

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
June 4, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Allan Roeder, City Manager
Members

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

- A. SUPPORT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**
A copy of the Mayor's letter to the Environmental Protection Agency in support of their work to update the ozone (or smog) standard.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. UPDATE ON 2015 RECON ICSC CONVENTION MEETINGS**
Kingsley Okereke updates you on staff attendance and meetings at the 2015 RECON ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers) held in Las Vegas, NV on May 17 - 20, 2015.
- B. BEHIND THE BADGE - NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY**
A copy of the news article and photos from the May 30th Neighborhood Cleanup Day led by the Police and Fire Departments is attached for your review.

• OTHER ITEMS

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.



ALLAN L. ROEDER
City Manager



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

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June 1, 2015

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

On behalf of the City of Garden Grove, I want to express our strong support for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) work to update the ozone (or smog) standard. The current, George W. Bush-era standard of 75 parts per billion (ppb) has been widely acknowledged by the medical community as insufficient to protect public health. This long-overdue update will reap tremendous benefits for our communities. To best guard our families and constituents from this dangerous pollutant, we urge EPA to stay true to the science and in setting the standard follow the guidance of expert medical organizations like the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, the American Thoracic Society, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Smog pollution, much of it coming from power plant emissions and vehicle exhaust, represents a particularly widespread threat to families nationwide. According to the American Lung Association's 2014 State of the Air report, approximately 45% of the population - or 140.5 million people - live in counties that received a grade of "F" for their air pollution. This is especially problematic for sensitive populations such as children, the elderly, those with breathing ailments, outdoor workers, low-income families and communities of color. The Clean Air Act is clear in requiring EPA to set a standard not just protective of healthy individuals, but also protective of these vulnerable populations.

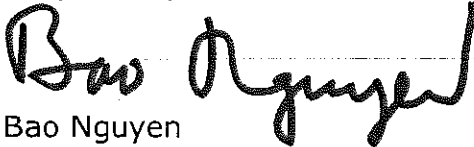
Nearly 26 million Americans, including 7 million children, suffer from asthma. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, minority children living in poor socio-economic conditions are at a greater risk. For instance, 16% of African American children had asthma in 2010, compared to 8.2% of White children. Low income families are more likely to live close to sources of pollution and roadways, have lower access to medical information and health insurance, and die from asthma-related complications.

EPA's own analysis shows that the strongest option under consideration would save taxpayers as much as \$75.9 billion annually when fully implemented through lower health care costs. Each year, this would translate into as many as 7,900 lives saved and 1.8 million asthma attacks and 1.9 million missed school days avoided.

President Barack Obama
June 1, 2015
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Clean, healthy air and water are fundamental American rights and we are eager to work with your Administration to secure and implement protections from smog pollution.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bao Nguyen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Bao" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Nguyen" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script. The signature is positioned above a horizontal dashed line.

Bao Nguyen
Mayor

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Allan Roeder
Dept: Interim City Manager
Subject: UPDATE ON 2015 RECON ICSC
(INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF
SHOPPING CENTERS) CONVENTION
MEETINGS

From: Kingsley Okereke
Dept: Assistant City Manager
Date: May 27, 2015

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Council with an update of staff attendance and meetings held at the 2015 RECON ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers) Convention held in Las Vegas, NV on May 17 – 20, 2015.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1957, ICSC is the premier global trade association of the shopping center industry. Its more than 70,000 members in over 100 countries include shopping center owners, developers, managers, marketing specialists, investors, retailers and brokers, as well as academics and public officials. As the global industry trade association, ICSC links with more than 25 national and regional shopping center councils throughout the world.

This year's 2015 RECON ICSC convention saw the strongest turnout in years, with at least 35,000 attendees at the annual retail property conference in Las Vegas. The city exhibited in the Cities of the World Pavilion located in the central hall of the convention. Staff showcased the City's economic development portfolio (Attachment 1) that presented development opportunities in the City of Garden Grove. Prior to attending the convention, staff contacted multiple shopping center management companies and brokers to obtain fliers for opportunity sites in Garden Grove that were for sale or for lease and placed them on display at the city's booth.

During panel sessions and in the corridors and vast exhibit halls of the Las Vegas Convention Center and surrounding hotels, conversations among attendees and presenters focused on a number of common themes involving retailers, landlords, lenders and investors. At this year's convention public officials were out in force more than ever, hoping to attract retailers and developers to their communities.

Agency Staff conducted the following meetings at RECON ICSC:

- **The Festival Companies** – Mark Schurgin (Owner): Discussed opportunities within the Grove District.
- **Kam Sang Company** – Ronnie Lam (Owner): Discussed the status of the Brookhurst Triangle development and potential future retail opportunities for Phase II. Also, Mr. Lam updated staff on the status of their hotel site on Harbor Boulevard, Site B2.
- **Starwood Hotels and Resorts** - Jennifer Bergama (National Director – Business Development): Staff gave an overview of the Grove District and presented opportunity sites and potential partnerships for Starwood hotel(s) in the resort district. Starwood is interested in adding new Starwood franchises to the resort.
- **The Olson Company** – Taylor Ashton (Acquisition Analyst): Staff discussed various existing housing projects throughout the city, such as the Brookhurst Triangle and Galleria. The Olson Company asked for ideas regarding potential housing sites. Staff explained that the City didn't have any sites identified for infill housing projects but they were welcome to come to the City to discuss any sites they find for development potential.
- **Hopkins** – Steve Hopkins (Owner): Staff presented opportunity sites in the Grove District.
- **Sunbelt Nevada Investments** – Todd Holzer (President): Staff discussed the future of the Target site on Harbor Boulevard and Chapman Avenue.
- **Hilton World Wide** – Patrick Speer (Senior Director – Development – Southwest Region): Staff presented opportunity sites and potential partnerships for Hilton hotels in the Grove District.
- **Marriott** – Scott McAllister (Area Vice President) - Staff presented opportunity sites and potential partnerships for Marriott hotels in the Grove District.
- **IHG** – Rich Carlson (Regional Director Development): IHG brand hotels are interested in adding new brands to the market, including Staybridge and Indigo.
- **NuMark Grubb Knight Frank** – Ian Brown (Broker): Discussed potential sites for retail and restaurants in the Grove District and City as a whole.
- **CIM** – Aaron Keswick (Associate Vice President): Staff met with CIM and discussed development opportunities citywide. They are interested

in development in the city and want to set a meeting to discuss new retail, dining and entertainment opportunities.

SUMMARY

The Agency had a very productive ICSC conference, meeting with eleven major developers. In addition agency staff met over 100 attendees at the City's booth. Staff will continue to follow-up with contacts made at this year's conference.



KINGSLEY OKEREKE
Assistant City Manager



By: Grace Lee
Senior Economic Development Specialist

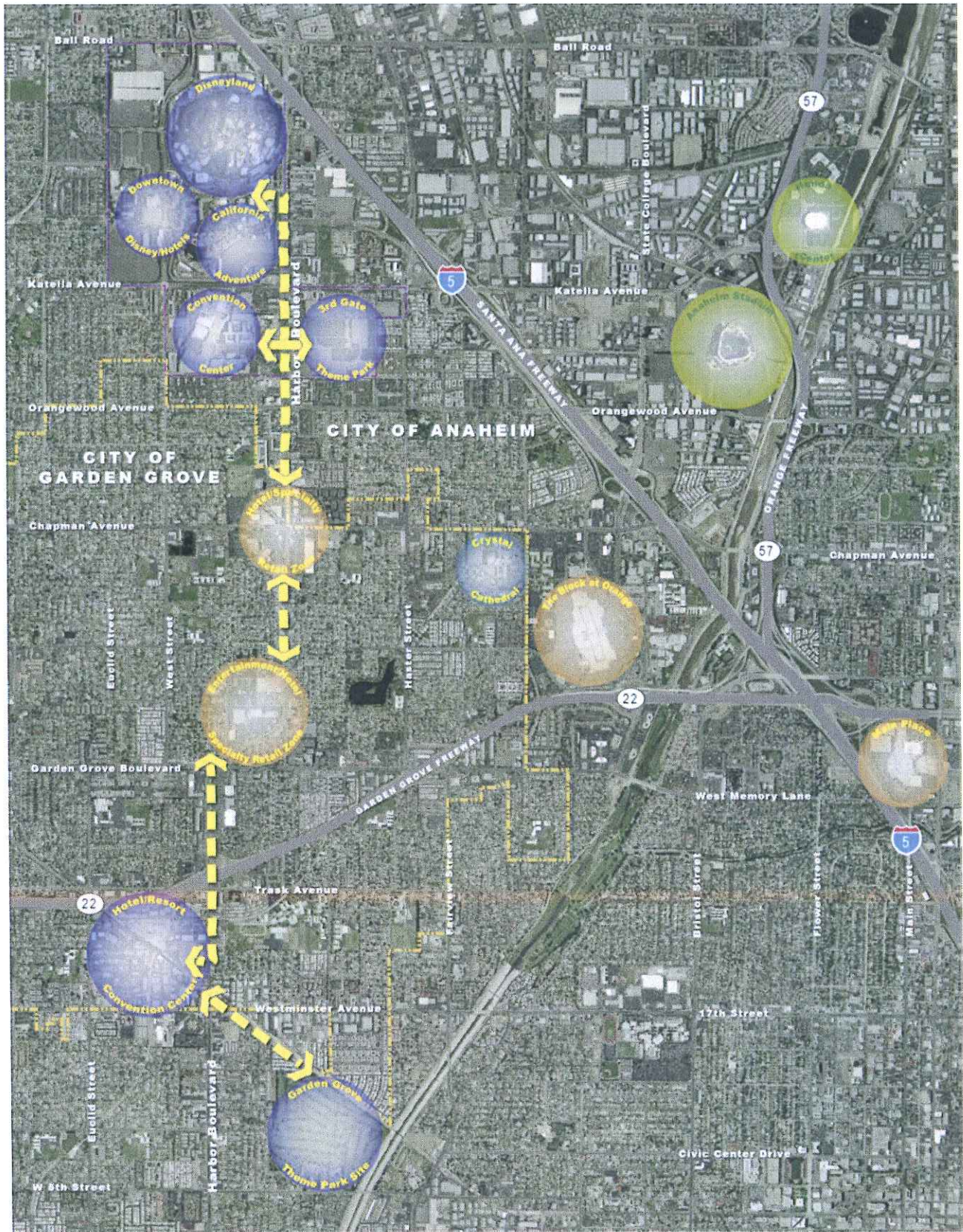
Attachment 1: Portfolio



GROVE DISTRICT
ANAHEIM RESORT

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Located on Harbor Blvd., south of Lampson Ave. The site is over 12-acres. The site is entitled for a 600 Room Great Wolf Hotel with an arcade, spa, fitness center, multiple retail shops, restaurant, up to 30,000 square feet of meeting space, a 110,000 square feet indoor/outdoor water park, and a 1,000 space parking garage. Total project cost approximately \$285 million.	
Opportunity—Adjacent restaurant pad; 10,000 square feet	
Page 8—9	Site C Development: Developer; Land & Design; Contact (858) 735-1858
Located on Harbor Blvd., north of Twintree Ln. The site is over 5-acres. The site is entitled for 760 rooms with one Full-Service and two Limited-Service hotels, 39,000 square feet of conference space, and 65,000 square feet of restaurant space. Total project cost approximately \$150 million.	
Opportunity—JV Partner and restaurant pads	
Page 10-11	Site B2: Developer; Kam Sang Co.; Contact Jim DellaLonga (714) 741-5788
Located on the north west corner of Twintree Ave. and Harbor Boulevard.	
Opportunity—Hotel Development	
Page 12-14	Brookhurst Triangle Development: Kam Sang Co., Inc.; Contact (626) 446-2988
Located on Garden Grove Blvd. at Brookhurst St., the site is entitled for up to 700 residential units and 200,000 square feet of retail, dining and entertainment space and up to one, 100 room hotel.	
Opportunity—Retail partner and Restaurant, Dining and Entertainment Space	
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Opportunity—Hotel Development	
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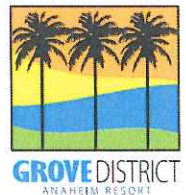
Entertainment *Diagram*

