Whitewater Park expansion project, however, in October 2013, it was determined that the park was too small and removed from the project. In April 2014, the Council conducted a Study Session, considered various sites, and generally agreed that a City owned site in Section 30 was a suitable location as it 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 18, 2014. The Commission conducted the public hearing and recommended that the item be continued to the October 9th meeting. The Planning Commission recommended approval on October 9, 2014 and the City Council granted final approval of the project on October 16, 2014. The official groundbreaking occurred on February 25th and the Notice to Proceed was issued on March 14, 2016. The Dog Park is currently under construction.

Approved Not Yet Under Construction

RMSW, LLC – Thunderbird Resort – SPA14002/PDP14007/TPM36885

Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

The applicant submitted a Preliminary Development Plan, Tentative Parcel Map, Specific Plan Amendment, and Environmental Assessment application for the construction of a 246,779 square foot development situated on 23.71 acres. The project known as “Thunderbird Resort and Spa” is a one and two story resort that includes a spa, fitness facility, restaurant, meeting rooms and residential buildings. The project is situated on the south side of Highway 111 between Frank Sinatra Drive and Mirage Cove Drive opposite The Atrium. The project was reviewed by ARB on January 12, 2015 and the Board requested a series of improvements both to the site and the architecture. On March 9, 2015 the modifications were endorsed by the ARB. The project was reviewed and endorsed by the Planning Commission on May 14, 2015 and the entitlements were granted by the City Council on June 4, 2015. The developer is currently organizing the project’s financing and finalizing the agreement with the resort operator. In late March the applicant informed staff they are on-track for finalizing their Operator Agreement and Financing Package. They envision being able to give the green light to their design team in May. Prior to the applicant submitting the construction drawings for approval, we anticipate the announcement of the hotel operator. After this is completed the construction documents will be completed for plan check review.

Magnesia Falls Plaza – TPM36913/MOD15006

Project Planner: Jeremy Gleim, Planner

Two applications were submitted recently in conjunction with Magnesia Falls Plaza (adjacent to the Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center): a Minor Modification application for façade improvements, and a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) to convert each of the four buildings to office condominiums. The façade improvements were initially taken to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) for comment on March 9, 2015. The ARB advised the applicant to reconsider some of the design elements, and reviewed the project again on April 27, 2015, at which time the project was unanimously endorsed. The TPM was submitted on March 26, 2015, and was approved by the Planning Commission on July 23, 2015. Site improvements, along with interior and exterior improvements on two of the four buildings have begun, and the Final Map is being prepared for consideration by the City Council.

DW Johnson – TTM36698

Project Planner: Jeremy Gleim, Planner

Planning processed an application for a seven (7) lot subdivision on 3.68 acres located on the south side of La Paz Road, midway between Thompson Road and Los Reyes Drive, in the early part of 2014. The applicant proposed a gated entry to the development with desert landscaping along the La Paz Road frontage. On April 24, 2014, the Planning Commission endorsed the project and the City Council approved the project on May 15, 2014. The Final Map was approved by City Council on

December 3, 2015, and the applicant is working with the Public Works Department to secure grading permits so that site work can begin.

Rancho Bella (formerly Bella Sera) – Pelagic Real Estate – TTM36553/PDP13005

Project Planner: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

Pelagic Real Estate LLC 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; reduced the number of lots to 115 and correspondently increased the amount of landscaped open space. The applicant has begun submitting improvement plans for plan check and is moving toward recordation of the final map.

Meriwether Tracts (Section 30) – TTM’s 36620/36621/36622

Project Planner: Jeremy Gleim, Planner

Meriwether submitted a Specific Plan Amendment for re-alignment of Via Florencia (a public street) and 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 82 lots in a gated community immediately north of Versailles (TTM 36620); this tentative map was approved by the City Council on December 4, 2014. Construction of all three Tentative Maps is contingent upon the CVWD water line/reservoir project being completed or a “will-serve” letter from CVWD. The CVWD project is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2016.

Special Projects

Zoning Text Amendment – ZTA15001 – Fencing in gated communities

Project Planner: Bud Kopp, Planning Manager

The City Council adopted ordinance #1090 which allows 6’ high front yard privacy walls within gated developments with private streets if permitted by the HOA. The second reading occurred on May 21, 2015, and the ordinance became effective June 20, 2015.

Zoning Text Amendment – ZTA15003 – Rear Yard Landscape Ordinance

Project Planner: Bud Kopp, Planning Manager

This Ordinance Amendment protects existing residents’ ability to receive sunlight across property lines, to preserve a clear property line free from overhanging foliage, hedges, tree limbs, and without obstruction from buildings, foliage, or other impediments installed or constructed by the developers of new subdivisions. The Planning Commission endorsed the proposed ordinance at their September 24th meeting and the first reading of the Ordinance was approved by the City Council on October 15, 2014. The ordinance took effect in December 2015.

Zoning Text Amendment – ZTA15004 – Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

Project Planner: Bud Kopp, Planning Manager

In response to Governor Brown’s Executive Order (B-29-15), the California Water Commission approved an updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance in July 2015, which ensures consistency with the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006 (AB 1881, Laird). Under AB 1881, local agencies, including counties and cities, are required to adopt a local model water efficient

landscape ordinance that is at least as effective in conserving water as the State Model Ordinance. Our current Ordinance (990) needs to be updated to be in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order. The proposed Ordinance amendment satisfies State requirements, was adopted by CVWD in November 2015 and went into effect December 1, 2015. On December 10, 2015, the Rancho Mirage Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed Ordinance amendment. The City Council approved the 1st reading of the ordinance on January 14th and the ordinance becomes effective on February 29, 2016.

