

MEMORANDUM



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

TO: RANCHO PALOS VERDES CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER *CJP*
DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2010
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 10-47

- I. **CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS (See Attachments)**
 - A. City Manager
 - B. Finance & IT Department - No report this week
 - C. Public Works Department – No report this week
 - D. Community Development Department
 - E. Recreation & Parks Department
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED (See Attachments)**
 - A. Tentative Agendas
 - B. Channel 33 Programming Schedule
 - C. Channel 35 Programming Schedule
 - D. Crime Report
 - E. Correspondence

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>6:00 PM—RPV Holiday Party @ PVIC</i>	7 <i>7:00 pm—City Council Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	8 <i>7:00 pm—Traffic Safety Committee Meeting—Community Room</i>	9	10 <i>7:30 am—Mayor's Breakfast @ Coco's</i>	11 <i>9:00 am—11:00 am—Breakfast with Santa @ Hesse Park</i>
12	13 <i>5:00 pm—8:00 pm—RH Holiday Reception @ Rolling Hills City Hall</i>	14 <i>7:00 pm—Planning Commission Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	15 <i>12:00 pm—Mayor's Lunch @ The Depot</i> <i>1:30 pm—Sanitation District Meeting</i>	16 <i>5:00 pm—6:30 pm—PVE Holiday Reception @ La Venta Inn</i> <i>7:00 pm—Emergency Prep Committee Meeting—Community Room</i>	17	18 <i>9:00 am—Advisory Board Interviews @ Hesse Park</i>
19	20	21 <i>7:00 pm—City Council Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	22	23	24 <i>City Hall Closed</i>	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
			<i>Winter Holiday Break—City Hall Closed</i>			

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>New Years Day</i>
2	3	4 <i>7:00 pm—City Council Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	5	6	7 <i>7:30 am—Mayor's Break- fast—Coco's</i>	8
9	10	11 <i>7:00 pm—Planning Commission Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	12	13	14	15
2011 Sacramento Legislative Tour						
16	17	18 <i>7:00 pm—City Council Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	19 <i>12:00 pm—Mayor's Lunch @ The Depot</i> <i>1:30 pm—Sanitation Dis- trict Meeting</i>	20 <i>7:00 pm—EPC Meeting— Community Room</i>	21	22
23	24	25 <i>7:00 pm—Planning Commission Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	26	27	28	29
30	31					

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>7:30 pm—City Council Meeting</i>	3	4	5 <i>7:30 am—Mayor's Breakfast—Coco's</i>	6
7	8	9 <i>7:00 pm—Planning Commission Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 <i>7:00 pm—City Council Meeting</i>	17 <i>12:00 pm—Mayor's Lunch @ The Depot</i> <i>1:30 pm—Sanitation District Meeting</i>	18 <i>7:00 pm—EPC Meeting—Community Room</i>	19	20
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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER 
DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2010
SUBJECT: WEEKLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

PENINSULA REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIME STATISTICS

Attached for the Council's information are pertinent excerpts from the statistics presented at the Peninsula Regional Law Enforcement Committee meeting held on November 18, 2010. Unless noted otherwise, the data presented is for the third quarter of 2010 (July through September).

Attachments:

Part 1 Crime – Year to Date Comparison for 2010 and 2009

Law enforcement agencies across the county use the FBI's uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system to collect and report crime statistics. Part 1 crimes consist of the eight most serious offenses including homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

NOTE: Regarding the increase in reported rape cases during the third quarter, the Sheriff's Department indicated that in each case the victim knew the suspect. The Sheriff also reported three significant arrests in connection with a County-wide residential burglary ring that was targeting new appliances at home construction/remodeling sites. Information regarding a vehicle provided by an RPV Neighborhood Watch participant helped law enforcement in making the arrests. Although the investigation is still on-going, property belonging to several RPV residents has been recovered and returned. Finally, the increase in "other" larceny thefts is attributed to a shoplifting ring taking high-end liquor from local supermarkets.

Part 2 Crime – Year to Date Comparison for 2010, 2009 and 2008

Part 2 crimes include 22 categories of offenses ranging from simple assaults to vagrancy.

Traffic Statistics

Please note that the "Traffic Enforcement Index" is a ratio of the number of hazardous traffic citations issued to the number of injury collisions. An index higher than 20 is considered to be good.

Sheriff Response Time Performance

The Sheriff's goals for response times are under 7 minutes for Emergency Calls, under 20 minutes for Immediate Calls and under 1 hour for Routine Calls.

Ambulance Response Statistics

The ambulance company's goal for response times is 90% under 9 minutes.

2009/2010 Part I – YTD Comparisons Rancho Palos Verdes

	2010	2009	Change	% Change
Homicide	0	0	0	0%
Rape	7	2	5	250%
Robbery	3	8	-5	-63%
Aggravated Assault	18	30	-12	-40%
Burglary, Residence	81	67	14	21%
Burglary, Other Structure	35	25	10	40%
Larceny/Theft	171	191	-20	-10%
<i>Vehicle Burglary</i>	44	69	-25	-36%
<i>Theft from Vehicle</i>	33	53	-20	-38%
<i>Other</i>	94	69	25	36%
Grand Theft Auto	14	21	-7	-33%
Arson	0	2	-2	-100%
TOTAL	304	346	-42	-12%

YTD Part II Crime Activity Comparison

Rancho Palos Verdes

	Year To Date		
	2010	2009	2008
Forgery	14	15	17
Fraud/Identity Theft	145	104	116
Sex Offense, Felony	2	5	3
Sex Offense, Misdemeanor	2	2	2
Non-Aggravated Assault	31	30	53
Weapon Laws	3	5	6
Offenses Against Family	4	9	6
Liquor Laws	0	0	0
Drunk-Alcohol/Drugs	8	2	4
Disorderly Conduct	26	21	24
Vagrancy	0	0	0
Gambling	0	0	0
Drunk Driving-Vehicle/Boat	7	24	23
Vandalism (Non-graffiti)	94	75	107
Vandalism (Graffiti)	7	22	8
Receiving Stolen Property	0	0	1
Federal Offenses w/out money	0	0	0
Federal Offenses with money	5	7	2
Felonies, Miscellaneous	15	12	23
Misdemeanors, Miscellaneous	13	8	7
TOTAL CRIME	376	341	402

DEPUTY GENERATED ARRESTS

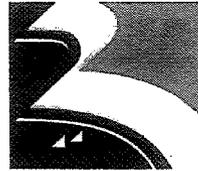
Narcotics	49	30	42
Vehicle & Boating Laws	84	91	197
Warrants	0	0	2
TOTAL ARRESTS	133	121	241