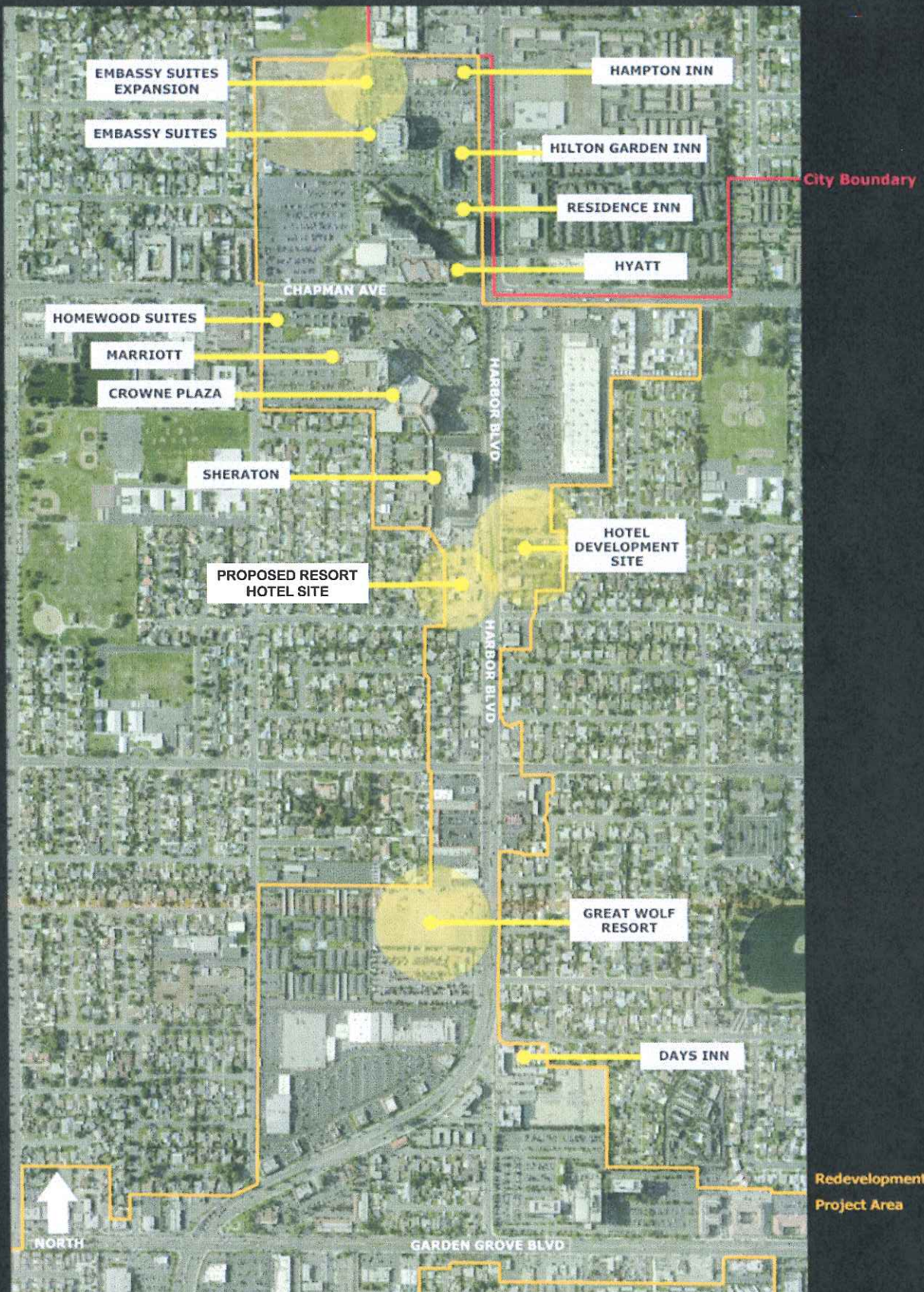


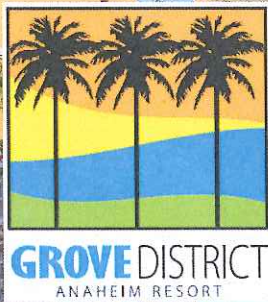
North



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GREAT WOLF LODGE

Coming Soon!

Garden Grove, CA
 • 600 Rooms
 • 100,000 sf
 Indoor/Outdoor
 Water Park

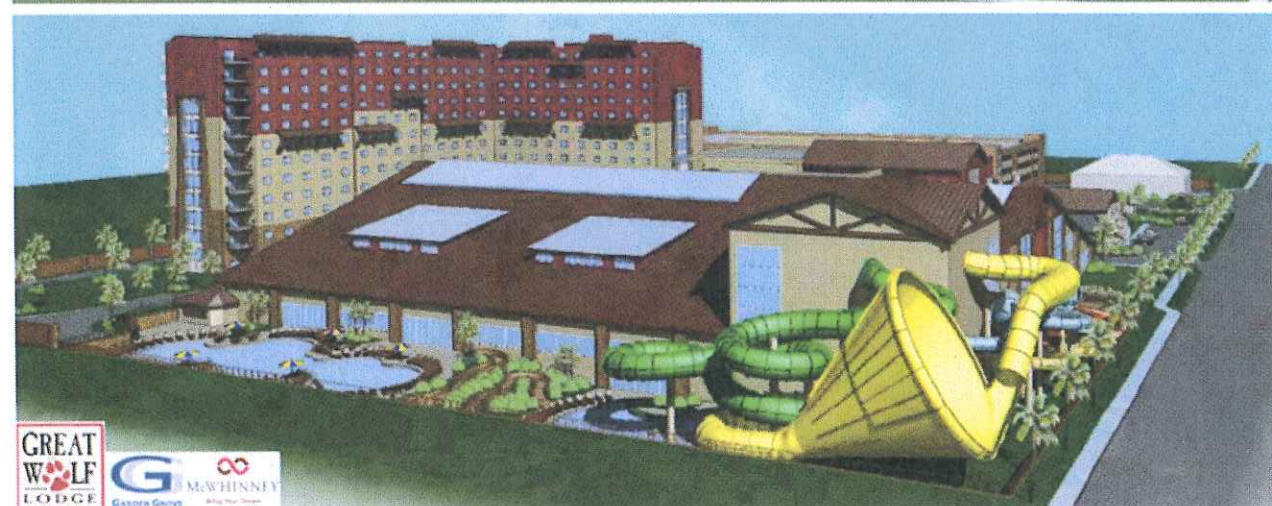
Developer



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Bring Your Dream



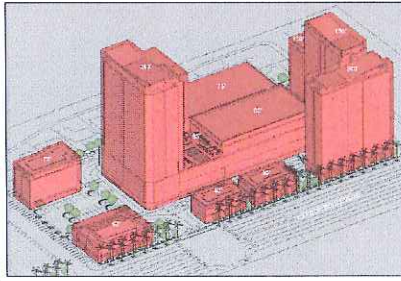
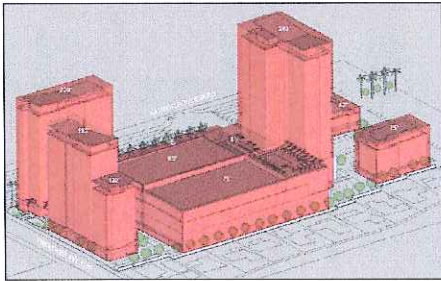




HARBOR BOULEVARD

TWINTREE AVENUE

SITE C-GROVE DISTRICT RESORT HOTEL



- ☑ 769 Rooms
- ☑ 39,000 sf of conference, meeting, & banquet space
- ☑ 45,000 sf of restaurant, retail, & entertainment
- ☑ 1,297 parking spaces
- ☑ Land & Design, Inc.



PROPOSED SITE B2 RESORT

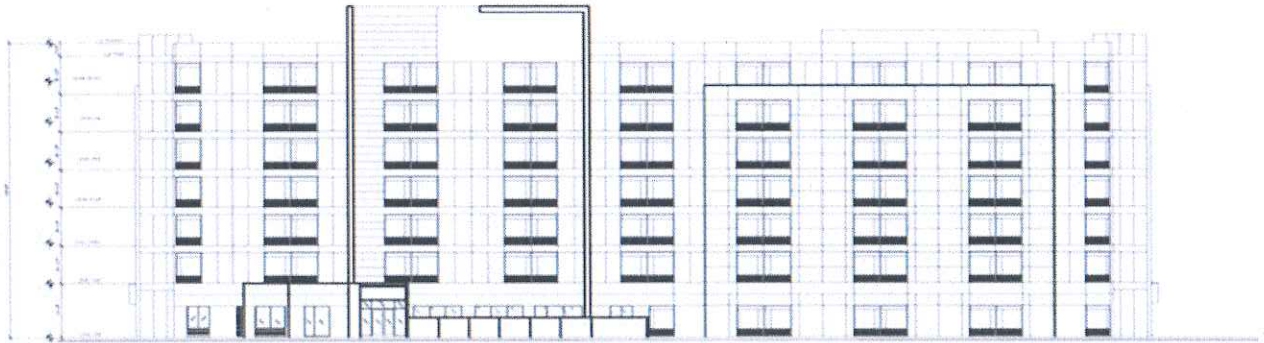


- CITY PURCHASED / CDBG FUNDED
- AGENCY PURCHASED / SET ASIDE FUNDED
- AGENCY PURCHASED / 80% FUNDED
- CITY PURCHASED / 108 FUNDED
- AGENCY OWNED PRE ABx1-126

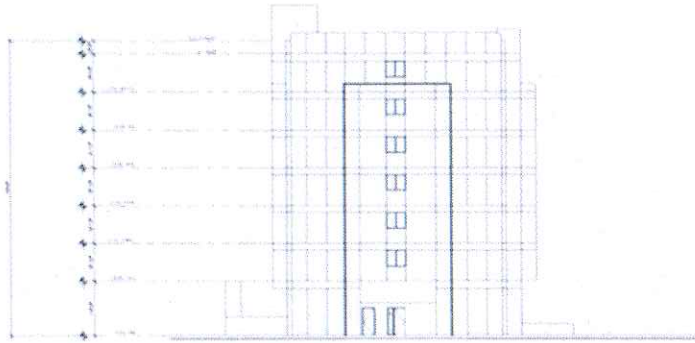
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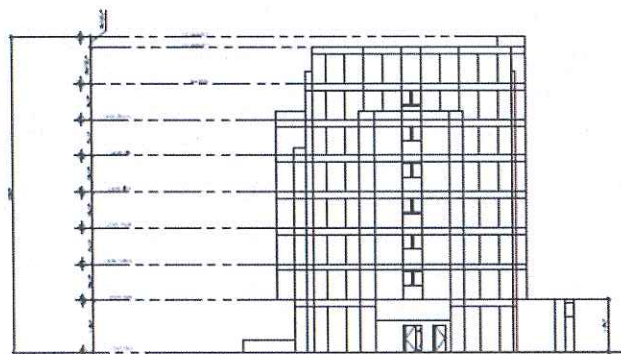
SOUTH ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION



NORTH ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION





Highlights:

- 600 Units
- One Acre Park
- 80,000 sq. ft. of Commercial Space
- One Mile Urban Trail

Developer Contact:

- Kam Sang Companies
- Phil Wolfram | (626) 446-2998

Kam Sang Companies

Garden Grove, CA



Brookhurst Triangle

Mixed-Use Development Alternative 2
12-Feb-13

Kam Sang Company, Inc.
Building Analysis Summary
The DNA Partnership

General Plan: Mixed-Use
Zoning: PUD-123-09
Parking: Commercial = 4/1000 sf (max. 20% compact stalls)
 Residential = 2.25/unit (100% full-size stalls)
 Standard Stall Space = 9' x 19'
 Compact Stall Space = 8' x 15'
 Parallel Stall Space = 8' x 22'
 Shared Parking: 10% Reduction for Mixed-Use (Commercial & Guest Parking)
 Motorcycle = 1 area/25 parking spaces
 Bicycle = 1/10 parking spaces

Common Open Space: 300 sf/unit, min. 20 ft dimension, not in setbacks, indoor/roof decks <50% of open space requirement
 Passive open space, min. 10 ft x 30 ft dimension, <50% of open space requirement
 Outdoor Swimming Pool
 Fitness Room
 Recreation Clubhouse

Private Open Space: 90 sf/unit, min. 6 ft dimension

Setbacks: GG Blvd & Brookhurst St = 30 ft (Face of Curb)
 Brookhurst Way = 20 ft (Face of Curb)
 Northernmost Boundary = 15 ft (from PL)
 Projections = 5 ft (may not reduce setback by >25%, or 50% on north)
 Interior Setbacks = only for fire dept access

Height: 3-25 stories
Building Size: 200,000 sf/3 Bedroom unit max.
Maximum Development: 800 du
 200,000 sf commercial/office
 Urban Trail (1 mile length)

Circulation & Access: Brookhurst St = max. 2 ingress/egress
 GG Blvd = max. 1 ingress/egress, align w/ main access point to south
 Brookhurst Way = max. 2 ingress/egress
 Max. 3 identity signs

Signage: 200 cf/unit (in/out of unit, but in addition to closets)
Utilities: Underground
Storage: Landscape Plan required