Staff Liaison Work

Trails Commission

Staff Liaison: Bud Kopp, Planning Manager

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2016.

Historic Preservation Commission

Staff Liaison: Joshua Altopp, Associate Planner

The Historic Preservation Commission met on January 13th and March 9th which included discussion of potential historical designation of two homes and one proposed historic district. Both the single family homes, 70-378 Pecos Road and 36-400 Sandsal Circle, were recommended for designation. The proposed district, Tamarisk Ranchos was recommended for designation. Once the recommendation is made by the Historic Preservation Commission the proposals move onto the City Council for final designation. On March 3, 2016 the City Council recommended approval of the two homes and Tamarisk Ranchos Historic District making it the second designated historic district in the City.

Taking place in February in conjunction with Modernism Week was a presentation as the City's library on architect William Cody. This was a free event attend by over 200 people.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Significant Accomplishments – First Quarter:

The Finance department has been processing various reports and transactions, ensuring compliance with state and federal laws, during the first quarter of 2016. The following four bullets highlight the prominent accomplishments in the first quarter of 2016:

- **Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)** - An actuarial study of retiree health liabilities was performed for the City of Rancho Mirage employees. The actuarial study was performed in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board statement 43 and statement 45 as related to OPEB. Rancho Mirage uses the actuarial data to fund the current and accrued liability for eligible employees in the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT).
- **Compensation Report** – Government code 53891 requires the City of Rancho Mirage to submit compensation reports to the State Controller's Office for City employees. Assembly Bill

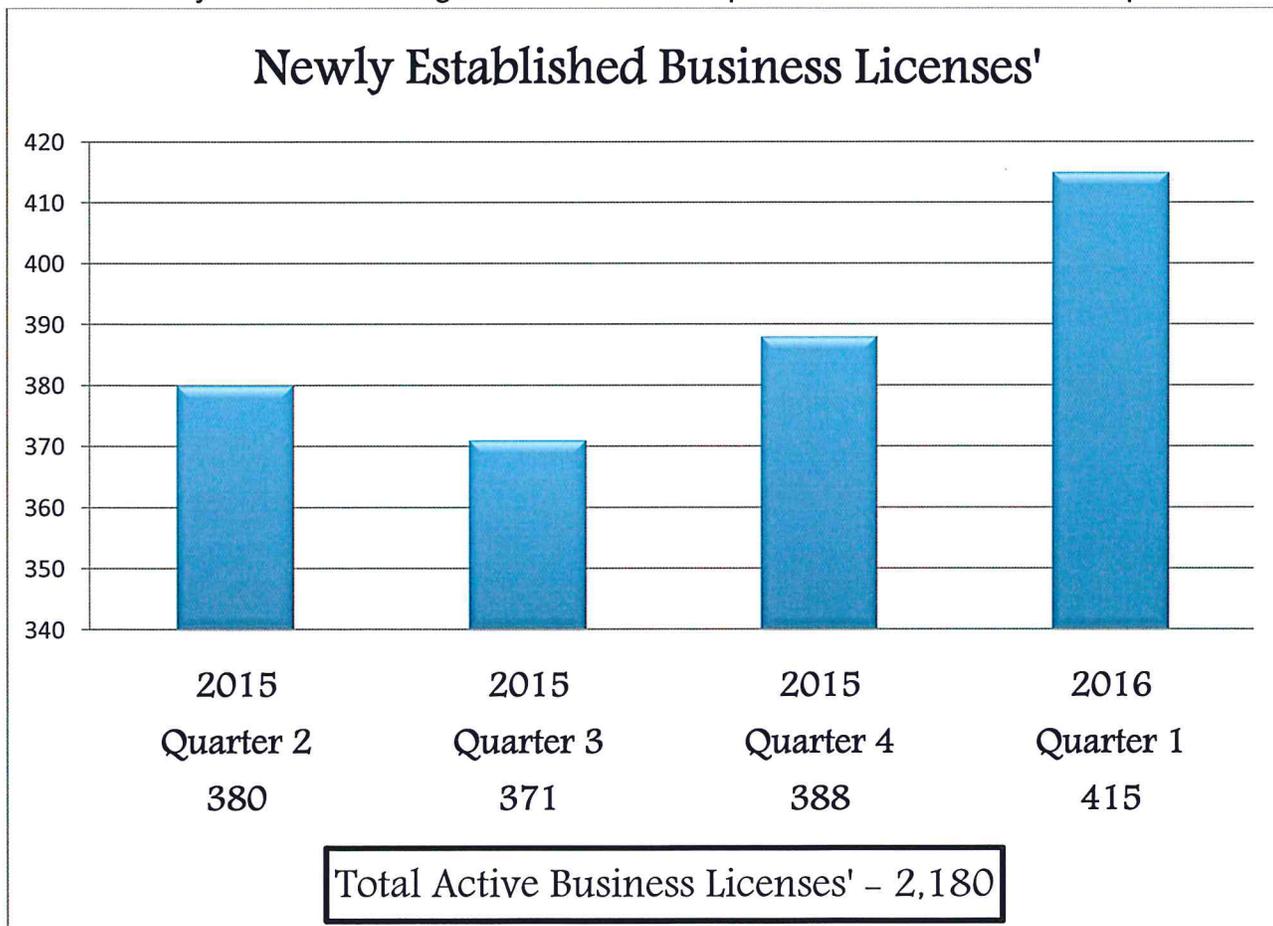
341, signed in 2015, now requires the compensation reports to be completed no later than April 30th. The compensation report was produced by Finance for employee compensation in 2015 and will be submitted to the State Controller's Office in the beginning of the 2nd quarter.