RANCHO PALOS VERDES TRAFFIC STATS

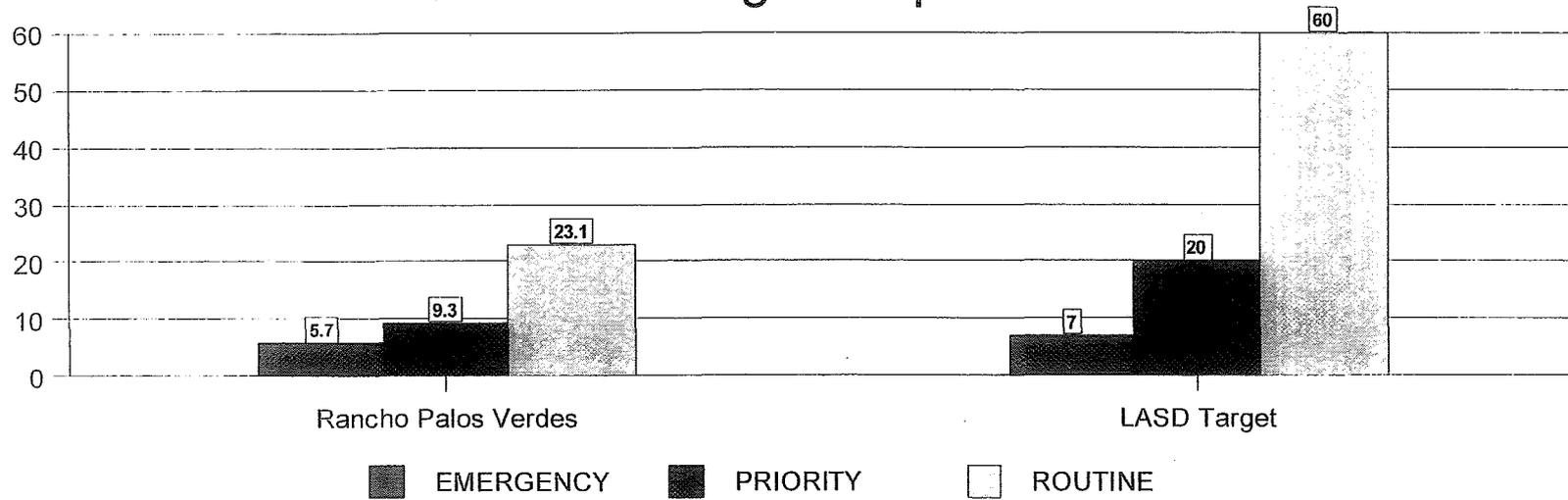
	2008				2009				2010			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Average	Jul	Aug	Sep	Average	Jul	Aug	Sep	Average
Total Collisions	21	21	24	22	21	15	10	15	20	23	16	20
Injury Collisions	5	6	7	6	9	8	1	6	6	8	4	6
Enforcement Index	99	46	48	64	54	40	188	94	47	38	57	47
Hazardous Cites	492	272	333	366	483	319	186	329	279	303	224	269
Non-Haz Cites	47	43	36	42	80	43	31	51	23	25	38	29
Parking Cites	32	59	64	52	75	79	54	69	30	51	27	36
DUI Arrests	2	6	3	4	4	2	2	3	1	2	2	2
DUI Collisions	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1
Fatal Collisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.3

3rd Quarter Comparison

Rancho Palos Verdes



3rd Quarter Average Response Times





Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

Rancho Palos Verdes

July 2010

AGENDA

NOV 18 2010

ITEM NO. 5B

Date Period	1-3	4-10	11-17	18-24	25-31		
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
0:00 to 8:59	12	38	38	31	39		158
9:00 to 14:59	2	3	6	5	3		19
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	1		1

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
Total Responses	14	41	44	36	43	0	178
Total On Time	12	38	38	31	39	0	158
Total Late	2	3	6	5	4	0	20

Total Compliance: 88.8%



Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

Rancho Palos Verdes

August 2010

Date Period	1-7	8-14	15-21	22-28	29-31		
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
0:00 to 8:59	30	31	30	33	11		135
9:00 to 14:59	4	6	7	8	3		28
15:00 +	0	1	0	0	0		1

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
Total Responses	34	38	37	41	14	0	164
Total On Time	30	31	30	33	11	0	135
Total Late	4	7	7	8	3	0	29

Total Compliance: 82.3%



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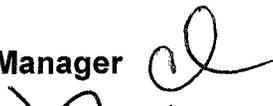
September 2010

Date Period	1-4	5-11	12-18	19-25	26-30		
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
0:00 to 8:59	29	37	31	26	25		148
9:00 to 14:59	3	3	6	5	5		22
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0		0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
Total Responses	32	40	37	31	30	0	170
Total On Time	29	37	31	26	25	0	148
Total Late	3	3	6	5	5	0	22

Total Compliance: 87.1%



TO: Carolyn Lehr, City Manager 
FROM: Joel Rojas, Community Development Director 
DATE: December 1, 2010
SUBJECT: Weekly Administrative Report

Completion of the Mirandela Senior Affordable Housing Apartments

Construction on the Mirandela Senior Affordable Housing Apartments located at the corner of Crestridge Road and Crenshaw Boulevard is just about complete. It is expected that the Certificate of Use and Occupancy will be issued within the next week and tenants will begin occupying their new units shortly after that – most likely before Christmas. Once occupied and the community room is completely furnished, AMCAL (Project Owner and Contractor) and Western Senior Housing (tenant manager), will be hosting a grand opening/ribbon cutting event, which is expected to occur in January 2011. As the City/Redevelopment Agency was the main financial sponsor of this project, the City Council will obviously be invited to be a part of this event. Staff will be working with the owner on scheduling the opening event on a day that works best for the Council and will inform the Council of such date in the next few weeks.

Planning Division Monthly Activity Report

Attached is the Planning Division's Monthly Activity Report for November 2010. The report contains a brief summary of the Division's activities during this last month regarding: 1) New applications received; 2) Staff, Director, Planning Commission and City Council decisions rendered; and 3) Number of decisions made, including median processing time. As indicated in the report, the Division received **46** new applications during the month and took action on **45** previously submitted applications.

Building and Safety Division Monthly Activity Report

Attached is the Building and Safety Division's Monthly Activity Report for November 2010. The report provides information on: 1) The types and numbers of permits issued; 2) The number of plan checks performed; 3) The number of inspections performed; and 4) The total amount of fees collected. Each of these items is compared to the activities during the same month of the previous year. In addition, a comparison of the activities for this fiscal year to those of the previous year is also provided. As shown on the report, the Division issued **134** permits during the month of November 2010.