Average Unit Size
1,066

Total Mix	
1A	2%
1B-1	24%
1B-L	8%
1C-1	12%
2A-1	34%
2A-L	11%
3A	9%
100%	

Unit Type	UNIT BASE SF	LOFT SF	TOTAL SF	DECK	L1	L2	L3	L4	Units	Pkg Req.	Total Area	Mix
1A (Studio)	460		460		0	2	2	2	6	14	2,760	3%
1B-1 (1BR/1BA)	790		790	90	16	18	18		52	117	41,080	26%
1B-L (1BR/1BA)	790	250	1040	90				18	18	41	18,720	9%
1C-1 (1BR/1BA)	798		798	90	8	8	8	8	32	72	25,536	16%
2A-1 (2BR/2BA)	1155		1155	90	20	20	20		60	135	69,300	30%
2A-L (2BR/2.5BA+Loft)	1155	257	1412	90				20	20	45	28,240	10%
3A (3BR/2.5BA)	1530		1530	90	3	3	3	3	12	27	18,360	6%
Totals					47	51	51	51	200	450	203,996	100%
Unit Type	UNIT BASE SF	LOFT SF	TOTAL SF	DECK	L1	L2	L3	L4	Units	Pkg Req.	Total Area	Mix
1A (Studio)	390		390		1	1	1	1	4	9	1,560	4%
1B-1 (1BR/1BA)	790		790	90	7	9	9		25	56	19,750	25%
1B-L (1BR/1BA)	790	250	1040	90				9	9	20	9,360	9%
1C-1 (1BR/1BA)	798		798	90	2	2	2	2	8	18	6,384	8%
2A-1 (2BR/2BA)	1155		1155	90	12	12	12		36	81	41,580	35%
2A-L (2BR/2.5BA+Loft)	1155	257	1412	90				12	12	27	16,944	12%
3A (3BR/2.5BA)	1530		1530	90	2	2	2	2	8	18	12,240	8%
Totals					24	26	26	26	102	230	107,818	100%
Unit Type	UNIT BASE SF	LOFT SF	TOTAL SF	DECK	L1	L2	L3	L4	Units	Pkg Req.	Total Area	Mix
1A (Studio)	390		390		2	2	2	2	6	14	2,340	4%
1B-1 (1BR/1BA)	790		790	90	14	14	14		42	95	33,180	28%
1B-L (1BR/1BA)	790	250	1040	90				14	14	32	14,560	9%
1C-1 (1BR/1BA)	798		798	90	6	6	6	6	24	54	19,152	16%
2A-1 (2BR/2BA)	1155		1155	90	11	13	13		37	83	42,735	24%
2A-L (2BR/2.5BA+Loft)	1155	257	1412	90				13	13	29	18,356	9%
3A (3BR/2.5BA)	1530		1530	90	4	4	4	4	16	36	24,480	11%
Totals					35	39	39	39	152	342	154,803	100%
Unit Type	UNIT BASE SF	LOFT SF	TOTAL SF	DECK	L1	L2	L3	L4	Units	Pkg Req.	Total Area	Mix
1B-1 (1BR/1BA)	790		790	90	4	5	5		14	32	11,080	23%
1B-L (1BR/1BA)	790	250	1040	90				5	5	11	5,200	8%
1C-1 (1BR/1BA)	798		798	90	2	2	2	2	8	18	6,384	13%
2A-1 (2BR/2BA)	1155		1155	90	7	8	8		23	52	26,565	37%
2A-L (2BR/2.5BA+Loft)	1155	257	1412	90				8	8	18	11,296	13%
3A (3BR/2.5BA)	1530		1530	90	1	1	1	1	4	9	6,120	6%
Totals					14	16	16	16	62	140	66,625	100%
Unit Type	UNIT BASE SF	LOFT SF	TOTAL SF	DECK	L1	L2	L3	L4	Units	Pkg Req.	Total Area	Mix
1B-1 (1BR/1BA)	790		790	90	1	2	2		5	11	3,950	9%
1B-L (1BR/1BA)	790	250	1040	90				2	2	5	2,080	3%
1C-1 (1BR/1BA)	798		798	90	2	2	2	2	8	18	6,384	14%
2A-1 (2BR/2BA)	1155		1155	90	9	10	10		29	65	33,495	50%
2A-L (2BR/2.5BA+Loft)	1155	257	1412	90				10	10	23	14,120	17%
3A (3BR/2.5BA)	1530		1530	90	1	1	1	1	4	9	6,120	7%
Totals					13	15	15	15	58	131	66,149	100%
Unit Type	UNIT BASE SF	LOFT SF	TOTAL SF	DECK	L1	L2	L3	L4	Units	Pkg Req.	Total Area	Mix
1B-1 (1BR/1BA)	790		790	90	10	10	10		30	68	23,700	25%
1B-L (1BR/1BA)	790	250	1040	90				10	10	23	10,400	8%
1C-1 (1BR/1BA)	798		798	90						0	-	0%
2A-1 (2BR/2BA)	1155		1155	90	16	16	16		48	108	55,440	40%
2A-L (2BR/2.5BA+Loft)	1155	257	1412	90				16	16	36	22,592	13%
3A (3BR/2.5BA)	1530		1530	90	4	4	4	4	16	36	24,480	13%
Retail										260	65,000	
Totals					30	30	30	30	120	530	201,612	100%
Total Residential									694	1,292	740,004	
Leasing											1,745	
Clubhouse											2,256	
Grand Total									694	1,822	805,004	





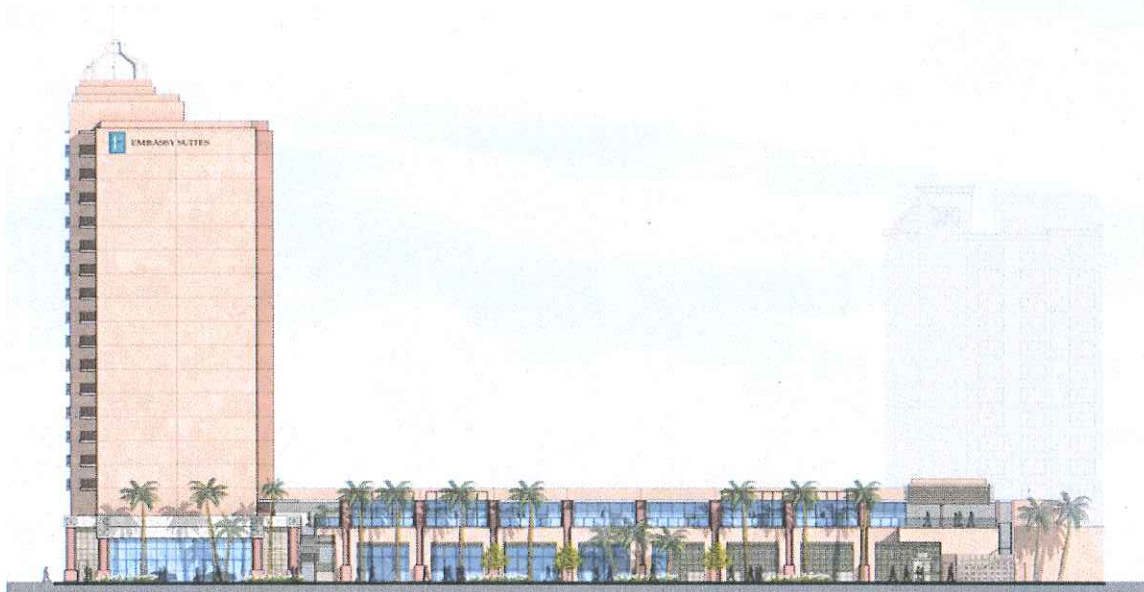
GENE FONG ASSOCIATES

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LANDSCAPE



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Garden Grove California

WEST ELEVATION

DEVELOPER

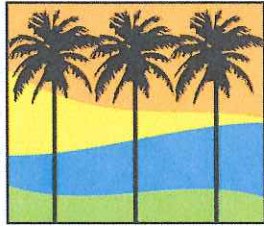


EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

Hotel Development: Developer; Landmark

12,000 SQ. FT. Signature Restaurant Wanted

Garden Grove, California



GROVEDISTRICT
ANAHEIM RESORT



PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS:

- 12,000 square foot building, 150 spaces
- Grove District, adjacent to Disneyland Resort, Disneyland, California Adventure, thousands of hotel rooms on Disney Resort "shuttle" route, Anaheim Convention Center, Honda Center, and Angels Stadium
- Easy access from the 5, 57 and 22 freeways
- Harbor Boulevard traffic count; 35,000 daily

RESORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 44 million visitors annually
- Top Chain Restaurants

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Garden Grove officers, firefighters pitch in to tidy up neighborhood at community gathering



Brian Rayes, 10, looks through the scope of an unloaded AR-15 rifle that the Garden Grove PD had on display at a neighborhood cleanup and community gathering May 30. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

By Greg Hardesty and Steven Georges

[June 02nd, 2015](#)

Hot dogs, cookies and community engagement.

Those were some of the key ingredients behind a successful neighborhood cleanup May 30 led by the Garden Grove PD and Fire Department but including personnel from several city departments.

Dozens of residents who live in the shadows of the Christ Cathedral — in the U-shaped neighborhood of Newport Avenue, Laguna Street and Balboa Avenue — spent several hours Saturday disposing of unwanted items in huge trash bins and interacting with cops, firefighters and employees from several city departments.

Betty Estrada was there with her four children — ages 2, 4, 8 and 10.

“They had a great time,” Estrada said. “They loved it. My 4-year-old son, Eric, now has in his head that he wants to be a police officer.”

For several hours, Garden Grove Police Chief Todd Elgin grilled hot dogs.



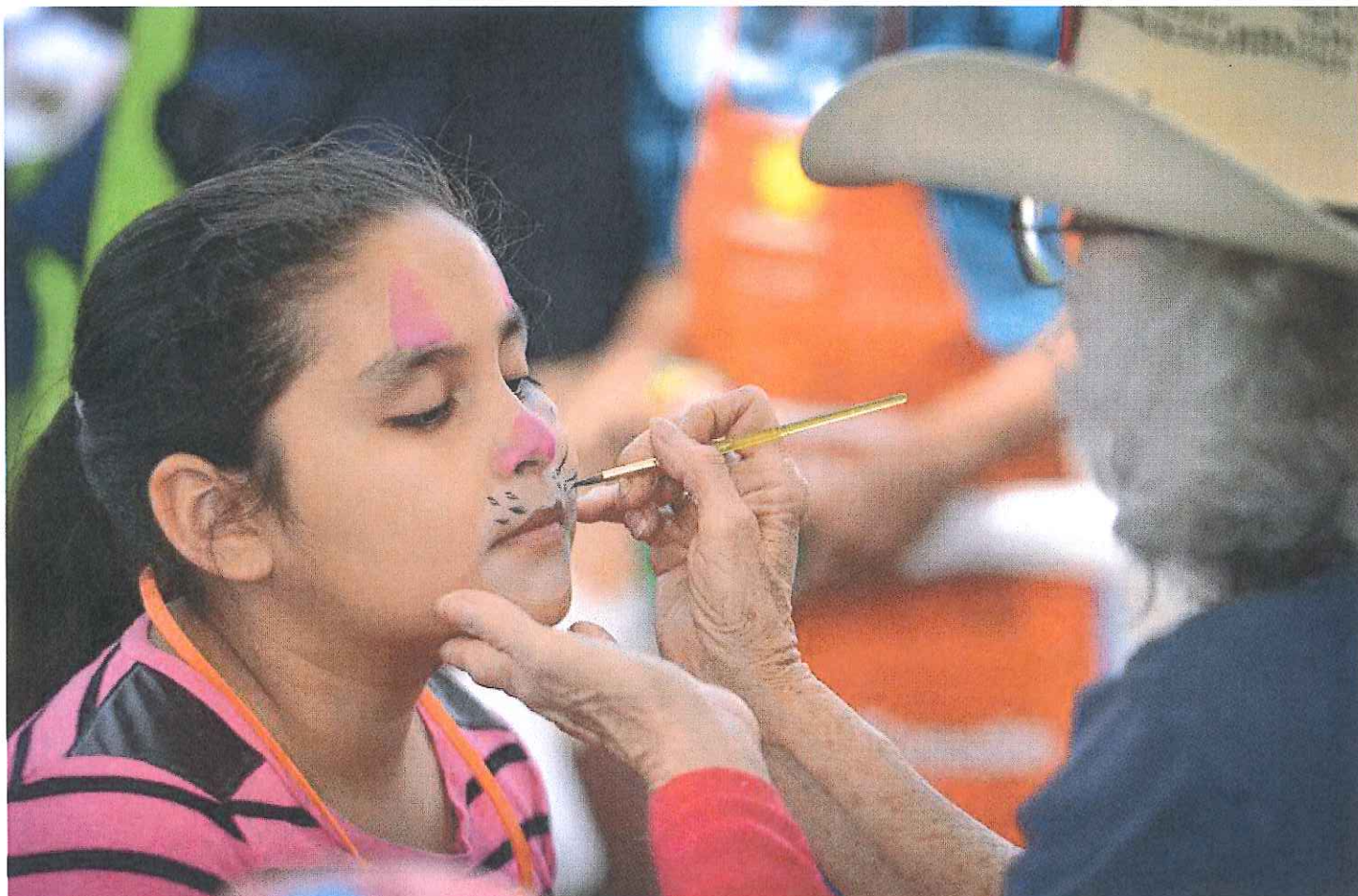
Garden Grove Police Chief Todd Elgin gives a free hot dog to 3-year-old Allison Osorio during a neighborhood cleanup along Laguna Street in Garden Grove. Chief Elgin spent most of the day cooking hot dogs and talking to local residents. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

“Everybody’s out here working hard to try to create this atmosphere of unity, this atmosphere of cleanup — to take care of this neighborhood,” Elgin said. “It’s a very exciting day. And also from a police perspective, let’s face it: This is an opportunity for us to connect with the community, and that’s important given the type of business we’re in.”

The event, organized by the Garden Grove Neighborhood Improvement Committee, featured a fire engine for touring and a display of firearms used by police officers.

“The kids seem to be having a great time,” Elgin said. “And hot dogs and cookies seem to be the fare of the day.”

Residents were able to meet recently installed Garden Grove Fire Chief Tom Schultz.



Eight-year-old Citlaly Palma gets her face painted by “Silly Tilly” (Carla Tillia of Huntington Beach), of Volunteer Clowns of Orange County, during a neighborhood cleanup and community gathering along Laguna Street in Garden Grove.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

“It’s a great opportunity for us to get engaged with the community,” he said. “The kids see the police officers and the fire engines and they get engaged, and this event gives us the opportunity to provide safety tips and build trust within the community. It’s just a real positive event, and we’re proud to be a part of it.”

Assistant City Manager Susan Emery called the cleanup a tremendous success, adding that in addition to the police and fire departments, residents could mix it up with employees in community services, public works, community development and other departments.

“They (residents) get to see the police department in a way where they feel the police care about them,” Emery said. “They (officers) are in their neighborhood educating them and interacting with them as people one on one — not in a hostile or more negative environment. This helps residents see the police a little differently.”

Estrada can’t wait for the next neighborhood cleanup.

“They should have more events like this for the kids — for the community — because a lot of kids live around here,” she said. “This helps the kids stay focused.

“We need more things like this to happen around the neighborhood.”