- **Refunding Debt** – In 2015 the City's Budget Subcommittee did an analysis on bonded debt that was eligible for refunding. Three bonded obligations, of the Successor Agency, were selected as refunding candidates. This quarter the City obtained the funds for one current refunding and two advanced refundings. The current refunding was performed this quarter and both advanced refundings have escrow accounts that are scheduled to refund in April.
- **Mid-Year Budget Adjustments** – the City completed a comprehensive review of all revenues and expenditures and compared the results to the budgeted amounts for Fiscal Year 15/16. The budget review included the City's General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds. Budget adjustments were proposed to City Council and approved on February 18th. The Two-Year Budget was updated with the approved adjustments.

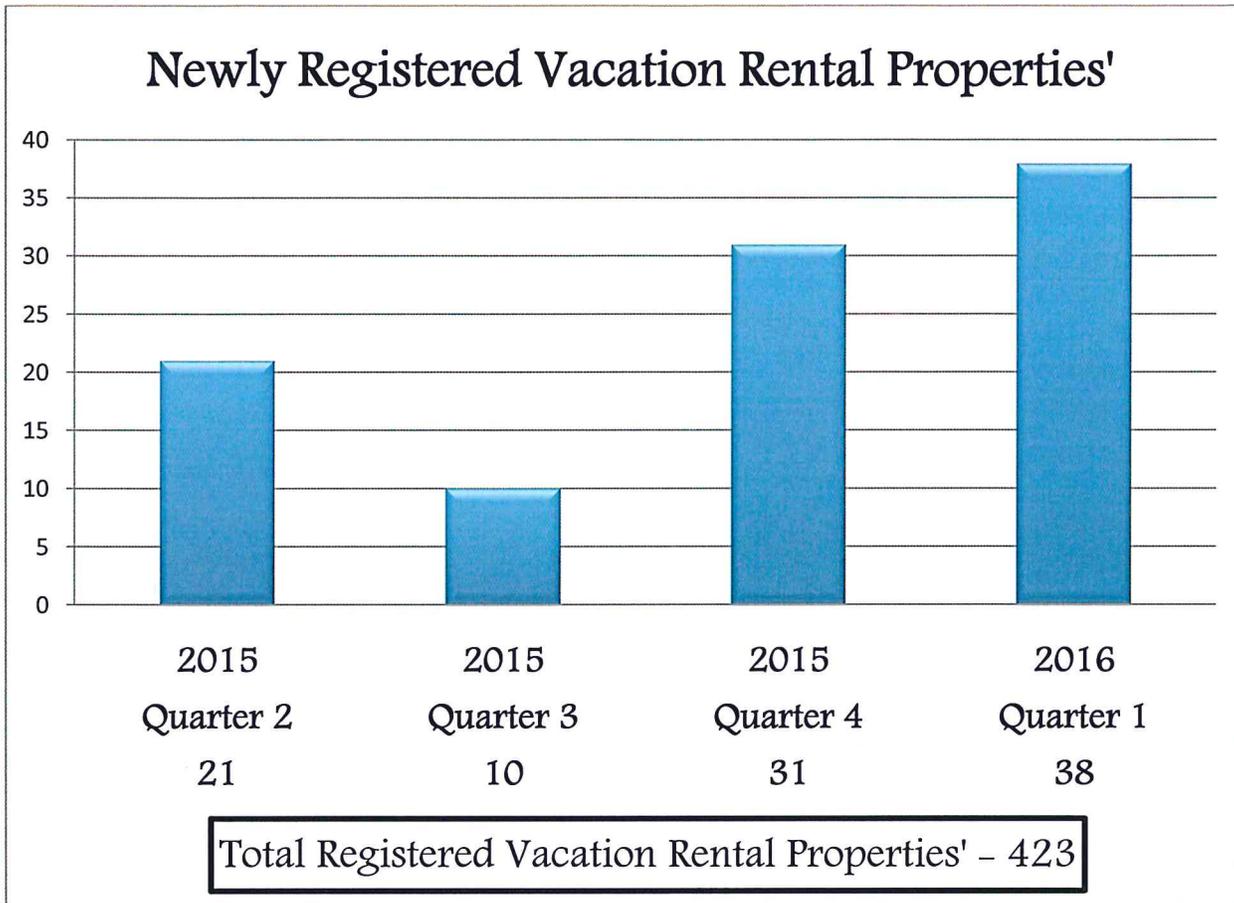
Stats of Operational Activity:

The following graphs show activity for operational functions of the Finance Department:

- The bar graph below reports the total number of new Business Licenses' that were issued by the City of Rancho Mirage for the last three quarters of 2015 and the 1st quarter of 2016.



- The bar graph below reports the total number of new Vacation Rental Properties' that were registered within Rancho Mirage City limits for the last three quarters of 2015 and the 1st quarter of 2016.