**Community Development Department
Weekly Administrative Report
December 1, 2010**

Code Enforcement Division Monthly Activity Report

Attached is the Code Enforcement Division's Monthly Activity Report for November 2010. The report contains: 1) A brief summary of the Division's activities during this last month; 2) A summary of sign abatement activity; and 3) Number of cases closed including median processing time. As indicated in the report, the Division conducted **26** field inspections and brought **22** cases to closure.

View Restoration/Preservation Applications Monthly Activity Report

Attached is the View Restoration Division's Monthly Activity Report for November 2010. The report contains: 1) A brief summary of the Division's activities during this last month; 2) A summary of pre-application meetings; 3) A summary of cases resolved by mediation; and 4) A summary of the Division's activities year-to-date. The Division received **4** new applications in the month of November 2010.

Right-of-Way Permit Monthly Activity Report

The Department did not issue any right-of-way permits in the month of November 2010.

Planning Commission Follow-Up Agenda and Approved Minutes

Attached is the follow-up agenda for the Planning Commission meeting on November 23, 2010. Also attached, under separate cover, are the approved minutes for the meetings on September 28, 2010 and October 26, 2010.

PVPLC and RPV Monthly Team Meeting Minutes

Attached, under separate cover, are the action minutes from the November 11th monthly meeting between the City and the PVPLC.

Applications of Note

Attached is a table with a summary of the applications of note that were submitted to the Department between November 24 and November 30, 2010.

Attachments

Planning Division's Monthly Activity Report for November 2010
Building and Safety Division's Monthly Activity Report for November 2010
Code Enforcement Division's Monthly Activity Report for November 2010
View Restoration/Preservation Division's Monthly Activity Report for November 2010
PC follow-up agenda for November 23, 2010

**Community Development Department
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PC approved minutes for September 28, 2010 (under separate cover)
PC approved minutes for October 26, 2010 (under separate cover)
RPV/PVPLC November 11, 2010 action minutes (under separate cover)
Applications of Note



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Monthly Planning Activity Summary For the Month of November 2010

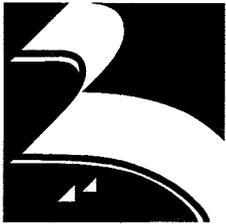
New Cases Received	Staff Approvals	Staff Denials	Director Approvals	Director Denials	Planning Commission Approvals	Planning Commission Denials	City Council Approvals	City Council Denials	Appeals Heard
46	40	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0

New ZON* Applications by Type	
Application Type	Number
Site Plan Review	32
Foliage Analysis	4
Neighborhood Compatibility Analysis	3
Height Variation	1
Grading Approval	3
Sign Permit	2
Conditional Use Permit	1
Geologic Investigation Permit	1
Special Construction Permit	6
Six-Month Review	1
Permit Revision/Amendment	1
Number of Unique Applications:	55
Number of New ZON Cases:	46

New SUB* Applications by Type	
Application Type	Number
Number of Unique Applications:	
Number of New SUB Cases:	

Closed Case Summary
Staff Decisions
Number of Cases Closed: 40 Median Processing Time: 1 days
Director Decisions
Number of Cases Closed: 3 Median Processing Time: 89 days
PC/CC Decisions
Number of Cases Closed: 2 Median Processing Time: 718 days
All Planning Cases
Number of Cases Closed: 45 Median Processing Time: 89 days

* ZON = Zoning, SUB = Subdivision



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Monthly Building & Safety Activity Summary For the Month of November 2010

New Cases Received	Permits Issued	Permit Fees (\$)	Plan Check Fees (\$)	Other Fees* (\$)	Total Valuation (\$)	New Plan Checks	New SFRs	Total Inspections	Average Daily Inspections
141	134	50,764	14,275	10,076	690,900	14	1	586	29

New BLD** Applications by Type	
Application Type	No.
Addition	1
Alteration	2
Addition & Remodel	16
Site Investigation	7
New Construction	1
Repair	3
Reroof	30
Remodel	9
Solar Panels	10
Pool/Spa	1
Tenant Improvement	1
New BLD Cases:	84

New ELE** Applications by Type	
Application Type	No.
Alteration	1
Changeout	1
New Construction	6
Service Upgrade	3
Sign	1
New ELE Cases:	12

New MEC** Applications by Type	
Application Type	No.
Changeout	17
New Construction	9
New MEC Cases:	26

New PLM** Applications by Type	
Application Type	No.
Changeout	10
New Construction	4
Repair	4
Repipe	1
New PLM Cases:	19

Issued Permit Summary
Over-the-Counter Permits
No. of Permits Issued: 123
Median Processing Time: 0 days
Plan Checked Permits
No. of Permits Issued: 11
Median Processing Time: 12 days

* Other fees include SMIP, data processing, historic data input and geology review fees

** BLD = Building, ELE = Electrical, MEC = Mechanical, PLM = Plumbing

Building Activity Report for Rancho Palos Verdes November 2010

Fiscal Year <u>2009-2010</u>	Total # of Permits	Total Permit Fees	Total Fees	Total Valuation for Permits	Total # of New Plan Checks	Total Plan Check Fees	# of SFRs	Total # of Inspections	Average # of Inspections per Day	Fiscal Year <u>2009-2010</u>
July	104	\$54,800.00	\$63,896.00	\$1,963,200.00	15	\$15,786.00	1	672	31	July
August	126	\$92,200.00	\$105,471.00	\$1,444,200.00	8	\$20,301.00	1	567	27	August
September	108	\$81,573.00	\$96,297.00	\$1,389,300.00	13	\$15,238.00	0	606	29	September
October	96	\$89,189.00	\$100,175.00	\$693,800.00	9	\$58,579.00	0	593	26	October
November	101	\$60,130.00	\$72,571.00	\$734,200.00	13	\$27,668.00	0	567	28	November
December	75	\$50,408.00	\$58,432.00	\$284,800.00	11	\$13,593.00	0	515	22	December
January-10	109	\$80,440.00	\$96,971.00	\$403,400.00	6	\$9,914.00	1	440	22	January
February	85	\$116,765.00	\$189,426.00	\$362,100.00	6	\$13,117.00	1	541	27	February
March	120	\$80,606.00	\$94,706.00	\$906,900.00	20	\$42,054.00	1	645	28	March
April	103	\$49,023.00	\$65,707.00	\$360,500.00	14	\$20,255.00	0	541	25	April
May	120	\$49,621.00	\$56,799.00	\$635,700.00	21	\$36,810.00	0	464	20	May
June	109	\$77,621.00	\$91,795.00	\$699,700.00	20	\$28,185.00	0	592	26	June
YTD	1,256	\$882,376.00	\$1,092,246.00	\$9,877,800.00	156	\$301,500.00	5	6743	311	YTD