Bins were set up on both ends of Laguna Street in Garden Grove for residents to discard unwanted items and clutter during a neighborhood cleanup May 30.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC



Neighborhood kids get a chance to play and explore on the back of Garden Grove Engine 6 during a community gathering along Laguna Street in Garden Grove.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC



Garden Grove Police Chief Todd Elgin, left, and new Garden Grove Fire Chief Tom Schultz were on hand to meet with residents (and cook hot dogs) during the neighborhood cleanup.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC



Ten-year-old Brian Rayes tries on a firefighter's engineer hat while sitting behind the wheel of Garden Grove Engine 6.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC



Christian Felix, behind the wheel, and Cesar Aragon, both 10, smile for a TV camera as they sit inside a GGPD patrol car during a community gathering along Laguna Street in Garden Grove.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC



Norman Lovely, a Garden Grove firefighter engineer from Station 6, picks up 2-year-old Aiden Rivera so he can get a better look at a fire engine. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC



Ten-year-old Christian Felix uses his imagination to chase down bad guys as he sits behind the wheel of a GGPD patrol car.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC



Eison Alonzo, 10, left, Julio Garcia, 9, and Kevin Lopez, 11, look over (unloaded) weapons and other tools Garden Grove police officers train with under the watchful guidance of Sgt. Martin, right.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC



Ashley Marquez, 13, left, talks to Officer Pete Kunkel of the Garden Grove Police gang unit about the display of weapons that have been confiscated from gang members in and around the city. The display was part of a community gathering along Laguna Street in Garden Grove. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

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Garden Grove to take look at planned Vietnam War museum

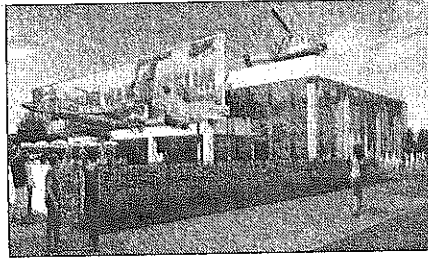
BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

With Garden Grove on the hook for a \$1.6 million payment in December 2016 for the site of the proposed Vietnam War Museum of America, the City Council is now taking an active role to jump-start – or possibly pull out of – the long-stalled project.

Councilmen Chris Phan and Kris Beard will form a subcommittee that will meet with city staff, and also acts as the staff for the Vietnam War Museum of America Foundation, and within three months provide options.

The museum would be the only one dedicated to the Vietnam War on the West Coast and provide a glimpse into the lives of the American and South Vietnamese service members and what it was like in Vietnam during the conflict.

“As a son of the Vietnamese community, I would



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love to see this project come to fruition,” said Councilman Phat Bui, who nominated Phan and Beard for the subcommittee. “Without the City Council taking the lead, I am afraid it will not go anywhere. And if it doesn’t go anywhere, we should not put the burden on the taxpayers.”

It costs the city \$75,000 to \$100,000 annually in staff time for administrative duties, helping with fundraising and providing legal advice. Garden Grove also gives \$25,000 in donations a year.

The concept for the proposed museum, on city-

The proposed Vietnam War Museum in Garden Grove would be on Harbor Boulevard. City officials hope the museum will draw tourists.

owned land at 13650 Harbor Blvd., came about in August 2010 and would cost an estimated \$22 million to build and fund for three years.

The city bought the 1.5 acres for \$2.5 million and typically pays \$157,973 a year for it.

The final payment, at \$1.6 million, comes due in December 2016.

So far, the foundation has raised \$206,539 – \$110,000 from the city – but only has \$64,798 in its coffers.

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Garden Grove's city manager gets \$50,000 emergency spending power

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

Garden Grove's city manager can now authorize up to \$50,000 in emergency spending without going through a formal bid process.

The new authority, recently approved by the City Council, streamlines a process so that if an imminent public-safety threat emerges – perhaps from a natural disaster or a damaged building – Garden Grove's staff can quickly fix the problem.

Before, if a crisis happened, the City Council would have to delegate emergency powers to the

city manager.

“If we had, for example, a natural disaster,” said interim City Manager Allan Roeder, “Who is to say we would be able to get three council members together to permit these measures to go into effect?”

The need for such power under emergency situations crystallized a couple of months ago when a large light pole used to illuminate a baseball field in Garden Grove Park fell. It happened at night, so no one was hurt; but after an inspection of the remaining poles, the staff learned that the base of each one had rusted through.

“It wouldn't take more than a strong wind to knock them over,” Roeder said.

Under the law at the time, the city manager could approve any expenditure up to \$50,000, but anything more than \$30,000 had to be formally bid out among competing companies – a long, complex process.

The new authority, though, is not unchecked.

The city manager will have to explain any emergency spending at the next City Council meeting.

“That is really key,” Roeder said. “You have to make the case for why it was necessary.”

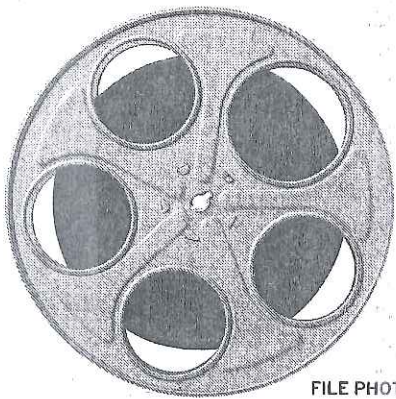
Film fest returning in the fall

The ninth annual Indie Fest USA International Film & Music Festival is scheduled for Oct. 15-18 in the Village Green Community Center and surrounding Main Street area, the Garden Grove Community Arts Society has announced.

The festival will screen 150 independent films from the United States and 16 other nations, including several that won awards at the Cannes and Tribeca film festivals.

The City Council recently approved waiving permit fees to allow the festival to host its awards reception and opening-night filmmaker and VIP reception at the community center.

It's the festival's fifth year in Garden Grove.



FILE PHOTO

The ninth annual Indie Fest USA International Film & Music Festival will run in October in Garden Grove.

'Beachside Bistro' offers taste of city

The Assistance League of Fullerton will host its annual Taste of the Town on Saturday at the Downtown Plaza. "Beachside Bistro" will feature food from 21 establishments and live music. Opportunity ticket buyers can win \$1,000; a silent auction will include four season tickets to the La Mirada Theater or four tickets for dinner at the Fullerton jail. The Assistance League funds Meals on Wheels and Operation School Bell.

- Lou Ponsi



FILE PHOTO

Visitors to the 2012 Assistance League's Taste of the Town look over silent auction items.

If you go

When: 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday

Where: Downtown Plaza, on Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Street

Price: \$60 in advance; \$65 at door

Information: 714-525-1041 or 714-526-5124 or fullerton.assistanceleague.org

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Don't be blue, learn to hang out with bluebirds in your backyard

Now is the time to help some feathered friends.

This month's workshop at Coastkeeper Garden is all about "Backyard Bluebirds." The morning will feature a presentation from Bob Franz, former president of the Southern California Bluebird Club.

Franz will talk about the western bluebird, which has declined because of habitat loss and the introduction of non-native species. He will talk about how you can help, including becoming bluebird monitors to check nests for baby bluebirds. Coastkeeper

If you go

When: 10 a.m. Saturday

Where: Coastkeeper Garden, 1560 E. Santiago Canyon Road, Orange

How much: Free

Information: coastkeeper.org/coastkeeper-garden

Garden is a 2.5-acre garden on the northeast corner of the Santiago Canyon College Campus that displays examples of styles of homes and backyards with California-friendly plants.

- Rebecca Kheel

O.C. robbery suspect nabbed in Mexico

BY SCOTT SCHWEBKE
STAFF WRITER

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SANTA ANA • A man wanted in connection with a series of 2014 armed robberies in Santa Ana, Anaheim and Garden Grove has been apprehended in Mexico, police said.

Ernesto Guerra, 20, of Ontario, identified by police as a gang member, was arrested Tuesday on 13 counts



Guerra

obtained information about the case and then contacted the U.S. Marshals Service. With assistance from Mexican law enforcement auth-

of armed robbery, Santa Ana Cpl. Anthony Bertagna said.

Santa Ana police detectives

orities, officials determined Guerra was hiding in Jalisco, Mexico, Bertagna said.

Guerra was returned to the U.S. and booked Wednesday into the Orange County Jail without bond.

Police suspect Guerra and three other Ontario gang members are responsible for several armed robberies in early 2014 at businesses in Anaheim, Santa Ana and Garden Grove.

Garden Grove may finally flesh out its 'rusty skeleton'

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • City officials here are cautiously optimistic a deal will get done to get the 90-foot-tall steel structure known as the "rusty skeleton" developed - 10 years after plans were approved.

"I can fairly state the parties have not worked as collaboratively as they have in the past 90 to 120 days," interim City Manager Allan

Roeder said at Tuesday night's City Council meeting, referring to the Hoag Foundation, which owns the property on Garden Grove Boulevard, and Cathay Bank, which would be the lender for any project there.

"We believe we are at the point where it will be productive (for the prospective developer) to work with the Community Development Department," Roeder said.

That developer is Brooks

Street, which has been joined by Lab Holding LLC - the group that developed The Lab in Costa Mesa.

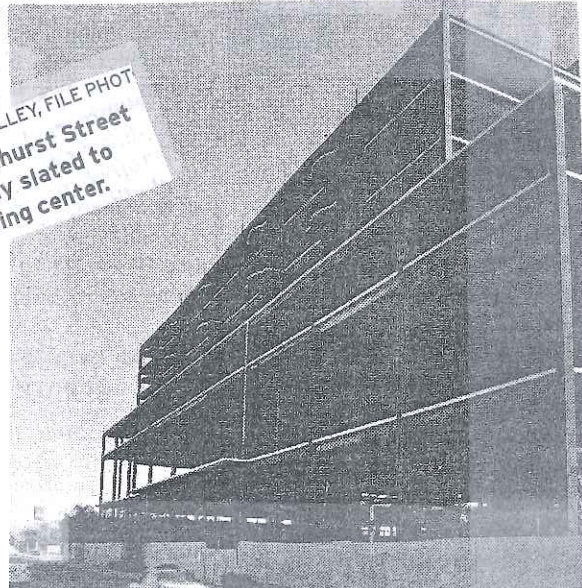
The current concept for the massive structure, which residents and council members have long called an eyesore, are still in the beginning stages, said Rich Knowland, a principal at Brooks Street. But it would be similar in ways to The Lab.

It'd be an "organic mom-and-pop retail space," he

said. "A nice destination for Garden Grove." There would also, he said, be residential units.

The city has had a demolition order in place since Dec. 1. However, in February, the City Council asked Hoag and Cathay Bank to begin cooperating after years of legal and economic roadblocks.

STUART PALLEY, FILE PHOTO
This framework of steel beams near Brookhurst Street and Garden Grove Boulevard was originally slated to become the Garden Grove Galleria shopping center.



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Festival winners: Ethan Shepherd and Aditi Bhattachara became the 2015 Tiny Tots King and Queen at this year's Strawberry Festival and got to ride on a float during the parade. Brody Bailey won the Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby Contest. Taylor Walker won the Redhead Round-up Contest, and Chrissy Delgado is the karaoke champ.

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War museum: With Garden Grove on the hook for a \$1.6 million debt payment in December 2016 for the site of the proposed Vietnam War Museum of America, Councilmen Kris Beard and Chris Phan will form a subcommittee to look at options to jump-start or, if necessary, pull financial support from the long-stalled project.

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Gala RSVP: The deadline to RSVP for the Chamber of Commerce's annual Gala Dinner, which will honor Man and Woman of the Year Terry and Jo Ann Thomas, is June 26. The gala is from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Anaheim, 11767 Harbor Blvd., and costs \$75. Information: 714-638-7950 or staff@gardengrovechamber.com.
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Backyard brunch: The 12th annual Neighborhood Meeting and Backyard Brunch, hosted by the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association, is 10:30 a.m. June 27 at 12381 Meade St. Membership is \$12 per family per year. RSVP to Maureen Blackmun at 714-235-5360 or at maureen.ggna@gmail.com.
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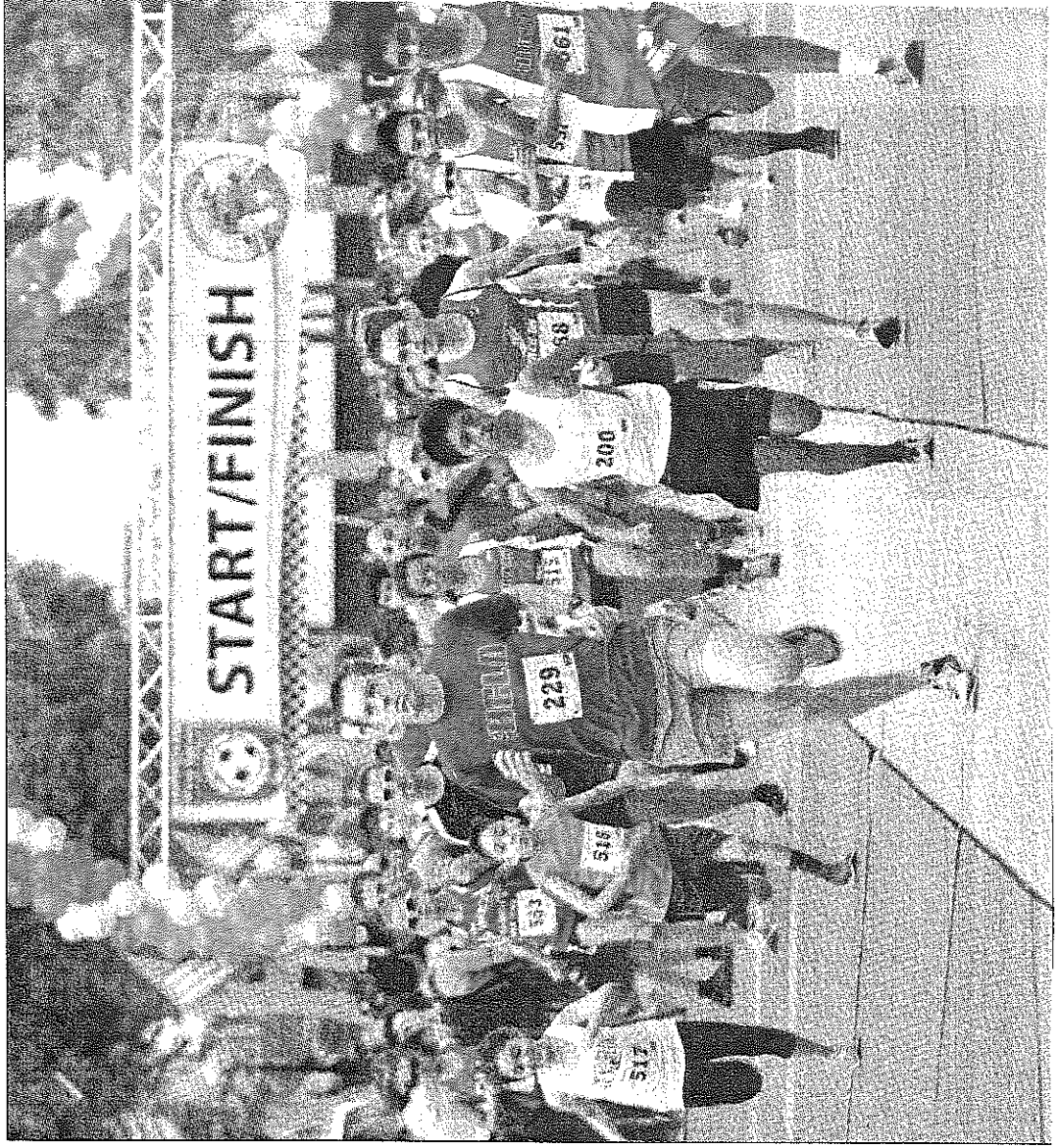
DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

Scenes from the smash-hit Strawberry

Theme at the 57th annual event was "We Honor Our Veterans"



Photos by Dave Smithson
State Sen. Janet Nguyen, who represents Garden Grove, Westminster and other cities, enjoys herself at the 57th annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival in downtown Garden Grove over the weekend.



runners start the 5K race at the annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival over the weekend. The event, held in downtown and featuring a parade, booths, games, contests, food and rides, drew an estimated 300,000 from Orange County and beyond. Dignitaries such as Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen and State Senator Janet Nguyen attended the festivities. The Strawberry Festival is the biggest event of the year in Garden Grove and one of the biggest in Orange County. It first began in 1958.