Projects Underway and on the Horizon:

- The Finance department is compiling data on revenues and expenditures from Fiscal Year 15/16 and projected budget amounts for the Fiscal Year 16/17 budget process.
- The City Council Budget Subcommittee will meet with City staff to review the current budget for Fiscal Year 16/17 and determine necessary budget revisions.
- Staff is continuing education on the new 2016 revisions and reporting requirements for the Affordable Health Care Act.
- The City will undergo the first phase of the annual audit process, performed by an independent Certified Public Accountant, to test internal controls.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources (HR) has primary responsibility for managing, assisting and dealing with all employee related matters including such functions as policy administration, recruitment, benefits administration, new employee orientation, labor relations, personnel records retention, wage and salary administration, employee assistance program, workers' compensation, claims, etc. HR works closely with City Departments to support and respond to their needs. During the first quarter of 2016

HR has been busy with recruitment, training, employee functions and modernizing forms and procedures.

Recruitment

- * Recruited, Interviewed and hired Majna Dukic, Assistant Planner
- * Recruited, Interviewed and hired Michele Finn and Korey Brunetti Part-time Librarians for the Library
- * Recruited and interviewed for the IS Manager
- * Currently recruiting for the following positions
 - Enterprise Applications Support Specialist
 - Reference Librarian FT
 - Accounting Technician II
 - Sr. Accounting Technician – Library
 - Associate Engineer

Miscellaneous

- * Completed and Posted Mandatory OSHA Injury and Illness Recordkeeping & Reporting Requirements
- * ICMA Service Visit – Individual Consultations
- * Implemented new Performance Appraisal Procedures and Forms
- * The following staff earned advancements during this first quarter – Congratulations All!
 - Sean Smith, Director of Economic Dev. & Marketing
 - Jesse Eckenroth, Finance Manager
 - Jack Murchall, Building Official
 - Robert Rekuc, Senior Librarian
 - Brian Kephart, Senior Code Compliance Officer
 - Pamela Birky, Code Compliance Officer II
 - Aaron Espinosa, Library Operations Manager
 - Joseph Carpenter, Senior Analyst
 - Marcus Aleman, Management Analyst

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- The Emergency Preparedness Commission hosted a Town Hall Forum on March 2nd regarding what happens the first seven days after a major earthquake. The Commission's technical advisor, Dr. Dennis Mileti, was the presenter at this very popular event which attracted approximately 320 people.
- The City upgraded its old analog radios to the new digital format. New base radios were installed at City Hall and the Library. In addition, members of the City's Emergency Preparedness Committee (comprised of staff) were issued new hand-held digital radios.
- The City also relocated the emergency radio room at the library which included the installation of the new digital base radios referenced above. The radio area is now in the staff cubicle area which allows for easier flow of personnel and information than in the previous location.
- Staff continued to plan for and monitor El Niño storm systems. Although El Niño essentially bypassed the desert this go-around, it turned out to be a good live-planning/training exercise for staff and residents about what to do when planning for an event/disaster.

ENERGY INITIATIVES

Staff continues to work on energy efficiency project(s) to conserve energy at various City or Housing Authority facilities. Staff is currently working on a project to replace pool and spa pumps and thermostats at Santa Rosa Villas, one of the City's Housing Authority properties. In addition to lowered energy costs, the City will also receive rebate/incentive checks from Southern California Edison for the project. In addition, the energy savings translate to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the City which is required under state law.

GENERAL/MISCELLANEOUS

- Staff is beginning the process of updating the City's Americans with Disabilities Act transition plan and self-evaluation plan. The City had an unofficial review of our ADA activities by a consultant paid for by the City's pool insurance and overall the report and findings showed the City is doing a good job on ADA issues.
- AED/CPR training for staff was held at City Hall on February 17th. The City has five Automated External Defibrillators located at City Hall, the Library and the City Yard and key staff are trained on how to operate the AED along with CPR techniques. The certification is good for two years.
- As part of its contract with the City, the City's bighorn sheep consultant/service provider (Bighorn Institute) gave its annual presentation on bighorn sheep at the Library on March 31st. The event was well intended and everyone got a chance to learn more about the City's majestic City mammal, the Peninsular Bighorn sheep.
- Staff from Administrative Services and Code Compliance participated in Riverside County's annual Homeless Survey in January by canvassing selected areas of the City. Contact was made with four homeless individuals. A brief questionnaire was completed for each contact and sent to the County.
- Staff finalized the transition of the administration of the Citizens on Patrol Services (COPS) from Administrative Services to the Code Compliance/Building & Safety Department which is now administering the program.

INFORMATION SERVICES

The Information Services Division of the Department of Administrative Services plans, maintains and manages the City's computerized information systems and communication networks. Services include network management security and email administration, project management, desktop support, server maintenance and operation, training, vendor management, radio systems and office equipment.

Key stats for this reporting quarter and the previous are:

Description	October-December 2015	January-March 2016
General Info. Svcs. Help Requests	412	252
Equipment Setup Requests	18	12
Software Installations	6	12
Training for staff	3	1

PUBLIC SAFETY

The City took delivery of a brand-new 2016 Dodge Ram 4500 ambulance during this quarter. This was the culmination of months of work to obtain the new ambulance which will be in service at Fire Station 50 on Highway 111 in the near future.

CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

CITY CLERKS OFFICE

During this quarter, the City Clerk's Office was busy gearing up for the April 12, 2016 Municipal Election. We prepared complete nomination packets for prospective candidates for City Council and conducted "pulling nomination papers" sessions for potential City Council candidates. Additionally, we published many time sensitive notices, documents and ballot material as required by the California Elections Code, in both English and Spanish, as well prepared all the various submissions to the Secretary of State and the Registrar of Voters. We received and posted and submitted impartial analyses, arguments and rebuttals applicable to the four CV Link Measures on the April 12th Municipal ballot and monitored timely filing of all campaign disclosure documents submitted by candidates and committees.