Fiscal Year <u>2010-2011</u>	Total # of Permits	Total Permit Fees	Total Fees	Total Valuation for Permits	Total # of New Plan Checks	Total Plan Check Fees	# of SFRs	Total # of Inspections	Inspections per Day	Fiscal Year <u>2010-2011</u>
July	126	\$101,282.00	\$118,286.00	\$1,376,100.00	8	\$13,013.00	0	542	26	July
August	123	\$98,078.00	\$116,304.00	\$877,900.00	14	\$38,100.00	1	557	25	August
September	108	\$77,560.00	\$87,762.00	\$451,700.00	20	\$16,346.00	0	517	25	September
October	134	\$72,511.00	\$90,318.00	\$1,133,900.00	10	\$19,010.00	1	504	24	October
November	134	\$50,764.00	\$60,840.00	\$690,900.00	14	\$14,275.00	1	586	29	November
December										December
January-11										January
February										February
March										March
April										April
May										May
June										June
YTD	625	\$400,195.00	\$473,510.00	\$4,530,500.00	66	\$100,744.00	1	2706	129	YTD

Previous YR	535	\$377,892.00	\$438,410.00	\$6,224,700.00	58	\$137,572.00	2	3005	141	Previous YR
% Change/YTD	17%	6%	8%	-27%	14%	-27%	0%	-10%	-9%	% Change YTD



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Monthly Code Enforcement Activity Summary For the Month of November 2010

Complaints Received	Field Inspections	First Notices Issued	Second Notices Issued	Final Notices Issued	Administrative Hearings Conducted	Referral to City Attorney	Other Referrals	Case Closed	Complaint Unfounded
17	26	10	5	1	0	0	0	22	0

New Complaints by Violation Category

Animals	1
Fence, Wall & Hedge	1
Non-Permitted Construction	5
Other Violation	1
Property Maintenance	5
Structures in Public Right-of-Way	1
Trash Cans	3
Total:	17

Closed Case Summary

Building Code Violations

Number of Cases Closed: **1**
Median Processing Time: **81 days**

Municipal Code Violations

Number of Cases Closed: **10**
Median Processing Time: **55 days**

Zoning Code Violations

Number of Cases Closed: **11**
Median Processing Time: **68 days**

Illegal Sign Abatement Summary

Street Name	Signs Removed
CRENSHAW BLVD	4
CREST RD	8
HAWTHORNE BLVD	3
PALOS VERDES DR E	27
PALOS VERDES DR S	10
Total Signs Removed:	52



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Monthly View Activity Summary For the Month of November 2010

New Cases Received	Director Approvals	Director Denials	Planning Commission Approvals	Planning Commission Denials	City Council Approvals	City Council Denials	Appeals Heard
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

New View Cases (MTD)	
Application Type	Number
View Restoration Permit	1
View Maintenance	3
Number of New Cases:	4

Pre-Application Meetings (MTD)	
Application Type	Number
View Restoration Permit	2
Number of Pre-Application Meetings:	2

Resolved By Mediation (MTD)	
Application Type	Number
Number of Cases:	

New View Cases (YTD)	
Application Type	Number
View Restoration Permit	10
View Preservation Permit	11
City Tree Review Permit	7
View Maintenance	30
Number of New Cases:	58

Pre-Application Meetings (YTD)	
Application Type	Number
View Restoration Permit	8
Number of Pre-Application Meetings:	8

Resolved By Mediation (YTD)	
Application Type	Number
View Restoration Permit	2
Number of Cases:	2



FOLLOW-UP AGENDA

**RANCHO PALOS VERDES PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010
FRED HESSE COMMUNITY PARK, 29301 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD**

**REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.**

SCHEDULING NOTES

REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE REMARKS OF THE FIRST SPEAKER ON THE ITEM. NO REQUEST FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT TIME.

PURSUANT TO ADOPTED PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEDURE, UNLESS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AGREES TO SUSPEND ITS RULES, NO NEW BUSINESS WILL BE HEARD AFTER 11:00 P.M. AND NO ITEM WILL BE HEARD PAST MIDNIGHT. ANY ITEMS NOT HEARD BECAUSE OF THE TIME LIMITS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CONTINUED TO THE NEXT COMMISSION AGENDA.

NEXT P.C. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-37

CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE: LED BY COMMISSIONER TETREault

ROLL CALL: CHAIRMAN GERSTNER EXCUSED ABSENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED AS PRESENTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

City Council Items: DIRECTOR ROJAS REPORTED THAT AT THE NOVEMBER 16TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING THE CITY COUNCIL TOOK UP A PROCEDURAL ISSUE RELATED TO THE PROPOSED ANNENBERG PROJECT. THE ONLY DECISION THAT WAS MADE WAS THAT A MOTION IN SUPPORT OF STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED WITH THE CITY'S ENTITLEMENT PROCESS BEFORE PURSUING A FORMAL PROGRAM OF UTILIZATION CONSISTENCY APPLICATION AND THAT A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT WAS NOT NECESSARY WAS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

Staff: THE DIRECTOR DISTRIBUTED 4 LETTERS OF LATE CORRESPONDENCE

RELATED TO ITEM #5.

Commission: **NONE**

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (regarding non-agenda items): **NONE**

CONSENT CALENDAR:

NONE

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

1. COASTAL PERMIT, VARIANCE, HEIGHT VARIATION, GRADING PERMIT AND SITE PLAN REVIEW (CASE NO. ZON2009-00403): 86 Yacht Harbor Drive / Pesusich (LM)

Request: A request to construct an 861 square foot addition to the existing residence. The overall height of the residence would be 35'-8 ½" in height as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to the structure to the highest ridgeline. The additions would connect the detached garage to the primary residence. The applicant is also requesting to legalize a 300 square foot carport that was previously converted to habitable space along the northeast portion of the existing residence. The application requires a Height Variation to allow the existing residence to exceed 16'-0" from the highest grade elevation. A Variance is required to allow construction over an extreme slope, the overall height to exceed 26'-0", and construction of more than 250 square feet within the City's Coastal Setback Zone. The project also includes the construction of retaining walls.

ACTION: PROVIDED FEEDBACK TO THE APPLICANT ON THE PROPOSED REVISED PROJECT AND CONTINUED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO DECEMBER 14, 2010 (5-0), WITH COMMISSIONER LEWIS RECUSED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. HEIGHT VARIATION, GRADING PERMIT AND SITE PLAN REVIEW (CASE NO. ZON2009-00152): 30675 Via La Cresta / Design Mantra, Inc. (SK)

Request: A request to construct a 1,099ft² addition (168ft² first floor & 931ft² second floor) and a 480ft² balcony to an existing 3,506ft² two-story residence. Additionally, a 5' tall retaining wall is proposed against the upslope to the rear of the property and an existing spa and sports court will be relocated and reconfigured in the rear yard.