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Bolsa Grande High School cheerleaders enjoy themselves in the Saturday morning parade as part of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival festivities over the weekend.



Tony on the Town

Memorial Day: sorrow, gratitude, prayers for peace

Ceremonies were held Monday; columnist tallies those who gave the "supreme devotion"

By Tony Cheong

It's never too late to remember — and commemorate — those veterans who died serving our country.

Monday was Memorial Day.

You'll see coverage of city events in this paper.

What you won't see is a breakdown of how many of our troops — and other countrymen —

have died in this country's 200-plus-year history (at least since the Revolutionary War).

This is a somber, but important exercise. Something about seeing the numbers — kind of like seeing the Vietnam Memorial Wall in our nation's capital — hits home. It's powerful. It does what math does best: quantify.

So here you go (the numbers come from The Pentagon):

- American Revolutionary War (1775-1983): 25,000
- War of 1812: 15,000
- Mexican-American War (1846-48): 13,283
- Civil War (1861-65): 750,000
- Indian War (1865-98): 919
- Spanish American War (1898): 2,446
- Philippine-American War (1898-1913):
- World War I (1917-1918):

116,516

- World War II (1941-45): 405,399
- Korean War (1950-53): 36,516
- Vietnam War (1965-75): 58,209
- Gulf War (1990-91): 294
- Afghanistan War (2001-present): 2,229
- Iraq War (2003-11): 4,488

There are numerous other wars I haven't mentioned (including the one we're in currently with ISIS), owing to lack of space. So I've focused on the wars with the largest number of casualties. But the thousands of others who fought and died in the Northwest Indian War, The Sioux War, the North Russian Campaign, the Beirut deployment and others

should be honored, as well.

The numbers say more than I ever could.

All I can do is mourn, thank the souls who gave what President Abraham Lincoln called "The supreme measure of devotion" to country, and pray for peace.

Do you have a comment, question or news tip? Tony can be reached at tonyontown@yahoo.com.

MEMORIAL:

GG Strawberry Festival draws hundreds of thousands

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By Loreen Berlin

The message of gratitude, honor and respect was strong Saturday during the annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival over the weekend, which began with a VIP breakfast at 7 a.m. for returning veterans to thank them for their service.

"We Honor Our Veterans" was the theme of the four-day festivities.

KTLA TV personality Vera Jimenez called out the 25 names being honored; the veterans stood as their military record was read and then those in attendance gathered on stage for a group picture.

This Strawberry Days Festival, which includes Memorial Day, was to give special thanks to the service men and women and their families, for their heroism and a salute for making America a safer place to live for all of us as Americans.

We are free, because of all of those who serve America for the cause of freedom; Memorial Day is one of the days that brings this vision into full focus for all of us who live and continue to live in freedom.

A message for our men and women in service: We remember

those who have served our country, including those who gave their lives for our freedom, Thank you for your honorable service — we salute your service and pray for the men and women who have given and continue to give, their service for our freedom —

we celebrate the soldiers who serve and help us be able to continue to uphold our traditions.

Thank you.

At 8 a.m. sharp, a 5K run/stomp began on Historic Main Street with a packed crowd in attendance.

"The Sister City Association is committed to better cultural relations," said Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen. "For many, this is a once-in-a-life-time experience. May the best 'stomper' win," he said with a smile.

On a serious note, Nguyen noted that Garden Grove not only honors its heritage at this time of year with the Strawberry Festival, but its agricultural heritage and roots as well.

"The stomp is how we raise money for our sister-city organization; this is so wonderful; and participating in the stomp, you get to see parts of the city you don't see

while driving in your car," he said. The annual parade of floats, vintage vehicles, bands and organizations began at 10 a.m. Saturday and lasted for more than two hours along Euclid Street.

Parade Theme Grand Marshal was Lt. Col Patricia Murray and the Parade Celebrity Grand Marshal was Sally Kellerman.

Lt. Col Murray serves with the California Air National Guard; she has a bachelor of science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from California Polytechnic State University and used her Miss California 1992 scholarship to pursue a career in commercial aviation.

She was recruited by the California Air National Guard to fly the C-130 J Super Hercules aircraft and awarded the Commanders Trophy at military pilot training graduation.

Murray flies as a Lt. Col and instructor pilot for the California Air National Guard in the 115th Airlift Squadron. She has flown six tours of duty in the Middle East, been awarded five flying Air Medals and named 2010 California Air National Guard Field Grade Officer of the Year. She holds an MS in Military

Science and Operational Art and is a director on the Disabled Veterans Charities board and has flown 15 years as a pilot for American Airlines.

Kellerman is an acting celebrity for nearly 60 years, which includes her role as "Hot Lips" in the movie M.A.S.H., and a role in the IFC comedy series, "Maron."

She earned nominations for Oscar and a Golden Globe Awards and was recently nominated for an Emmy for "The Young and the Restless," and is an accomplished singer and her memoir, "Read My Lips," is currently in bookstores.

The Strawberry Festival began in 1958, when the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce organized the first Garden Grove Strawberry Festival as a way to bring both the east and west sides of Garden Grove together.

The first event celebrated the area's many strawberry fields and was held in the Brookhurst Triangle area that borders Garden Grove Boulevard, Brookhurst Street and Brookhurst Way.

After the first year, the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association (a non-profit organization),

was formed and the festivities were moved to the Garden Grove Park and remains today as a charitable event benefiting local organizations, through which, more than \$4.5 million has been donated to hundreds of non-profits.

The 1959 Strawberry Festival was the first time there was a parade, which had a line of antique cars but no floats nor bands, as there was this year, along Chapman Avenue to Euclid Street.

On the Green, there were many rows of booths with a wide variety of items to purchase and browse and lots of food booths from the delectable strawberry treats at the Jobs Daughter's booth, to super-sized hot dogs and hamburgers.

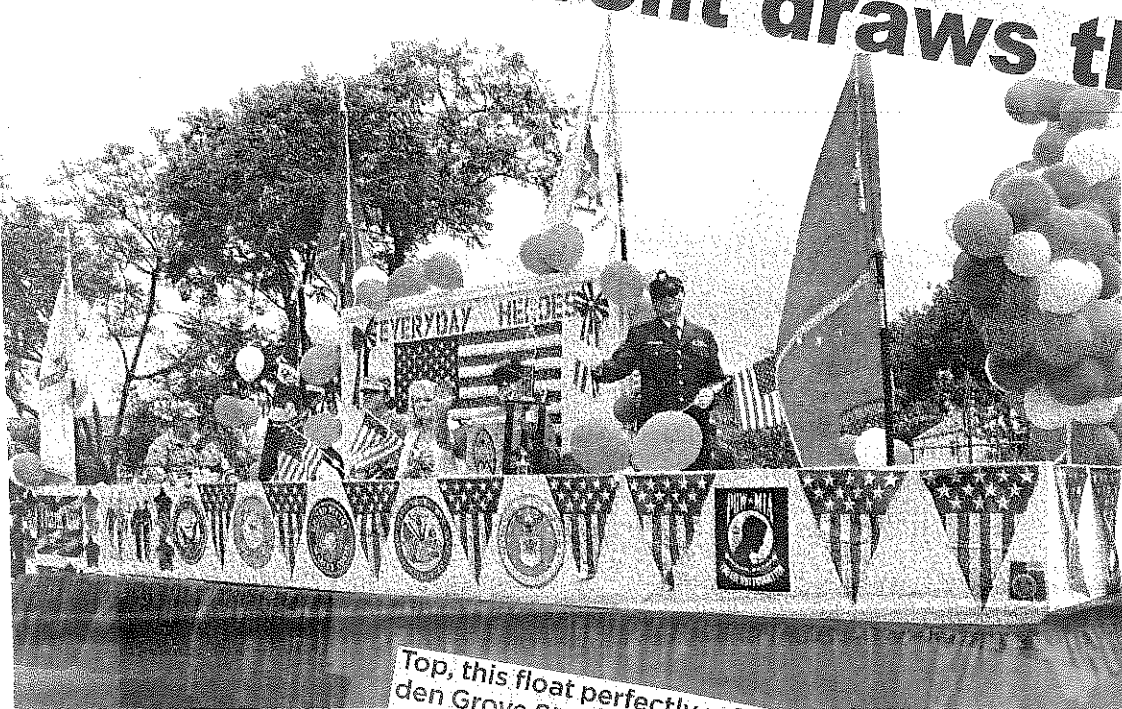
And, there were contests where a Tiny Tots King and Queen were named and a Senior King and Queen were selected for their volunteerism, along with the Berry Berry Beautiful Baby Contest and the Redhead Roundup Contest.

Miss Garden Grove Shannon Galipault, 19, and her court and Miss Garden Grove Outstanding Teen Josie Pearce, 17, reigned over the festivities as part of their elected duties.

'We Honor Our Veterans'

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event draws thousands



Top, this float perfectly reflects the "We Honor Our Veterans" theme of this year's Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, which was held over the weekend in downtown Garden Grove. Below, runners embark on the 5K race. The event was held from Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25 and drew hundreds of thousands from Orange County and beyond. For more coverage, see pages 6-7.



Coastline holds graduation

Coastline Community College, which has campuses in Garden Grove and Westminster, held its 39th annual commencement on May 15 at Orange Coast College's Robert Moore Theatre, a sister college in the Coast Community College District.

Coastline awarded a total of 2,636 Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees and Certificates of Achievement. The number of degrees and certificates being awarded this year has increased by 767 compared to last year, representing a 70 percent increase. Of the 2,636 degrees and certificates earned by the 2015 graduating class, 1,943 (73 percent) are Associate degrees, and 702 (27 percent) are Certificates of Achievement, a 68 percent increase from last year.

"Coastline provides our students with the strong foundation they need to accomplish their educational and professional goals beyond our institution," says Dr. Loretta P. Adrian, president of Coastline Community College. "We are so proud that many of our graduates will be continuing their education to pursue their bachelor's degree at four-year universities—I'm thrilled that we are part of their academic journey."

The Coastline commencement featured the Installation Support Command at Los Alamitos JFTB Color Guard, who conducted the presentation of the flags. Coastline also recognized the Teacher of the Year, Stephen Barnes; and recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award, Cheryl Chapman, professor and Career & Technical Education Department chair.

Special guests of the commencement included Coast Community College District Board of Trustees President Dr. Lorraine Prinsky, Board of Trustees Members David A. Grant, Jim Moreno, and Mary Hornbuckle, and Interim Chancellor Richard A. Jones.

The 2015 Coastline graduating class ranged from the youngest student at 16 years old to the eldest at age 75. There were a total of three Valedictorians and 288 students who graduated with

honors.

The youngest Coastline graduate, Ariana Isbell, has been a dual student since she was in middle school. Isbell is a junior at Fountain Valley High School and majored in Digital Media Arts at Coastline, where she will receive two Associate degree certificates in Print Design and Motion Graphic Design. Isbell also earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in all of her college courses.

Coastline's Military Program awarded 1,143 A.A. degrees, 791 (41 percent) of which were earned through Distance Learning and Coastline's site-based programs which span throughout the U.S. There were a total of 860 graduates, 194 transfer students, and 172 honor students, six of whom were valedictorians.

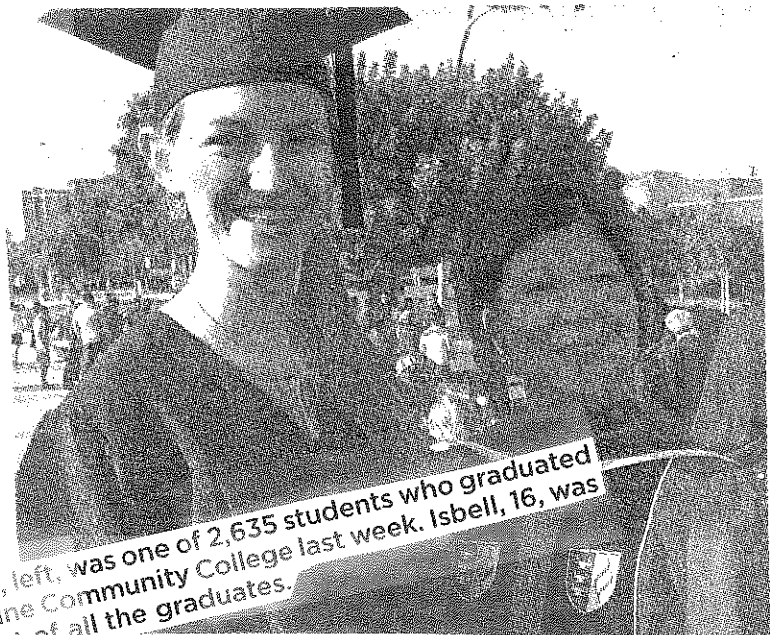
Coastline military graduate Wan Saint Charles, retired from the military in 2013 and moved back in with his parents when he decided to attend college. As an east coaster from New York, Saint Charles was interested in attending Coastline and his local community college, Union College. After contacting Coastline, Saint Charles was informed that he could attend both colleges

simultaneously.