RECORDS DEPARTMENT

The Records Department processed and responded to 111 Public Records Requests and 2 Subpoenas in the First Quarter, as well as publishing agenda packets for the City Council and Planning Commission and posting of agendas for all Commissions the City's website. Additionally, the Records staff held a records destruction event involving 125 boxes of old records scheduled for destruction per the Records Retention Schedule. They have received over 60 boxes of files from various departments for processing and continue to work on entering metadata and doing quality control on plans sent out for scanning and plans scanned in-house as well.

MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The third edition of R/M Magazine was mailed to residents and delivered to Rancho Mirage resorts for guest room distribution in early January. The magazine, published by Desert Publications Inc., addressed Rancho Mirage's legacy history as well as encouraged readers to dine, shop and play in our City. A launch event for the magazine, hosted by Wally's Desert Turtle, attracted a packed room of City business leaders.

In February the Rancho Mirage amphitheater hosted the first of a ten week, thirteen concert series. All genres of music were included in the series to discover audience interest as well as the capabilities of the new facility. Close monitoring of the sound emanating from the amphitheater was undertaken to ensure that the facility impact on neighboring communities was minimized. With some minor adjustments the sound was quickly brought into compliance with City code. Very few complaints regarding noise were received by neighbors.

Marker Broadcasting, Palm Springs Life Magazine and IMG joined with the City to produce the series. Food and beverage service was provided by Wally's Desert Turtle. The City undertook all the marketing and facility management while the partners produced the concerts.

The free concerts were overwhelmingly popular attracting over 1300 audience members on two occasions and capacity houses (1000 seated guests) on most evenings. Only three classical concerts, for which admission was charged (\$55 and \$65 tickets) failed to garner audiences over 300.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

REPORT FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2016

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 2016

	<u>Jan. 2015</u>	<u>Jan. 2016</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>		
Items Checked Out	37,142	31,318	-15%		
Patron Visits to Library	22,826	21,019	-7.9%		
Reference Questions	6,806	6,279	-7.7%		
Holds/Reserves Filled	5,758	*			
Total Website Pageviews	82,525	80,005	-3%		
Library Cardholders	45,190	44,189	-2%		
Cards Issued	332	265	-20%		
Daytime Adult Programs		6	With	1,384	Attendees
After Hours Programs		3	With	576	Attendees
Tutorials		16	With	16	Attendees
Preschool Programs		15	With	295	Attendees
Family Programs		1	With	14	Attendees

*New ILS check out technology does not record this data

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 2016

	<u>Feb. 2015</u>	<u>Feb. 2016</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Items Checked Out	37,107	34,518	-6.9%
Patron Visits to Library	22,450	22,193	-1%
Reference Questions	6,250	7,785	+25%
Holds/Reserves Filled	5,724	*	-%
Total Website Pageviews	73,608	71,578	-2.7%
Library Cardholders	45,465	44,445	-2.2%
Cards Issued	271	265	-2%

Daytime Adult Programs	9	With	2,385	Attendees
After Hours Programs	4	With	1,329	Attendees
Tutorials	28	With	28	Attendees
Preschool	12	With	266	Attendees
Family Programs	1	With	33	Attendees

* New ILS check out technology does not record this data

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR MARCH 2015

	<u>Mar. 2015</u>	<u>Mar. 2016</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Items Checked Out	39,621	38,953	-1.6%
Patron Visits to Library	23,257	22,906	-1.5%
Reference Questions	6,805	7,344	+8%
Holds/Reserves Filled	5,888	*	
Total Website Pageviews	77,792	73,085	-6%
Library Cardholders	41,679	44,642	+7.2%
Cards Issued	239	270	+13%

Daytime Adult Programs	8	With	1,658	Attendees
After Hours Programs	3	With	723	Attendees
Tutorials	19	With	19	Attendees
Preschool Programs	20	With	464	Attendees
Family Programs	5	With	154	Attendees

* New ILS check out technology does not record this data

LIBRARY UPGRADES ARE NEARLY COMPLETE:

- Shelving shifts are complete
- All painting completed, wall coverings being installed
- Children's Room flooring completed in mid-February
- The Book Nook, the Foundation's book store, will be closed for carpeting and paint for a week in mid-April.
- Reupholstering of 120 Library chairs completed
- Mural in Children's Storytime Theater is complete
- New mural is planned (world map) for computer wall in Children's Room

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- Electrochromic glass installation will be completed this spring, cutting UV and solar gain, making daytime programming work better

JUST FOR KIDS

The Library offers four weekly storytimes for children:

Tiny Tot Tales: Tuesdays at 10 & 11 AM; Wednesdays at 10

PreSchool Storytime: Thursdays at 10 AM

- The Preschool Stories and Me includes stories and an arts and craft project.
- The Tiny Tot Tales include stories, singing and rhyming games.