ACTION: ADOPTED P.C. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-35; THEREBY CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE REQUESTED HEIGHT VARIATION, GRADING PERMIT AND SITE PLAN REVIEW, AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF (5-1), WITH COMMISSIONER TETREAULT DISSENTING.

3. HEIGHT VARIATION AND GRADING PERMIT (CASE NO. ZON2008-00383): 5 Via Ciega / Rosenberg (LM)

Request: A request to demolish the existing residence and construct a new 6,010 square foot residence, garage and storage area, whereby a portion of the residence will exceed 16'-0" to accommodate a new garage. The overall height of the two-story portion of the residence will measure 25'-11" as measured from the highest existing ridgeline (elev. 218.5') to the lowest finished grade adjacent to the foundation/slab (elev. 192.6"). The project also includes a total of 925 cubic yards of grading (616 cubic yards of cut and 309 cubic yards of fill) to accommodate the new garage and storage space, driveway, new pool and additional yard area. In addition to a number of garden walls, a new retaining wall will be constructed at the rear of the new residence ranging in height from 2'-6" to 10'-0".

ACTION: ADOPTED P.C. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-36; THEREBY CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE HEIGHT VARIATION AND GRADING PERMIT, AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF (5-1), WITH COMMISSIONER KNIGHT DISSENTING.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (5-0-1), WITH COMMISSIONER TETREALT ABSTAINING SINCE HE WAS ABSENT FROM THE MEETING.

5. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2010

ACTION: CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 14, 2010 (6-0).

6. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2010

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (6-0).

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS:

7. PRE-AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 14, 2010

ACTION: ACCEPTED

ADJOURNMENT: 9:50 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 7:00 P.M. at Hesse Park.

Americans with Disabilities Act: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call the Community Development Director at 310 544-5228 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Notes:

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2. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Planning Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the front counter of the Planning Division lobby at City Hall, which is located at 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes during normal business hours as stated in the paragraph above.
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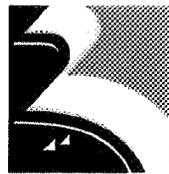


Applications of Note as of December 1, 2010

Case No.	Owner	Street Address	Project Description	Submitted
VRP2010-00058	MAISNER, STEVE & MICHELLE	37 AVENIDA CORONA	View Maintenance request for foliage located at 2143 Daladier Dr. (VRP2007-00007)	11/30/2010
<i>View Maintenance</i>				
ZON2010-00427	PAPADAKIS, TOM E & ELLEN M	3229 STARLINE DR	New 299 SF addition to the rear/side of an existing SFR.	11/29/2010
<i>Site Plan Review Neighborhood Compatibility Analysis</i>				

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MEMORANDUM



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

TO: CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER 

FROM: TOM ODOM, INTERIM DIRECTOR, RECREATION AND PARKS  DEPUTY
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2010

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Breakfast With Santa 2010



The 2010 Breakfast with Santa event is taking place on Saturday, December 11, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Hesse Park. This annual event raises money to benefit the City's REACH program. Santa Claus will be transported to the event aboard the Fire Station #106 hook and ladder truck, and will listen to children's requests and spread holiday cheer. Jim Gamble's holiday-themed puppeteers will add to the festivities. Donations of food for the event are anticipated from several local Peninsula businesses. Other highlights of this great event will include performances by Music

Instructor Michele Nardones' young violin students, a delicious breakfast, holiday carols, crafts, and of course, the chance to meet and dine with Santa himself! Nearly 100 people have preregistered, and we expect more! Please join us for a fun and festive Breakfast with Santa, while donating to our REACH Program.

Hesse Park

Recreation Class Rentals:

- Exercise & Fitness Classes (MPR - Multipurpose Room): Monday - Wednesday
- Parent Participation Preschool Classes (ACT - Activity Room): Monday, Wednesday
- Music for Preschoolers Class (FSR - Fireside Room): Monday
- Duplicate Bridge Classes (MPR): Monday, Friday
- Lite Impact Aerobic Dance Classes (MPR): Monday, Wednesday
- Mommy & Me Classes (ACT): Tuesday, Thursday
- Tai Chi Chuan Classes (MPR): Wednesday, Saturday
- Suika Preschool Class (ACT): Friday
- Basics of Fine Arts Class (ACT): Saturday
- Suzuki Method for String Instruments Classes (FSR): Saturday

Community Groups/Private Rentals:

- Peninsula Neighborhood Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (FSR): Monday
- AYSO Region 10 Board Meeting (ACT): Tuesday
- Peninsula Seniors Weekly Lecture (FSR): Wednesday
- PV Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting (ACT): Wednesday
- RPV Seniors Bridge Club Meeting (MPR): Thursday
- Girl Scout Troop Meeting (FSR): Friday
- Private Rental (MPR): Saturday

Ladera Linda

Recreation Classes:

- Adult Tap Class (RM. G): Tuesday
- Creative Energy Youth Dance Classes (MPR): Monday-Saturday

Point Vicente Interpretive Center / Los Serenos de Point Vicente Docents

- On Wednesday, docents led 14 girl scouts on a tour of PVIC, sharing information on local wildlife and history.
- On Saturday, docents will lead 25 students of Centennial College Prep Academy on a tour of PVIC where docents will share information on the Pacific gray whale and local history.
- On Saturday, docents will lead 25 students of Centennial College Prep Academy on a hike to Abalone Cove, sharing information on the tide pools and pollution.

REACH

- On Thursday, December 2, REACH traveled to the Norris Theater to see the Nutcracker Ballet. Free tickets for this event were provided by the Rolling Hills Palos Verdes Ballet Company.

Ryan Park

Recreation Class Rentals:

- Fit N Fun Youth Sports Classes (Grass Field): Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
- Suika Preschool Classes (ACT): Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Kids Music N Motion Class (ACT): Tuesday

Community Groups/Private Rentals:

- Pony League Baseball Games (Baseball Field): Saturday

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

December 18, 2010 (Committee/Commission Interviews – Adj. Mtg.)
Hesse Park – Fireside Room – 9:00 A.M.)

New Business:

Regular Business

Interview Applicants for FAC, TSC and EPC

December 21, 2010

Mayor's Announcements: Farewell Recognition to Kay Finer, Executive Director of Chamber of Commerce

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent

Adjustments to Parking Citation Fines

CAFR

Award Contract for Fence Installation for City Hall Power Generator

Border Issues

Public Hearings

Regular Business

Procedural Matters Related to the Annenberg Project Application

Moratorium Boundary Line Adjustment – Introduction of Ordinance

City Council Policy No. 41 – Reserve Policy

Mayor's Appt. of Council Members to Intergovernmental Orgs. & Assocs.