"My Coastline advisor, Stephanie Rogers, was an angel. She made it easy for me to register and enroll in the classes I needed," says Wan Saint Charles. "Taking online classes at Coastline made it very convenient for me to complete two degrees, and I cannot thank Coastline enough for all of the great student service."

Saint Charles double majored at Coastline in Business Administration and Human Resources Management through Coastline's Distance Learning program, and transferred to the University of Maryland to pursue a bachelor's degree in Public Safety Administration, with a minor in Emergency Management.

"Coastline remains student-focused: it is who we are and what faculty and staff practice every day," says Nhadira Brathwaite Johnson, director of marketing and public relations. "I love when students contact me to share their positive experiences at Coastline. They express how they are treated as though they are the most important students on earth and it makes me so happy because I know that is what Coastline is all about—putting our students first."



Ariana Isbell, left, was one of 2,635 students who graduated from Coastline Community College last week. Isbell, 16, was the youngest of all the graduates.



Stephen Barnes, second from left, was named Teacher of the Year at last week's Coastline Community College graduation ceremony.

Water use

The City of Westminster must reduce its water usage by 20 percent.

Among other measures the city has enacted to achieve the cut, watering lawns has been limited.

Residents can water only from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. Odd numbered addresses can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and even-numbered addresses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

California is suffering its worst drought in history. The state is in its fourth year of drought and experts say the drought will likely continue for several more years.

Road work

Garden Grove will receive \$1 million from the Orange County Transportation Authority to fix up Brookhurst Street from Trask to Lampson avenues, and Knott Street from Garden Grove Boulevard to Lampson Avenue.

The projects are scheduled to begin in July and end in 2016.

Best house

The public is invited to go to the city's website through May 31 to vote for the best looking home in Garden Grove.

There are 17 photos displaying the Home of the Year winners chosen by Garden Grove Pride judges, who walked around all the city's neighborhoods looking for outstanding homes.

All residents can vote for their favorite.

For more information, call 714-741-5280.

Honoring champs

The City Council last week honored the Santiago High School varsity boys soccer team for winning the CIF-SS Division 5 championship in March with a 1-0 victory over Chino High School.

Team members received certificates of recognition for their achievement.

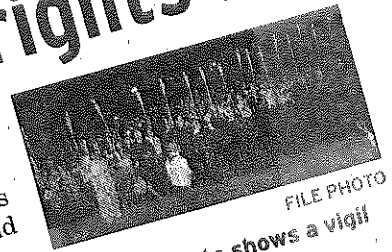
It was the Cavaliers' first championship in school history. The squad outscored opponents 11-0 in the playoffs.

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Garden Grove supports human rights bill

The Garden Grove City Council has thrown its support behind a congressional bill that would limit the nonhumanitarian assistance the United States gives to Vietnam unless the Southeast Asian country improves its human rights record. The council approved sending a letter of support to Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., who authored the Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2015.

If enacted, the law would cap financial assistance to Vietnam at fiscal 2014 levels, would require that easing the prohibition on selling military equipment to Vietnam happen only if steps are taken to improve human rights and, would mandate that the U.S. try to overcome the jamming of Radio Free Asia.



FILE PHOTO
Undated photo shows a vigil
at Bolsa Grande High.

Check out student summer programs

Summer is right around the corner, and with it comes the opportunity for kids to sign up for free or low-cost programs to keep them busy.

That's why the Garden Grove Unified School District is hosting its annual Summer in the City Resource Fair from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday at Garden Grove High School, 11271 Stanford Ave.

The fair, which is free to attend, allows parents and students to connect with representatives from more than 30 local organizations with summer programs - running the gamut from education to recreational to athletic.

For more information, call 714-663-6084.

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Religious services directory

Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out! Achievers Club 9331 is hosting communication and leadership meetings featuring professional speakers at the Crystal Cathedral Tower of Hope, 12141 Lewis St. Meetings will be held every Thursday except during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday weeks. For more information, call Barbara Barrientas at 714-971-4123, e-mail bbarrientas@crystalcathedral.org or visit www.orgsites.com/ca/achievers9331.

Chamber holds Friday meetings
The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age.
The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove.
For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's
The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support

group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Crystal Cathedral Arboretum, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social
Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on classes, call Eileen Silvia at (949) 637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime
Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the animals that live in rivers, oceans and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

Following are some faith-based organizations that you can call with questions about services:

Stanton Asamblea de Dios Centro Evangelistico Rios de Agua Viva 10901 Beach Blvd. Stanton, CA 90680 714-995-3619	7272 Cerritos Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-503-6824	Garden Grove, CA 92840-5204 714-534-1070
Calvary Assembly Church of God 7272 Cerritos Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-503-6824	Lighthouse Community Church of The Nazarene 10871 Western Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-828-3899	Eastern Kumran Church 9382 Russell Ave Garden Grove, CA 92843 714-638-0091
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Lighthouse Community Church of The Nazarene 10871 Western Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-828-3899	St Polycarp Catholic Church 8100 Chapman Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-892-3158	Evangelical Free Church of Garden Grove 13735 Yockey St. Garden Grove, CA 92844 714-636-1624
Santa Ana Samoan Sda 10591 Flower Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-485-9014	Garden Grove Bupwahng Sa Korean Buddhist Temple 12921 Adelle St. Garden Grove, CA 92841 714-530-2052	First Baptist Church of Garden Grove 12761 Euclid St. Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-894-4177
St Polycarp Catholic Church 8100 Chapman Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-892-3158	Chapman Avenue Baptist Church 10241 Chapman Ave. # 668 Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-636-9483	First Christian Church of GG 11231 Chapman Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-534-1742
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St Polycarp Catholic Church 8100 Chapman Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-892-3158	Calvary Assembly Church of God 12741 Main Street	

PUBLIC NOTICES

Orange County News May 29, 2015

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015, AT 6:30 P.M., OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS IT MAY BE HEARD, TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE MATTER DESCRIBED BELOW:

NEGATIVE DECLARATION AMENDMENT NO. 013-2015

A request for approval of a zoning text Amendments to Chapter 18 (Mixed Use Regulations), Chapter 4 (Definitions), and Chapter 32 (Procedures and Hearings) of Title 9 of the Municipal Code. As initially proposed, the proposed Amendment would include adding uses to the Land Use Chart for the CC-1 (Civic Center Mixed Use 1) and the AR (Adaptive Reuse) zones that are not currently permitted in these zones (Section 9.18.020); adding definitions for new uses in Chapter 4 (Section 9.04.060); adding additional standards for the conversion of single-family homes to commercial uses ministerially, along with additional standards for parking location, outside eating areas, and non-vehicular and vehicular vending, event space, and additional compatibility standards in the CC-1 zone (Sections 9.18.090.030, 9.18.090.040, 9.18.070.010, 9.18.070.020, and 9.18.110.020); and revising Section 9.32.030D.3(2)(a)(d) of Chapter 32 exempting Single-Family Home conversions to any other use in the CC-1 Zone from the requirements to submit a Site Plan application.

On May 7, 2015, pursuant to Resolution No. 5843-15, the City of Garden Grove Planning Commission recommended the City Council adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and approve Amendment No. A-013-2015, with modifications. As recommended by the Planning Commission, Amendment No. A-013-2015 would not include the addition of any new permitted uses in the AR zone, would not include all of the new permitted uses initially proposed for the CC-1 zone,

and would continue to subject all Single-Family Home conversions in the CC-1 zone to the City's existing Site Plan review process.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the City Council Public Hearing, or write a letter, to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the project as outlined above. If you challenge the project in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the hearing will be given to the City Council prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the City Council at the time of the meeting. Further information on the above matter may be obtained from the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, or by telephone at (714) 741-5312.

/s/KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
City Clerk
Date: May 27, 2015
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ORDINANCE NO. 2856

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.12 OF TITLE 5 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MASSAGE REGULATIONS

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance would amend Chapter 5.12 of Title 5 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to update the City's massage regulations to comport with the Massage Therapy Act. Effective January 1, 2015, Assembly Bill 1147, also referred to as the "Massage Therapy Act," restores local control over massage establishments, allowing local governments to use their regulatory authority, as in the case with other businesses, to ensure the public's safety, reduce human trafficking, and enforce local standards for the operation of the business of massage therapy, subject to specific limitations. This Ordinance requires all persons performing massage for compensation in the city to be certified by the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC) and requires all owners and operators of massage establishments to maintain a City massage establishment operator's permit and to adhere to specified standards of conduct and conditions of operation.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 26 day of May 2015.

ATTEST: /s/ BAO NGUYEN
MAYOR
/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS:

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE)

I, TERESA POMEROY, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on May 12, 2015, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (5)
BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

and was passed on May 26, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (5)
BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
CITY CLERK

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CONTACT:
Kim Huy (714) 741-5200
Director, Community Services Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Thursday, June 4, 2015

"BEST HOME & GARDEN" REVEALED AT AWARDS CEREMONY

At the conclusion of the 42nd annual Garden Grove Pride Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 1, 2015, the winning home in the "Best Home & Garden" contest was revealed. Zone 16, belonging to Patrick and Valerie Sullivan, on Dunklee Lane took the top honor. The week prior to the Ceremony, the community was invited to participate in an online voting contest to pick the best-looking home in Garden Grove.

The Sullivan's home was chosen from a field of 18 -- this year's 17 Home of the Year winners, and the Best Water-Wise Home. Photos of each were posted on the City's website for the contest. The Home of the Year winners are chosen by volunteer judges who review approximately 3,000 homes in each of the city's 17 zones. The Sullivan's reside in zone 16.

Their sage-colored, award-winning home is a farmhouse style, and took Patrick and Valerie eight years to remodel. They've lived in the home since 1986. The Sullivan name is no stranger to the Garden Grove Pride Awards. Patrick's parents, the B.J. Sullivan Family, are in the program's Hall of Fame. This distinction is awarded when a home is named Home of the Year four times.

For more information about the "Best Home & Garden" winner or the Garden Grove Pride Awards, please call the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280. To view photos of the event, visit the City's Facebook or Instagram.

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www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

HOLE-IN-ONE GOLFER TO RECEIVE \$25,000

On Monday, June 15, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., Board Members from the Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF), Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, and representatives from Garden Grove Hyundai will present a \$25,000 check to Chris Reidel, who participated in the 11th Annual Foundation/Chamber Golf Classic held on May 6, 2015. Garden Grove Hyundai, sponsors of the hole, will host the presentation at their dealership, located at 9898 Trask Avenue in Garden Grove.

To earn his hole-in-one, Reidel hit the ball 141 yards from hole #17 at Willowick Golf Course. He had the option of receiving \$25,000 cash or using the \$25,000 towards the purchase of a new Hyundai vehicle. The hole-in-one is a first in the tournament's 11-year history.

Proceeds of the joint fundraiser are used to assist both organizations in order to maintain and expand new and existing programs. These programs include the Foundation's free annual Summer Concert Series and Food for Thought Luncheon, and the Chamber's annual State of the City Luncheon, monthly networking mixers, and legislative advocacy for the business community.

For more information, contact the Garden Grove Community Foundation at (714) 741-5280.

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Contact: Dana Saucedo (714) 741-5253
Community Services Department

Monday, June 1, 2015

SENIOR DAY TRIP TO PALA INDIAN CASINO

If you're feeling lucky, join the Garden Grove H. Louis Lake Senior Center for a day trip to Pala Indian Casino on Thursday, June 18. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes bus transportation, continental breakfast, and \$5 in slot play.

The bus departs from the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, promptly at 8:30 a.m., and will return by approximately 5:00 p.m.

Seniors are invited to sit back and enjoy the air-conditioned deluxe motor coach while it makes its way to Pala Indian Casino in San Diego County. Once there, the playing floor has something for every taste including over 2,000 slots, smoke-free poker room, Vegas-style blackjack, Pai Gow, and other games.

The trip must be paid in full at time of registration. A valid California I.D., driver's license, or military I.D. is mandatory to board the bus.