PROGRAMS IN JANUARY

1/2 Palm Springs Writers Guild

1/6 Indie Flix for kids and Families

1/7 Harpsichord Concert

1/8 Book Discussion Group: *The Storied Life of AJ Fikry*

1/8 Kickoff of Library's 20th Anniversary Year

1/11 History Lecture: *The Mexican War*

1/12 History Lecture: *The Mexican War*

1/14 History Lecture: *Elections, 1996 vs 2016*

1/19 Kids' Book Discussion Group

1/21-1/23 Rancho Mirage Writers Festival

1/27 Lego Club for children and parents

1/28 Sunnylands Lecture: Asian Art Crystal

EXHIBITS

Lobby Cases in January

"The Barges of Del Baxter" a colorful, folk art exhibit from reclusive artist, Del Baxter from the Salton Sea

Children's Room

Classic Children's Book Covers

Lobby Corridor to Café and Book Nook

Framed prints of book covers from the 2015 Rancho Mirage Writers Festival

Community Room

Framed prints of book covers from the 2016 Rancho Mirage Writers Festival

VOLUNTEERS

During January, **42 volunteers** provided **585** hours of service.

PROGRAMS IN FEBRUARY

2/3 Family Storytime

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City Manager's Report

The City Manager's Report is intended to keep the City Council, City staff and all others interested informed in up-to-date City matters. Some information in this Report may be preliminary or ongoing and subject to change. Potential land use and/or economic development projects described are to be considered tentative (and in some cases may be speculative), subject both to change and to all future City review and approval processes. Nothing in this Report constitutes, evidences or implies City approval of any such project, nor City acceptance of any proposed terms of any agreement, contract or understanding referred to in this Report. All such matters remain fully subject to all normal City approval processes, up to and including public meetings and/or public hearings before the Planning Commission and/or City Council, at future dates.

2/4 The Controversial Coyote
2/6 Palm Springs Writers Guild
2/8 Lecture: Terrorism, the Roots and the Legacy
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2/10 PLAY BALL AGAIN: An Appreciation of the Sport
2/11 Lecture: Gil Garcetti on photography
2/12 Book Discussion Group: *A Star for Mrs. Blake*
2/13 Concert: ICCD performance
2/16 Tech Tuesday
2/16 Kids Book Discussion Group: *Inside Out and Back Again*
2/17 Palm Springs Opera Guild: *A Celebration of Love*
2/22 Morrie Beschloss and Steve Kelly discussion "Of Primary Importance"
2/23 Tech Tuesday
2/23 Lecture: Amazing Insects of the Desert
2/24 Sunnylands Lecture: Evan Thomas *On Being Nixon*
2/25 Concert; John Proulx, Jazz Pianist and Singer

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VOLUNTEERS

During February, 42 volunteers provided 617 hours of service.

PROGRAMS IN MARCH

3/1 Tech Tuesday
3/2 Emergency Preparedness Town Hall
3/5 High Desert Art Tour to Joshua Tree and Beyond
3/5 Palm Springs Writers Guild
3/7 Film: Stacy Davies presents *Stage Door*
3/9 Theater: Larry Luckinbill Reads *Clarence Darrow Tonight*
3/10 Lecture: The Who, Wear, When of Fashion
3/11 Book Discussion Group: *To Kill a Mockingbird*
3/12 Concert: ICCD

3/14 Sunnylands Lecture: Michael Feinstein on Sinatra
3/15 Tech Tuesday
3/15 Sunnylands Lecture: Sally McGill on Earthquakes
3/15 Kids Book Discussion Group: *11 Birthdays*
3/16 Concert: Scott Beaty piano
3/19 Third Annual Artist Studio Tour
3/19 Concert: ICCD
3/21 Film: Stacy Davies presents *Design for Living*
3/22 Tech Tuesday
3/23 Lecture: Hemingway's Women
3/23 Family Event: Lego Club
3/28 Film: Stacy Davies presents *Bringing Up Baby*
3/29 – 31 Film: Spring Break movies each day

JUST FOR KIDS

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Tuesdays at 10 AM & 11 AM; Wednesdays at 10 *Tiny Tot Tales*
Thursdays at 10 AM *Preschool Storytime*

- The Preschool Stories and Me includes stories and an arts and craft project.
- The Tiny Tot Tales include stories, singing and rhyming games.

EXHIBITS

The Annenberg Reading Room:

John Henebry brought us dramatic, large, color photographs printed on aluminum captures parks and golf courses worldwide.

Lobby Cases:

Dennis Steele installed antique and newer ham radio equipment with books, maps, and memorabilia.

Children's Room

Classic Childrens Book Covers

Lobby Corridor to Café and Book Nook

Framed prints of book covers are in place for a lead-in to Aspen Mills Bakery/Deli and for the Library Foundation's Book Nook.

VOLUNTEERS

During **March**, **42** volunteers provided **660** hours of service.

Wednesday, March 30, the Library offered its annual Volunteer Breakfast at Thunderbird Country Club, celebrating the work of Library volunteers who run the Book Nook, shelve books and media, repair books and media, while raising significant funds for the Library Foundation.

PERSONNEL/CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Librarians took advantage of free and low cost on-line webinars to increase expertise in social media, library marketing, e-book access, e-magazine availability, and changing research methods.

Melissa Bruecks left the Library mid-March to begin a new position in Bloomington, Indiana. She left with our good wishes.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Projects under Construction

CP 14-311: DOG PARK (Via Vail & Key Largo)

The City Council approved the City's first dog park at the October 9, 2014 meeting. The project is 4.04 acres and will include a separate section specifically for small dogs (one-half acre) and large dogs (one acre). Construction began March 14, with project completion estimated for July 2016.