January 4, 2011

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent

Public Hearings

Regular Business

January 10, 2011 (Adj. Mtg.) – Sacramento – CCCA Legislative Tour

Regular Business

Discussion of Multiple Topics (to be determined)

January 11, 2011 (Adj. Mtg.) – Sacramento – CCCA Legislative Tour

New Business:

Regular Business

Discussion of Multiple Topics (to be determined)

January 18, 2011

Closed Session: Indian Peak

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report: RPV Leadership Academy

New Business:

Consent

Award Contract Renewal – Animal Control

Public Hearings

Regular Business

Civic Center Master Plan

Code Amend. Initiation Request – Foliage in Side Yard

Updated NCCP Preserve Management Agmt. between City and PVPLC

San Ramon Project Study Report

Stop Sign Request on Ambergate Dr. at Brookford Dr.

Noise Ordinance

February 1, 2011

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent

Public Hearings

Regular Business

February 15, 2011

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

**Consent
Public Hearings
Regular Business**

Future Agenda Items

- 1) Trees in public ROW
- 2) Sheriff Substation within Civic Center
- 3) Permitting of Above-Ground Facilities in the Right-of-Way (Lynch)
- 4) Gifts to City - From Estates and Planned Giving (Long)
- 5) Citywide Sewer Fee
- 6) Skate Park



RPVTV Channel 33 Programming Schedule Guide

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Week of 12/06/10 - 12/12/10
Monday through Sunday

6:00 AM - 6:30 AM	Sit and Be Fit - Low Impact Fitness	3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Community Connection: Robin Hood at Peninsula High School
6:30 AM - 7:00 AM	Cardio Strength Stretch - Moderate to Rigorous Exercise Routines	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Playing the Field: The L.A. Auto Show 2010
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Community Connection: Breakfast with Santa 2010 Promo	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Playing the Field: Nascar 2010
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Community Connection: Robin Hood at Peninsula High School	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Sit and Be Fit - Low Impact Fitness
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Playing the Field: The L.A. Auto Show 2010	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Cardio Strength Stretch - Moderate to Rigorous Exercise Routines
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Playing the Field: Nascar 2010	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Community Connection: Breakfast with Santa 2010 Promo
09:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Norris Center Drive Street Dedication Ceremony, November 30th, 2010	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Community Connection: Robin Hood at Peninsula High School
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	The Norris Theatre (continued)	7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Peninsula Seniors: Hughes Glomar Explorer - John Evans
10:00 AM - 10:30AM	Community Connection: Robin Hood at Peninsula High School	7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Peninsula Seniors (continued)
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Peninsula Symphonic Winds Concert, November 2010	8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Playing the Field: The L.A. Auto Show 2010
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Peninsula Symphonic Winds Concert (continued)	8:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Playing the Field: Nascar 2010
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Peninsula Symphonic Winds Concert (continued)	9:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Community Connection: Breakfast with Santa
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Peninsula Seniors: Homesteading on the Northern Plains - Judy Cook	9:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Community Connection: Robin Hood at Peninsula High School
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Peninsula Seniors (continued)	10:00 PM - 10:30 PM	The City of Rancho Palos Verdes City Council Meeting from December 7th, 2010
1:00 PM - 1:30PM	Norris Center Drive Street Dedication Ceremony, November 30th, 2010	10:30 PM - 11:00 PM	City Council (continued)
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	The Norris Theatre (continued)	11:00 PM - 11:30 PM	City Council (continued)
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Playing the Field: The L.A. Auto Show 2010	11:30 PM - 12:00 AM	City Council (continued)
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Playing the Field: Nascar 2010	12:00 AM - 1:00 AM	City Council (continued)
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Community Connection: Breakfast with Santa 2010 Promo	1:00 AM - 6:00 AM	Community Announcements



PVPTV35 Programming Schedule Guide
Week of 12/6/10 to 12/12/10

Monday, Dec. 6

3:00PM

Palos Verdes Library Dist.

6:00PM

PVP Coordinating Council

7:00PM

PVPUSD Board Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 7

7:00PM

City of RPV City Council Meeting - LIVE

Wednesday, Dec. 8

7:30PM

City of PVE City Council Meeting 11/23/10

Thursday, Dec. 9

No Programming

Friday, Dec. 10

6:00PM

PVP Land Conserancy Nature Walk

7:00PM

City of RPV City Council Meeting 12/7/10

Saturday, Dec. 11

10:00AM

RHE 2010 Peninsula Holiday Parade

7:00PM

City of RPV Planning Commission 11/23/10

Sunday, Dec. 12

10:00AM

RHE 2010 Peninsula Holiday Parade

7:00PM

City of RPV City Council Meeting 12/7/10

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT- LOMITA STATION
REPORTED CRIMES & ARRESTS BETWEEN 11/21/10 & 11/27/10**

LOMITA:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
GRAND THEFT AUTO	10-04257	1711	11/25/10-11/26/10	2230-0945	26000 BLOCK CYPRESS ST	UNKNOWN	91 HONDA CIVIC 2DR, GRN	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN. LOCATION TYPE- PARKING LOT.
COMMERCAIL BURGLARY	10-04266	1712	11/26/10-11/27/10	2300-1030	24400 BLOCK CRENSHAW BL	FRONT DOOR	MONEY	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN.
ARRESTS: VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER-1,NARCOTICS-2,LOITERING-1,DRUNK IN PUBLIC-1,SPOUSAL ASSULT-1,BATTERY-1								

RANCHO PALOS VERDES:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	10-04219	1730	11/21/10-11/22/10	2300-0800	26200 BLOCK BASSWOOD AVE	UNLOCKED GARAGE DOOR	WROKSITE RADIO/CHARGER, DRILL, 2 SAWS, LITHIUM ION CHARGER	SUSPECT(S) UNKNONWN.
GRAND THEFT AUTO	10-04210	1742	11/07/10-11/21/10	1730-1100	4200 BLOCK DAUNTLESS DR	DRIVER SIDE DOOR, BROKEN LOCK	REGISTRATION	ATTEMPT. LOCATION TYPE- RESIDENTIAL STREET. SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN ATTEMPTED TO TAKE THE VICITMS VEHICLE. IGNITION AND DOOR LOCK WERE BROKEN.
VEHICLE BURGLARY	10-04227	1744	11/22/10-11/23/10	2100-0630	30400 BLOCK MIRALESTE DR	UNKNOWN	BOOK BAG	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN. LOCATION TYPE- RESIDENTIAL STREET.
GRAND THEFT AUTO	10-04260	1740	11/13/10-11/25/10	0001-1210	32600 BLOCK NANTASKET DR	UNKNOWN	05 MERCEDEZ CLK 320 2DR, BLK	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN. LOCATION TYPE- PARKING LOT.
ARRESTS: SPOUSAL ASSULT-1,NARCOTICS-4,VEHICLE LAWS-2								

ROLLING HILLS:

NO CRIMES OR ARRESTS OCCURRED AT THIS TIME.