Seats are limited, so register early. For information and reservations, please contact the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

June 4, 2015

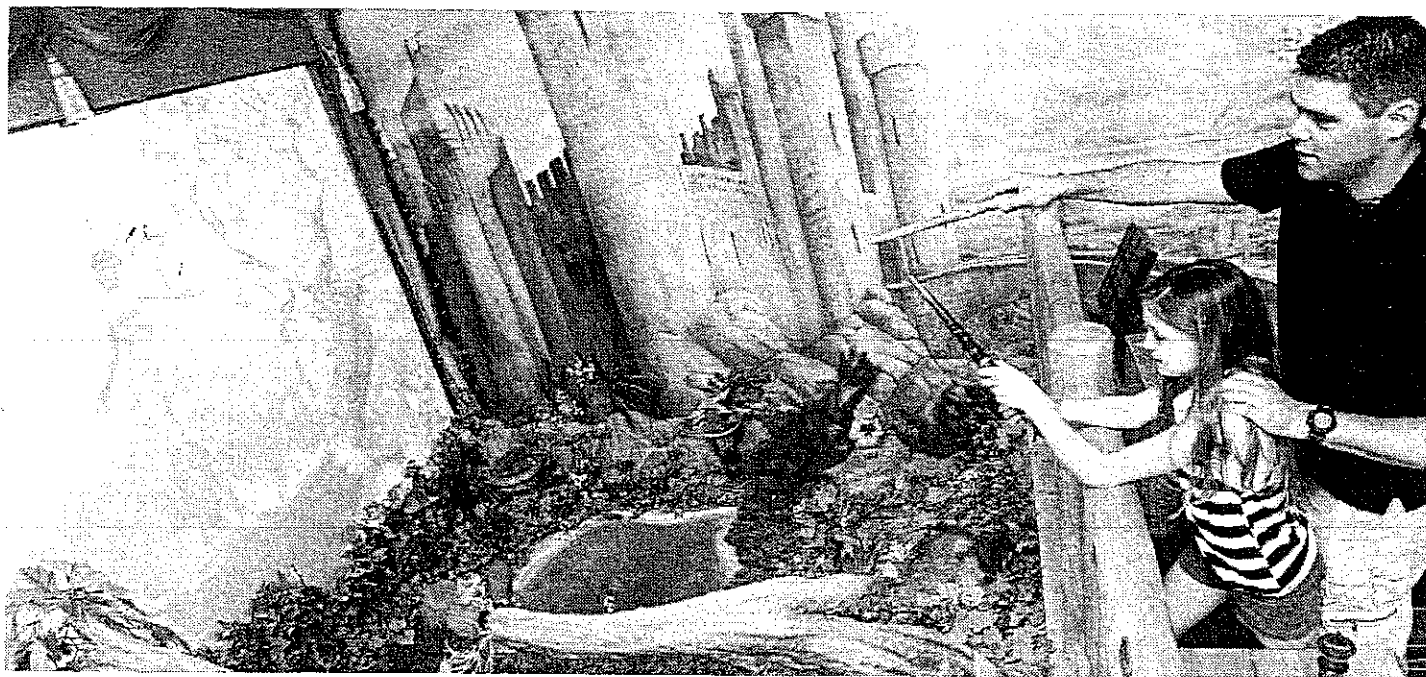
1. Calendar of Events
2. A page from the Orange County Business Journal discussing technology and attractions at the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California.
3. Agenda for the June 8, 2015 Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission.
4. Zoning Administrator meeting agenda for the June 11, 2015 meeting.
5. Cities Advocates dated May 29 and June 2, 2015.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 4, 2015 – June 21, 2015

Thursday	June 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Saturday	June 6	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Monday	June 8	5:30 p.m.	City Council Sub-Committee Vietnam War Museum of America Foundation Meeting, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission Special Meeting, Council Chamber
Tuesday	June 9	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	June 10	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED
Thursday	June 11	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	28 th Annual "Call to Duty" Police Memorial In front of Police Headquarters 11301 Acacia Parkway
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Special Study Session, Founders Room
Friday	June 12		City Hall Closed
Wednesday	June 17		Garden Grove Unified School District Last Day of School
Thursday	June 18		Casual Day – Patriotic Theme (Red, White & Blue)
		8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Pala Casino Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday- Sunday	June 18-21		One More Productions presents "Next to Normal" Gem Theater



MagiQuest: attraction expected for Great Wolf's opening next year

Parks

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"We're using new technology to tell the same stories" people know, Kaprelyan said. Knott's isn't alone.

Disneyland Resort in Anaheim has several experience-based attractions, and Burbank-based owner Walt Disney Co. has an entire unit designing new ones—its famed "imaginners."

Great Wolf Lodge Southern California in Garden Grove, scheduled to open early next year, plans two interactive game adventures similar to attractions at its Madison, Wis.-based parent company's 12 other resorts.

Kraken

Knott's is part of a chain of parks run by Sandusky, Ohio-based Cedar Fair Entertainment Co.

Iron Reef is the second such ride in Cedar Fair's system after a similar one built at a park in Canada.

Montreal-based Triotech Amusement Inc. designed both rides.

"Knott's is doing next-generation work," said Triotech Chief Executive and President Ernest Yale.

The Iron Reef ride includes 10 large, curved screens and 44 high-definition projectors.

"It's like in cinemas, with a video game engine [and layers of interaction], so the more you play, the more you see," Yale said.

The story has riders battling the Queen of the Kraken, who leads an army of mechanical sea creatures, including a giant mechanical octopus, who eat metal—namely old Knott's rides. "Easter eggs"—hidden items in games to be seen by observant players—include images of those rides from the park's past. Players earn points good for bragging rights.

The new ride dovetails with renovations of various attractions at Knott's over the past several years.

Matthew Ouimet, who became chief executive in 2012 after a career that included a stint as president of Disneyland Resort, has spearheaded the updates, Kaprelyan said.

Wolf

Great Wolf Lodge Southern California plans two interactive gaming attractions and an immersive theater experience when it opens next year, said spokeswoman Susan Storey.

Most guests at the company's 12 resorts

around the U.S. are families with children ages 2 to 14, Storey said.

"If you're coming to Great Wolf Lodge, you have kids," she said.

For children ages 5 to 9, resorts have Clubhouse Crew, which involves stuffed animals of the company's themed characters—two wolves, two raccoons, a bear and a squirrel—embedded with microchips. Families buy the animals, then walk around the resort stopping at six stations to complete tasks.



Kaprelyan: "We're using new technology to tell the same stories"

Older kids play MagiQuest, which also involves a trek like a scavenger hunt around the resort. Players compete with friends and family to complete various tasks. The game involves different stories, video screens, and a "quest" to become a "master magi," Storey said.

"It's live action and interactive, with critical thinking, reading, and time-based challenges," she said. "It's definitely a trend in family travel."

Great Wolf launched a second series of adventures called ShadowQuest to keep kids playing, Storey said. Garden Grove will be the first property in the company to have the latest version, called Rise of the Totem Masters.

She said a single property's cost to install the games can hit \$1 million.

The company has sold 1.6 million wands systemwide. They now cost about \$20 each. Activation is \$14. The wand is active for the length of stay but is kept by the child and can be reactivated with stored information intact at any resort.

Storey said the 603-room resort, which is nearing completion in Garden Grove, also plans to have an immersive movie experience, "Howly Wood" XD Theater, made by Triotech.

Avatar

Disneyland Resort was among the first parks to add experience-based attractions, including gaming entry Toy Story Midway Mania and the immersive Soarin' Over California.

Being first means the rides are older—7 and 14 years old, respectively.

Disneyland representatives declined comment for this article, but this month the park

reopened Soarin' with a new screen and projection system, and Toy Story is likely to be complemented at some point at the park by a new interactive attraction.

Comments by Disney Imagineering's Chief Creative Officer Bruce Vaughn in the May 2015 FunWorld magazine suggest the likelihood of such changes.

Vaughn told the trade magazine by Alexandria, Va.-based International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions that Disney sees shifts "from a more passive audience [among guests] to an active one" and that "these behaviors ... play well in our designs."

A Disney attraction based on the film "Avatar" for Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., is expected to include different experiences based on the time of day a patron visits.

Walt Disney Co. Chief Executive Bob Iger told Variety magazine in December that the company plans additional attractions based on the "Star Wars" movies.

Beyond

Also Viejo-based Apex Parks Group and Newport Beach-based Palace Entertainment Inc.—each of which runs chains of smaller amusement parks in California and nationwide—are carrying the trend to their parks.

Apex has 16 parks in four states, including Boomers locations in Irvine and Fountain Valley.

The Irvine Boomers location includes Lazer Frenzy, a maze made up of intersecting laser beams, and a horror-themed "shooter" game called Dark Escape, sold by Bandai Namco Amusement America Inc. in Chicago.

"In the old days, you go to an arcade, you play, you go home," said Senior Vice President of Operations Gregg Borman. "Today you have to be able to brag about it."

He said Apex is looking at adding a Triotech XD Theater this year.

Palace runs 22 parks that include a Boomers in Vista and Castle Park in Riverside.

Spokesperson Michele Wischmeyer said Palace is adding an immersive theater at its Kemywood theme park in Pittsburgh that's being built by Toronto-based SimEX-Fwerks, which also supplies the short films to show in it.

Palace and Apex have also used a coin-operated, media-based simulator ride called Typhoon, also from Triotech.

Terms of the Trend

An experience-based attraction includes one or more of three components, according to people in the industry.

■ **Immersive** happens in a specific or confined space, such as a theater or vehicle, giving the illusion of being in a different place. It usually includes media, such as a massive video screen, and sensory elements, such as movement, scent, noise, water spray, and so on.

■ **Interactive** means participation in the attraction, usually by some physical device—a wand, for instance, or a fake gun. Some attractions called "interactive" might only require use of a touch screen or tablet.

■ **Gaming** introduces the element of competition—scores are tallied and compared on screens and in conversation among participants—whether on the same ride, a previous, or later one, or in different parts of the country. ■

"Going to a park is no longer just a passive experience," Wischmeyer said.

Costs

Costs for such attractions can range from about \$20,000 for a simple product like Typhoon to six figures for theater installations of about 12 to 100 seats, to \$1 million or so for Great Wolf's MagiQuest or several millions of dollars for an immersive, interactive, gaming dark ride.

Knott's wouldn't say how much it spent on Iron Reef, but reports have placed costs for the similar ride in Canada at about \$10 million.

That's the range of the price of admission to trends in amusement parks and gaming, the latter of which now has virtual reality products from companies such as NextVR Inc. in Laguna Beach and was in large part born in Orange County.

"We had arcades, then the home consoles caught up, and now it's back to how can we get people out of the home," said Brian Fargo, who founded Interplay Inc. in 1983 and is chief executive of Newport Beach-based gaming company InXile Inc.

"It's an amusement park, so they need to be accessible," he said, but to capture new players, the attraction also "has to be unique and different." ■



AGENDA
Special Meeting

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue

June 8, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber

ROLL CALL: CHAIR BRIETIGAM, VICE CHAIR CONSTANTINO
COMMISSIONERS BLACKMUN, MCINTOSH, MUNETON, PHAM,
RAMIREZ

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except Public Hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's Office to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2)

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to all or a majority of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commissioners within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Neighborhood Improvement Office during normal business hours; and (2) at the City Council Chamber at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission may take legislative action it deems appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

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1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 2.a. Minutes from March 2, 2015 meeting
3. MATTERS FROM STAFF
 - 3.a. Code Enforcement Overview
 - 3.b. HUD Funding Overview
4. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
5. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission will be held Monday, September 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street.



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall
11222 Acacia Parkway

June 11, 2015
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to the Zoning Administrator within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the City Hall Third Floor Training Room at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Zoning Administrator may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-033-2015

APPLICANT: Khan H. Nguyen
LOCATION: 10742 Westminster Avenue

REQUEST: To operate a new restaurant, Kobe House Sushi & Steak, at the former Shakey's Pizza Restaurant building, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the C-2 (Community Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT

IN THIS ISSUE:

Page 5: One Week Left to Submit 2016 City Managers Department Meeting Session Proposals
New Federal Water Rules Released
California City Solutions: Palm Springs Becomes Bike-Friendly with New Infrastructure

**Budget Committees Finish Work, Negotiations to Continue
in Joint Conference Committee**
Placeholder Language on Redevelopment Proposal Included

The Assembly Budget Committee on Wednesday adopted the FY 2015-16 budget reports from its budget subcommittees by a vote of 15-8, moving it to the full joint-house Budget Conference Committee. The Senate took this action last Friday. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Update: 2015 League Hot and Priority Bill Status; Transportation,
Housing Bills Move to Floor**

Three League of California Cities-supported bills that together could provide billions of dollars for much-needed maintenance of city streets and millions more for affordable housing programs passed out of Appropriations on Thursday during suspense hearings upon adjournment of session. *For more, see Page 2.*



Future CalPERS Rate Increases Being Studied to Manage Fund Risk and Volatility
Don't Miss This CalPERS Webinar Next Week to Learn More

City officials who have just stretched to accommodate the current round of CalPERS rate increases into their FY 2015-16 budgets are **STRONGLY** urged to tune in next week for a CalPERS webinar explaining the options the CalPERS Board of Administration is studying to reduce risk and volatility in the fund. Both strategies are intended to ensure the long-term sustainability of the fund and **will have impacts to member and employer contributions in the future**. It is important to note that taking no action may pose an even higher risk of rate increases in the future. *For more, see Page 4.*

Redevelopment Dissolution

On the redevelopment dissolution issue, both houses adopted placeholder language while discussions continue.

During Wednesday's hearing, Assembly Member Mark Stone (D-Scotts Valley) asked Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian (D-Sherman Oaks), chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #4 on State Administration, about the significant issues cities have with the proposal. These were acknowledged and will be part of further budget discussions. The League's position on the proposal contained in the May Budget Revise is detailed in the League's opposition letter and analysis sent to the Budget Subcommittee #4 in each the Assembly and the Senate.

Public Safety Funding

Another issue being tracked by the League is grant funding for front line public safety.

The Assembly Budget Committee approved \$40 million to be allocated to be earmarked as follows:

- \$20 million is to be allocated as originally proposed in Gov. Jerry Brown's Budget;
- \$5 million is to be earmarked for grants for local agencies that want to acquire body cameras; and
- \$15 million will be made available to police departments that submit data on use of force incidents by law enforcement officers resulting in either death or hospitalization.

Likely there will be a specific format and reporting method that the state will require. Once that data is submitted, local police departments obtain access to the funds. The League is reviewing this proposal in conjunction with the California Police Chiefs Association.

Budget Conference Committee

The Legislature is constitutionally required to send the Governor a budget by June 15 for implementation on July 1 of each year.

The members of the joint FY 2015-16 Budget Conference Committee were announced on Thursday. This committee comprises six members, two Democrats and one Republican from each house of the Legislature.

Committee members:

- Sen. Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), chair
- Assembly Member Shirley Weber (D-San Diego), vice chair
- Sen. Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens)
- Sen. Jim Nielsen (R-Gerber)
- Assembly Member Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica)
- Assembly Member Melissa Melendez (R-Lake Elsinore)

The Budget Conference Committee will begin meeting on Monday, June 1 in the State Capitol, Room 4203.