CP 12-270-1: BOB HOPE DRIVE/FRANK SINATRA DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

This project is currently out to bid, with a bid opening date of Tuesday, April 26. Project will provide needed capacity improvements and provide an improved level of service for motorists. The proposed improvements will provide dual left turns in all directions and one additional thru lane on Bob Hope Drive (both directions) at the intersection. Final design alignment has been selected and Edison has completed their design of the high voltage line relocation. The new power poles have been ordered and the City has acquired the necessary right-of-way for the project. The Edison relocation work will be scheduled for spring 2016, with the construction of intersection improvements to follow in summer 2016.

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 clearances have been received for the project. The City has retained a consultant to acquire the necessary right-of-way and utility clearances. The consultant has been negotiating with the owners of the eight properties, and it is anticipated that the acquisitions will be complete in April 2016. Construction is tentatively scheduled for summer 2016.

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 which can be flooded during rainfall events. The City's consultant has completed analyzing Project Alternatives and preparing the Environmental Document (PA&ED) for the project, which commenced on October 1, 2012. Preparation of final design plans and specifications began in September 2015 and will take 18 months for completion and

Caltrans approval. If all goes as planned, bridge construction can begin in summer 2017 with completion 18-24 months thereafter.

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 Surface Transportation Program pavement rehabilitation grant for this work. The City has received full environmental clearance and is currently preparing specifications for construction as part of the design phase. Once the City receives Caltrans authorization to proceed with construction the project can be bid and a contract awarded. Construction is scheduled for summer 2016.

CP 13-298: MAGNESIA FALLS DRIVE (HIGHWAY 111 TO JOSHUA ROAD), CHOLLA LANE, AND 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. Project will bid in April, with award in May. Construction will commence in early June with project completion in late August.

CP 15-315: LIBRARY OBSERVATORY

This project is funded through ROPS; budget is \$1,720,500. Construction will commence in late April with project completion in late October. Annual cost of operations and maintenance estimated to be \$100,000.

Preliminary Engineering/Grants

CP 12-283: STREETLIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAY 111 (PAXTON DRIVE TO EAST CITY LIMIT – 30 NEW STREETLIGHTS), (WEST CITY LIMITS TO MIRAGE COVE – 18 NEW STREETLIGHTS), 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. The City is awaiting Caltrans final approval on the environmental documents that are required to obtain authorization to proceed to the design phase. Construction is estimated to commence in summer 2016.

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.

CP 14-313: CONGESTION MITIGATION AND SAND FENCE INSTALLATION ALONG RAMON ROAD (NORTH SIDE), FROM LOS ALAMOS ROAD TO BOB HOPE DRIVE, AND SAND FENCE INSTALLATION ALONG DINAH SHORE DRIVE (NORTH SIDE) FROM BOB HOPE DRIVE TO MIRIAM WAY

The City has been approved for \$855,680 in CMAQ/MAP-21 grant funds through CVAG. Caltrans has granted the City authorization to begin preliminary engineering work, including preparation of required environmental documents.

CP 14-314: SAND FENCE INSTALLATION ALONG BOB HOPE DRIVE (WEST SIDE), FROM THE SOUTH END OF THE AGUA CALIENTE CASINO OVERFLOW PARKING LOT TO DINAH SHORE DRIVE, AND ALONG DINAH SHORE DRIVE (NORTH SIDE) FROM 1,320 FEET WEST OF BOB HOPE DRIVE TO BOB HOPE DRIVE

The City has been approved for \$221,506 in CMAQ/MAP-21 grant funds through CVAG. Caltrans has granted the City authorization to begin preliminary engineering work, including preparation of required environmental documents.

Other News

LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND PM¹⁰ CONTROLS

The City's 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 JANUARY - MARCH 2016

Grading	9
Encroachment	34
Transportation	13
Pool Drainage	6
Miscellaneous	3
TOTAL:	65

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

Subcommittee members include Council members and support staff.

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 Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Kite</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> (03-31-16) No activity to report.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
<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 Hobart Councilmember Kite</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) Perform the annual review of the City's reserve balances and recommend changes as necessary 2) Develop and approve the City's two year budget for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) All assignments completed.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
<p>Chamber of Commerce Subcommittee</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Councilmember Smotrich Councilmember Townsend</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith</p>	<p><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.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) The subcommittee will meet in April with an update on the progress of meeting goals and objectives as presented in the contract for services provided.</p>	Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.
<p>Commercial Development Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 9-20-07 by memo from Mayor Hobart.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Councilmember Kite</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Dev. Kopp</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To review proposed and recently submitted commercial development projects.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) The Commercial Subcommittee met in August 2015 and was updated on several projects such as Thunderbird Resort & Spa and the Sunnylands Expansion project. A potential mixed use development project located in the cove property across from the Motel 6 was also discussed and feedback was given by the subcommittee.</p> <p>The Subcommittee convened on 9/21 to discuss the Ritz Carlton Extension on the 9th Amendment regarding owner occupancy restrictions for the condominium units and provided direction to staff. On 1/25 the Commercial Subcommittee met to discuss the 10.7 acre Dolemo property acres across the Atrium regarding a proposed mix use project. An update on other pending commercial projects was also provided.</p>	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
<p>Eisenhower Medical Center Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 4-19-07 Council meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Mayor Pro Tem Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Kopp</p> <p><u>EMC Representatives:</u> Aubrey Serfling, President & CEO Ali Tourkaman, VP,</p>	<p><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.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) No meeting occurred the first quarter of 2016.</p>	Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.