ROLLING HILLS ESTATES:

ARRESTS:VEHICLE LAWS-1

SAN PEDRO:

ARRESTS:NARCOTICS-1

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA:

NO CRIMES OR ARRESTS OCCURRED DURING THIS TIME.

Carolynn Petru

From: Tom Long [tomlong@palosverdes.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2010 2:15 PM
To: Ned Mansour
Cc: clehr@rpv.om; carolynn@rpv.com
Subject: Re: Annenberg Project What Happened and Why? The Failure of a Public-Private Partnership

Ned,

Thank you very much for the dialogue below and the earlier dialogue. The high quality dialogue from my constituents keeps me on my toes I think, even when, or perhaps especially when, we do not agree. I am especially thankful to people who disagree with me and have the courage to say so and to maintain a dialogue that helps me see the issues. It's the same thing I value at work. Yes men don't help me much. Those who disagree with me have helped me a lot. It's nice to hear agreement now and then, but it is only disagreement that has any chance of helping me avoid mistakes. I may not avoid those mistakes and/or I may not end up being persuaded by your disagreement, but that disagreement is very valuable nonetheless. Democracy does best when it encourages respectful and thoughtful disagreement. That is exactly what you have brought to the table. I am lucky to have constituents who disagree with me.

Personally I think UPV would be almost as good as LPV for the facility and indeed it has better views. BUT there are serious problems that make this a non-starter. (1) The opposition will be exactly the same as at LPV and many similar problems and some additional ones will arise. Statements to the contrary notwithstanding, the opposition will not accept UPV. (2) I raised this issue with Annenberg many times over the years. My impression is that they view UPV as inadequate because it does not allow them to tie in very well with PVIC. While that is not a non-starter from my point of view, I am almost certain it is from theirs. (3) Annenberg views the current council as having a "vacuum of leadership and vision" and Annenberg and some project proponents think the council is "untrustworthy." Again, I don't agree, but these perceptions likely mean that Annenberg will not trust whatever "commitment" we give it to consider an alternative site given that we didn't give this one a full hearing. If they have to go to an alternative site they need to pretty much redesign. Why not do that in a city that is friendlier to public-private partnerships?

Finally I note that a lot of people object to the idea of a supposed "qui pro quo" and insist that we keep Annenberg and others "at arm's length." If this is the attitude of our community, then we should stop wasting time and we should simply turn all private donors away unless they just want to give us completely unrestricted gifts of cash or in kind items. When the city contracts with a street paving company, it is an adversarial situation. The company wants the work but also wants the most profit possible. The city wants the work done but wants the lowest price possible. Obviously we must be at "arm's length" in such transactions. But when we work with another government agency or a non-profit, the relationship should not be adversarial. We often get grants and those grants often have conditions. If we say that such conditions are an unacceptable "quid pro quo" we are attaching profit motives to agencies and foundations that do not have those motives. We are also being very naive and unrealistic.

For many grants we get, the funding is designed to fulfill particular purposes. For example, the city got many grants for open space acquisition. The city partnered with a private foundation, the PVPLC, and state agencies to get grant money to buy the land. The grants have conditions set forth in reams of paper drastically limiting the city's prerogatives as to how that land will be used. Since the government grants under the NCCP only restricted the city for 50 years, the PVPLC asked for and got conservation

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easements over the property that are good in perpetuity in exchange for its contributions. In sum, the city's use of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve (city owned land) is in a straight jacket in perpetuity as a result of conditions imposed by a private foundation. (And I think that is a good thing by the way.) Of course the contributions by the PVPLC and the government agencies were pivotal in getting the open space acquisition done. Is all of this an unacceptable "qui pro quo?" Is there a conflict of interest? Should the city have tried to find other land consrvancies (there likely are some) that would not have insisted on perpetual conservation easements so as to keep its options open? Should we keep PVPLC and the government agencies at "arm's length" negotiating with them like they are profit-driven adversaries similar to a street paving company?

Another complaint was that Annenberg's earlier contributions to the city (which were not conditioned upon approval of this proposed project) also created a perception of a "quid pro quo." Again the thought appears to be that non-profits cannot be trusted to be such. This thought also has no recognition of the reality that many foundations making large gifts will want to start out making smaller ones to see how the recipient handles gifts. Ponder how we handle our own contributions. Is there anything wrong with a non-profit or another governmental agency saying to the city "here is a small gift, let's see how you do with this as we ponder whether to give you more?" If our community leaders do not understand this reality, then we are simply not really interested in public-private partnerships and we should stop wasting our time and the time of others such as the Annenberg foundation on the notion that we are interested.

Ned, Thank you again for framing these issues and maintaining a dialogue with me.

Staff--please put this in a Friday report.

Tom Long

Tom

Thanks for taking time to read and respond to my note.

We did not re-elect you or other members of the Council because you vote in a politically correct or expedient manner. We expect all of you to protect our interests.

Ironically, I have been relatively inactive in local matters until the Marymount issue surfaced. While I had a balanced view of this matter, I voted against it for two reasons: in sympathy to nearby residents of the college who would be adversely affected and also due to the inappropriate tactics/approach adopted by the college in circumventing the planning process.

At some point, you or the Mayor may wish to address one issue that has often been suggested, but never truly answered. Has the Council and/or the Annenberg Foundation ever given serious consideration to the suggestion of using Upper Point Vicente for this facility? If not, is it something that the City and the Anneberg Foundation might give due consideration at this point? After all, if the Planning Commission previously authorized giving the land for a proposed Terranea golf course, you would think the Annenberg facility would be a far better utilization of this land.

Ned

November 21, 2010

Dear Tom,

At first, I hesitated to write about your e-mail of November 20 regarding the Annenberg proposal, but like you mentioned to me this week, I also need to bring to closure matters that trouble me.

In our exchange of e-mails over the past week, I thought we agreed on at least two matters:

1. Reasonable minds may differ; and
2. The planning staff has been dedicated and efficient in connection with the Hesse Park project and the Annenberg proposal.

Given your email, it seems that you even disagree on the first item, at least when it comes to the proposal in question.

On first reading your note, I was frankly irritated. In the second reading, I found it shameful. By the third reading, it became sadly humorous. I can just picture you seething at your colleagues and unappreciative constituents as you banged away on your keyboard. You do not seem to have a high regard for any of us.