All three bills now move to the floor of their respective houses:

- SB 16 (Beall), which would create a five-year funding program to address deferred maintenance on the local streets and roads system and state highway system. The bill would raise an estimated \$2.8 to \$3.6 billion annually through a 10-cent increase in the gas tax, a 12-cent increase in the diesel tax, a \$35 vehicle registration fee increase and a new \$100 surcharge for zero-emission vehicles. The bill also includes a vehicle license fee increase of 0.35 percent to backfill the general fund for the shift in weight fees. Five

percent of revenues would be set aside to incentivize counties without a local transportation funding measure to approve such a measure.

- AB 1335 (Atkins), which would generate up to \$700 million per year for affordable rental or ownership housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and other housing needs via a \$75 recordation fee on real estate transactions. This fee would not apply to home sales.
- AB 35 (Chiu and Atkins), which would increase the state’s Low Income Housing Tax Credit by \$300 million to build and rehabilitate affordable housing.

Another bill from the League’s Hot and Priority Bills List, AB 266 (Cooley) — which provides a framework for medical marijuana distribution — passed out of committee. A merger of that bill and AB 34 (Bonta), which was held, is planned. Discussions between the authors are ongoing.

The League and California Police Chiefs Association are co-authors of AB 266.

Bill Status Update

The following list reflects the current standing of several priority bills of interest to the League after this week’s fiscal committee deadline.

Bill titles are hyperlinked to provide additional information on current bill status and find sample letters that cities can use. Please note, as the legislative session progresses, bills may be added/subtracted and positions are subject to change.

Bill #	Author	Subject	Position	Status	Notes
Assembly Appropriations Suspense File					
AB 22	Rodriguez	Office of Emergency Services: oil-by-rail spills: firefighters	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	
AB 34	Bonta	Medical cannabis regulation and enforcement	Oppose unless amended	Held	Hot
AB 35	Chiu and Atkins	Income taxes: low-income housing: allocation increase	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	Hot
AB 45	Mullin	Household hazardous waste	Oppose	Held	Hot
AB 74	Calderon	Care facilities: regulatory visits.	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	
AB 90	Chau	Federal Housing Trust Fund	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	
AB 150	Melendez	Theft: firearms	Support	Held	
AB 184	E. Garcia	Small Business Technical Assistance Act of 2015	Support	Held	
AB 254	R. Hernández	Election dates	Oppose unless amended	Passed out of Appropriations	
AB 266	Cooley	Medical marijuana	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	Hot
AB 278	R. Hernández	District-based municipal elections	Oppose	Passed out of Appropriations	Hot
AB 428	Nazarian	Income taxes credit: seismic retrofits	Support	Held	
AB 448	Brown	Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle fee adjustments	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	Hot
AB 511	Gipson	Workers’ compensation	Oppose	Held	

AB 702	Maienschein	<u>CalWorks: temporary shelter assistance</u>	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	
AB 771	Atkins	<u>Personal income and corporation taxes: credits: rehabilitation</u>	Support	Held	
AB 870	Cooley	<u>Homelessness: rapid rehousing</u>	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	
AB 988	M. Stone	<u>Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program</u>	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	
AB 1159	Gordon	<u>Product stewardship: pilot program: household batteries and home-generated sharps waste</u>	Support	Held	Hot
AB 1239	Gordon	<u>Tire recycling: California tire regulatory fee and waste tire program</u>	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	
AB 1315	Alejo	<u>Public contracts: water pollution prevention plans: delegation</u>	Oppose	Held	
AB 1335	Atkins	<u>Building Homes and Jobs Act</u>	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	Hot
AB 1347	Chiu	<u>Public contracts: claims</u>	Oppose	Passed out of Appropriations	
Senate Appropriations Suspense File					
SB 16	Beall	<u>Transportation funding</u>	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	Hot
SB 25	Roth	<u>Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments</u>	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	Hot
SB 122	Jackson	<u>California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings</u>	Watch	Passed out of Appropriations	
SB 239	Hertzberg	<u>Local services: contracts: fire protection services</u>	Oppose	Passed out of Appropriations	Hot
SB 254	Allen	<u>State highways: relinquishment</u>	Support	Passed out of Appropriations	
SB 643	McGuire	<u>SB 643 (McGuire) Medical marijuana</u>	Support if amended	Passed out of Appropriations	Hot

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The pension fund will be holding two webinars **next week** to brief you on these strategies that will feature speakers and an opportunity to ask questions that you may have about the implementation and impacts. Both webinars will include the same presentations and information, so you should choose one to attend.

Webinar Details (choose one)

- Wednesday, June 3, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- Thursday, June 4, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Speakers include:

- Cheryl Eason, chief financial officer;
- David Lamoureux, deputy chief actuary; and
- Eric Baggesen, senior investment officer, Asset Allocation and Risk Management.

Register online.

One Week Left to Submit 2016 City Managers Department Meeting Session Proposals

Proposals due by June 5

The deadline to submit a request for a session proposal for the 2016 City Managers Department Meeting is fast approaching. Don't miss this opportunity to present to this important group during their annual meeting being held Feb. 3-5, 2016 in Indian Wells.

The League is looking for ideas and input for speakers and session topics to help managers and their cities improve themselves. If you have expertise in an area of interest to managers or information to share with your peers, submit your proposal today.

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization on any topic are welcome. The Program Planning Advisory Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information.

Fully completed ideas should be submitted through the [online proposal](#) form by Friday, June 5 to be considered by the committee.

Please contact [Dayna Casper](#) for questions about this opportunity.

New Federal Water Rules Released

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Wednesday announced new water rules that enhance and clarify protections under the Clean Water Act. The goal is to curtail pollution in streams, rivers, and wetlands. California already has some of the nation's most stringent environmental protection regulations. However, the new rule could expand the number of waterways covered by the federal Clean Water Act.

In brief, the rules:

- Clearly defines and protects tributaries from pollutants that impact the health of downstream waters;
- Provides certainty in how far clean water safeguards extend to nearby waters;
- Focuses on streams, not manmade ditches. Maintains the status of waters within [Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems](#). The rule does not change how those waters are treated and encourages the use of green infrastructure; and
- Reduces the use of case-specific analysis of waters.

The EPA has posted [information on the new rule](#) including fact sheets and other resources.

California City Solutions: Palm Springs Becomes Bike-Friendly with New Infrastructure

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2014 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). Palm Spring's Bicycle-Friendly Community was submitted in 2014 for the Public Works, Infrastructure and Transportation award category.

The desert city of Palm Springs is known for its blue skies, year-round sunshine, stunning landscapes and palm tree-lined streets, making it a tourist attraction. It is also a close-knit community of nearly 46,000 residents. Looking to promote energy efficient transportation, the city developed a plan to improve infrastructure and safety on its way to becoming a Bicycle-Friendly Community.

Palm Springs covers 94 square miles, making it the largest city in Riverside County by land mass. The city relies heavily on motorized transportation modes, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. With the passage of AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, every California municipality is required to reduce emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020. In response, the city developed a plan to reduce exhaust from automobiles without compromising access to a comprehensive transportation network.

The Palm Springs Office of Sustainability partnered with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments to develop the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The Palm Springs City Council adopted the plan on Oct. 5, 2011. The plan relies heavily on bicycles as a safe and energy-efficient means of travel and implementation will create a full network of bikeways and trails serving nearly every neighborhood.

Identifying the need for a strong bicycle infrastructure meant ensuring that routes were plentiful and safe for travel as well as creating space for bicycle parking throughout the city. The city also planned to provide education and awareness of cycling to make it easy for residents to choose for commuting, running errands and enjoying the downtown culture and entertainment.

Dedicated bike lanes and a broader availability of bike racks are now very noticeable throughout many city streets. Palm Springs bicycle infrastructure is frequently updated with roadway improvements, increased signage, ample parking and new bike lanes and paths for travel. The city's [website](#) features a link to biking [trail maps](#) and an interactive bike rack locator. Website visitors are also encouraged to sign the Bike Safety Pledge. Online and printed updates of new bike routes are available to residents and visitors and for distribution at local businesses. Bike maps are also distributed at the weekly community events. The Sustainability Office conducts surveys determining any new issues regarding bicycle travel.

Since 2009, Palm Springs has celebrated National Bike Month in May by holding safety classes and special events and distributing child safety helmets and bike lights. Adults may also pledge to participate in Bike to Work Week. Working with local businesses, the city has established several programs to help residents to purchase bicycles and the necessary safety equipment. City Hall enlists the assistance of local bike shops to offer discounts on tune-ups and repairs. During May 2013, the city distributed 48 safety helmets and 153 bike lights to enthusiastic young riders.

The Bike Advisory Committee, an informal meeting of involved residents, meets monthly to discuss ways to improve biking in the city. A Non-Motorized Transportation Subcommittee was created to perform monthly outreach and hold three annual events.

The establishment of a Bicycle-Friendly Business District is one of the main elements of the Bicycle-Friendly Community program and a direct result of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The Business District features more than 60 installed bike racks to encourage visitors to ride to work or enjoy the downtown cultural and outdoor activities.

The Business District is divided into three sections — North, South and Downtown. Each section has color-coded racks and hitches in blue, yellow or orange. A Bike Rack Sponsorship Program helps generate funding for additional bike rack installations. Local business owners or residents can sponsor a rack in their preferred section of downtown.

Because commuting to work by bike can keep approximately 1 pound of carbon dioxide from being emitted, the city wanted to launch a bike sharing program for its employees. Based on these figures, it is estimated that 2,618 pounds of harmful toxins have been eliminated from reaching the atmosphere.

Widely known as a vacation destination, tourism is a major factor in the economy of the region. Visitors come to Palm Springs to enjoy the stunning vistas of the desert and mountain regions. Many hotels in the city are now also offering bike rentals as a method of touring the city. The promotion of cycling as a safe and healthy alternative to travel by car or bus allows for picturesque bike paths and more enjoyable public spaces. The creation of a Bicycle-Friendly Business District, coupled with diverse education and outreach initiatives, gives the community the power to improve air quality and preserve the environment.

Annual Conference Registration is Now Open!
Early Bird Registration Savings of \$50

It's not too early to register to attend the League's 2015 Annual Conference & Expo. This year's conference will run from Wednesday, Sept. 30 through Friday, Oct. 2 at the San José Convention Center. *For more, see Page 2.*



Ed Mendel Presents Overview of CalPERS Volatility and Risk Reduction Proposals
Reminder: Webinars on Wednesday and Thursday to Cover CalPERS Options to Reduce Risk and Volatility

With a great deal of attention on the stability of California's pension systems, Ed Mendel, of Calpensions.com, published an article yesterday on his blog examining the California Public Employees Retirement Systems' (CalPERS) consideration of a long-term rate hike in an effort to decrease risk. Mendel, a Capitol reporter with decades of experience, now focuses on CalPERS and the California State Teachers Retirement System. *For more, see Page 2.*



Application Period Now Open for 2014-15 Museum Grant Program
Submit by Tuesday, Sept. 1

The California Cultural and Historical Endowment announce the release of its guidelines and application solicitation for the FY 2014-15 Museum Grant Program. *For more, see Page 2.*

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You can register your city to attend and your voting delegates through the [League's website](#). Registrations received before Aug. 5 will receive the Early Bird Discount and save \$50 on each registration. Housing options will be in the registration confirmation email.

Don't miss out on the League's premiere educational and networking event for city officials and staff! With over 60 sessions to choose from, there are sure to be multiple topics and issues that you can learn about and bring back to your communities. Is there an issue your city is facing that is not covered in a session? You have approximately 2000 colleagues and exhibitors to network and share experiences with.

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In Mendel's [June 1 post](#), he examines how CalPERS is looking at a series of small rate increases for employers and employees in response to recent significant investment losses and the fact that the system is expected to have more retirees receiving benefits than active workers paying into the system. The piece provides background and includes a chart to illustrate the forecasted ratio of actives to retirees in the coming decades. Mendel also covers how CalPERS' leadership is currently looking at two possible strategies to ensure the system's long-term stability.

Webinars Offered June 3 and 4

CalPERS this week is [offering two webinars](#) to brief members on the strategies. The 90-minute sessions, on June 3 and 4 from 1:30-3 p.m., will include both speakers and Q&A.

The League strongly urges cities to sign up for one of the webinars.

[Register online](#).

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Gov. Jerry Brown signed AB 482 in 2013, which authorized creation of a specified competitive grant program to support small capital projects in museums including the acquisition of real property, or construction projects at museum facilities or venues.

Funding is currently available from Proposition 40 bond funds for two cycles of \$2 million each. Proceeds from the new [Snoopy Special Interest License Plate](#) are planned to fund the program in future years. Snoopy License Plates may be purchased [online](#) to support California museums.

Please read the guidelines, application and forms in their entirety for important information on project eligibility, evaluation criteria and application submission requirements. Guidelines and application are available [online](#).

Technical Assistance Workshops

Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one of the four Technical Assistance Workshops which provide help in preparing grant applications. Please RSVP by one week before the workshop.

Bay Area
June 18
1-5 p.m.
Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, CA 94619
[Parking](#)

San Diego
June 25
1-5 p.m.

Natural History Museum
1788 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101
Parking

Sacramento*
July 2
1–5 p.m.
Crocker Art Museum
216 O St, Sacramento, CA 95814
Parking

Los Angeles
July 9
1–5 p.m.
Museum of Tolerance
9786 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90035
Parking

*The Sacramento workshop will also be available via webcast. When submitting an RSVP for the Sacramento workshop, please specify if you will be attending in person or through the webcast. Updates regarding instructions for the July 2 webcast will be posted online. The audio and video links to the webcast will likely become active 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

For questions on the Museum Grant Program or to RSVP, please call (916) 653-2812 or email mqpcoordinator@resources.ca.gov.