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<p>General Plan Update Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 10/13/15</p>	<p><u>Facilities & Construction</u></p> <p><u>Council:</u> Councilmember Hobart Councilmember Kite <u>Staff Assistance:</u> Planning Mgr. Kopp City Manager Bynder Planner Gleim</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To provide direction to the staff on the General Plan (technical) update. <u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) The GPA Subcommittee met on October 13, 2015 to review staff's proposed task/timeline and provide feedback. We met again on March 2, 2016 to review the RFP for General Plan Update consultant services and assist in the required CEQA documents. The next meeting is scheduled for the week of April 18, 2016 to review the short list RFP's and hold interviews.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>Golf Club Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 9-19-02 Council meeting Per an email of 9/8/08 from then Mayor Meepos.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Kite <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Contract Specialist Griego</p>	<p><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> (03-31-16) Membership fees increased to \$84.00 for calendar year 2016. The Westin is required to submit to the City names and addresses of Rancho Mirage members who renew their memberships so that those members will not have to come to City Hall to renew memberships; the expiration date of the Agreement is December 31, 2016 with the option to renew.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>McCallum Theatre Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 11-21-02 Council meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Kite <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Mgt Analyst Wilson</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Provide direction in implementation of a funding agreement with McCallum Theater. <u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) No activity this quarter.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<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> Mayor Hobart Mayor Pro Tem 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</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. <u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) No activity to report.</p>	<p>Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.</p>
<p>Public Safety Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed on 6/16/13 Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Smotrich <u>Staff Assistance:</u> Dir. of Admin. Svcs. Hagerman</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To meet, discuss and advise on public safety issues, programs, matters and fiscal matters. <u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) No activity this quarter.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>Section 19 Specific Plan Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 12-15-05</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Mayor Pro Tem Weill <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 meet with staff, consultant and invited property owners for the development of a Specific Plan in Section 19. This has now been drafted. <u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) 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. The Subcommittee met on 06-09-15 to discuss the proposed</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>

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		<p>contents of a Development Agreement. A letter regarding the Development Agreement and proposed Specific Plan Amendments was sent by the Economic Development Manager to Tom Noya. The Subcommittee met on 7/15 to discuss Mr. Noya's response. In August, the Subcommittee met to discuss the requested Specific Plan Amendments and DA and further direction was given to discuss details with the City Manager. On 11/2 the Subcommittee met with staff, Mr. Noya and CVWD to discuss amendment of the "agreement" and to get an update on the Mission Hills trunk line/reservoir project. On 2/17 the Section 19 Subcommittee met to discuss infrastructure related issues.</p>	
<p>Section 30 Planning Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 5-20-10 Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Mayor Pro Tem 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> (03-31-16) No recent meetings have been held.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>Section 31 Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 9-14-04 by memo from Ron Meepos</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Councilmember Smotrich</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:</u> (03-31-16) No recent meetings have been held.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>Senior Citizen Advisory Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 9-20-07 by memo from Mayor Hobart</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Townsend</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:</u> (03-31-16) No activity to report.</p>	<p>Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.</p>
<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 Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Smotrich</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> (03-31-16) All 2015-16 SAF award recipients signed and returned their contracts and awards are reimbursed upon receipt of approved claims and documentation.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>Sphere of Influence (SOI) Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 06-07-06 Special Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Councilmember Smotrich</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).</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) 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 met with Pulte Homes on January 5th, and we provided an update to</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>

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		<p>the Subcommittee on the proposed application and status of the tribe processing the Specific Plan and EIR. We met again in March with Pulte Homes to discuss their annexation proposal. Based upon the direction of the SOI Subcommittee a letter was drafted that reiterated the City's position that all of Section 24 should be annexed to the City at the same time. The tribe has not changed their position and does not wish to be annexed at this time. As of late November, Pulte had contacted County Planning and they are currently working with the county to continue processing their request. On January 11, 2016, staff received a Notice of Preparation for an EIR for a project located within the county. Comments were provided on 2/14 consistent with previous discussions. No recent meetings have been held.</p>	
<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> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Townsend</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.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) No activity to report.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<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 Hobart Councilmember Smotrich</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Mgr. Bynder Dir. of Marketing & Public Relations Barrett</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Develop a theme for and oversee the production of the City's marketing strategies, communication, and public relations activities, both external and internal. Oversee the development and implementation of printed support materials and website services for City business and tourism promotions. Oversee social media campaigns as well as the production and placement of television commercials. Management the media and coordinate public relations activities. Management the city's special event and filming permit process. Produce the annual Art Affaire.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) Committee met to discuss program schedule and related details for the Amphitheater at Rancho Mirage Community Park.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee; related Tourism Advisory Committee subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.</p>
<p>Zoning Ordinance Update Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 11/08/10 by then Mayor Kite</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Councilmember 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)</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (03-31-16) In October 2015, the City Council approved changes to the minimum lot sizes in residential zoning districts. Following a Commercial Subcommittee meeting, staff briefly discussed a proposed amendment with the Zoning Subcommittee restricting the height and placement of rear yard landscaping when adjacent to existing residences. The subcommittee gave feedback on the proposed Ordinance.</p> <p>The ordinance was approved by City Council and went into effect in December 2015. On 1/26 the Zoning Subcommittee met to discuss White Bros' property proposed office development and related zone change on Monterey to provide direction and ensure that the</p>	

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		applicant has shared dialog with the residents of Versailles. On 3/21 the Subcommittee discussed and provided direction to staff regarding a proposed ACBCI Historic Preservation policy memo which could affect our application procedure prescribed under the Municipal Code and provided direction to staff.	

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