It would seem that this argument now goes well beyond benefiting the community. This has become truly personal issue for you. For whatever reason, opposing views on this matter have become an affront to you.

For reasons that are only known to you, I seriously doubt that anything can be demonstrated or said that would persuade you to possibly rethink, even for one minute, your strong position on this proposal – not Federal or State governments, not your colleagues on the Council; not the Planning Commission members; not the staff; and not even supportive and respected constituents.

Tom, I noticed that you did not even pay lip service to any concerns voiced by speakers during the Council meeting or those who expressed their views in written comments. In your comments during the meeting and in your written responses, you have been abruptly dismissive and argumentative about every possible view questioning the viability or merits of this proposal, no matter how accurate, well-intentioned or rational those comments may be.

As one minor example of your rigidity on this matter, you constantly cite that the planned facility would only use about 3% of the Lower Point Vicente land, excluding any hard-scape. You were correct in chiding me for using the imprecise word “massive” in describing the planned facility. However, you do not even accept the notion that a facility that would be five times the footprint of the Interpretive Center or nearly five times the square footage of our local Trader Joe’s is “large” by any measure, particularly so if built on precious coastal parkland. The point being, you seem to have lost all objectivity on this subject.

My sense is you believe that anyone who disagrees with you on this particular matter typically fall within one of two camps; they are either woefully ill-informed of the true facts or they remain stubbornly blinded and ignorant of those facts.

Since we are not in an adversarial proceeding or a heated election campaign, I hope you had the simple common courtesy of giving fellow Council members a “heads’ up” by allowing them to review your e-mail before distribution. I would think that you would want the same favor in return from fellow Council members if unfavorable comments were made about you in a public e-mail.

I just wonder whether you would adopt the same approach if you dissented from a decision made by your firm’s executive committee. I doubt you would demean the majority committee members in an open e-mail to others in the firm.

While I do not know Ms. Ciccoria or Mr. Siegenthaler, I am hopeful that in the interest of fairness, they will be given an equal opportunity to use this same forum to offer a response, if they choose to do so. Otherwise, their points of view may never be fully known to RPV residents.

We try to teach young people the effective and proper way of voicing differing points of views in a compelling, yet diplomatic and respectful manner. The teenagers who support a skate park at Hesse Park were able to witness proper decorum during the Council meeting in which speakers were able to voice their respective points of view.

I agree with you that all the appropriate facts should surface about the Annenberg proposal, but the tone and attacking nature of your e-mail crosses the line of proper behavior and is an embarrassment to you, your colleagues and the elected office you hold.

The way the Hesse Park hearing was handled by the City Council should be a case study for a high school civics class of the right way to operate local government. Your e-mail should be used as an exhibit for the wrong way.

If it was your intent to publicly vilify three dedicated colleagues and to suggest that we have a fragmented, dysfunctional and weak City Council, you will be pleased to know that you have more than succeeded.

Had the vote been 3-2 in the other direction in favor of the Annenberg proposal and a minority Council member treated the majority in this manner, I would also be writing this letter to that Council member. It is not where one sits on this particular issue; it is about a disrespectful approach.

Ned Mansour

Carolynn Petru

From: Robert Kalmey [kalmeyfamily@cox.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2010 12:42 PM
To: Tom Long
Cc: clehr@rpv.com; carolynn@rpv.com
Subject: Re: Annenberg Project What Happened and Why?

I'm not doing anything whatsoever as a taxpaying property-owner to "hurt" the city Sir and I resent your implication in that respect.

Absurd statements like that from government staff (volunteers or not) are a large part of why people like me are "angry" as you put it.

Put that in your Friday report.

Robert

----- Original Message -----

From: Tom Long
To: robert kalmey
Cc: clehr@rpv.com ; carolynn@rpv.com
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2010 12:08 PM
Subject: Re: Annenberg Project What Happened and Why?

Robert,

A city councilman cannot repair the state and federal government. It's all we can do to try to keep the city government running. Please remember we are part time volunteers.

The city is just us and a little bit of our money. When you hurt the city you just hurt yourself and your own property values. Whatever you anger at government is, directing it at the city is counterproductive.

Tom Long

Staff--please put this in a Friday report.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Robert Kalmey" <kalmeyfamily@cox.net>
Sent: 11/21/2010 11:37:43 AM
To: "Tom Long" <tomlong@palosverdes.com>
Cc: clehr@rpv.com, carolynn@rpv.com
Subject: Re: Annenberg Project What Happened and Why?

When you push your views so stridently Tom you are going to get push back. Deal with it. You put yourself out there. I've seen the land like all of us have, thank you. I'm not going to be your sympathetic ear to weep for how little tax you government types take from me.

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I'm not responsible for the corrupt state system that creates revenue problems for local cities, so maybe instead of lecturing taxpaying residents when they don't agree with you and spend the time to express their opinion, you could work to fix this failed Third World state that is taxing and regulating me to death and driving more and more people like me out of RPV because we just can't afford it any longer.

If you really value your tax base so much you might want to consider addressing what's actually causing whatever revenue problems our city may have. And it isn't one long-delayed land project.

Robert Kalmey

----- Original Message -----

From: Tom Long

To: Robert Kalmey

Cc: clehr@rpv.com ; carolynn@rpv.com

Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2010 9:34 AM

Subject: Re: Annenberg Project What Happened and Why?

Dear Robert, Go look at the land and tell me if you think it is "natural." When we discuss issues we should at least have the same reference point. To me farm fields and weeds devoid of native plants are not "natural." As for the rest of your comments I don't understand how you see the big hand of a statist government or a "power gran" by the city in a proposed partnership with a private non-profit. Nor can I see statism in a city that gets only 6% of your property tax and has only \$1.20 per resident per day and can hardly keep the streets paved properly. Perhaps you favor the PVP Watch approach of "driving government toward zero." How that helps our property values escapes me. But if you really want to look at a "statist" government look at those wild-eyed radicals in Palos Verdes Estates. They vote by over 80% every 10 years to tax themselves an extra \$700 per parcel to have their own police department and other "statist" government services. They must be a bunch of commies, right? Actually they are just smart people who realize that local government keeps the dollars here and that its spending directly helps our property values. Notice how theirs are higher than ours? Notice how their streets, public buildingd and parks are nicer too? I'd be remiss to accept the mediocrity that seems to satisfy you and I won't accept it. I will continue to ask how we can so things better. Tom Long Mayor Pro Tem, Rancho Palos Verdes Staff please put this in a Friday report.

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From: "Robert Kalmey"

Sent: 11/21/2010 9:02:02 AM

To: tomlong@palosverdes.com

Subject: Re: Annenberg Project What Happened and Why?

Dear Mr. Long

You never cease to amaze me with the contortions you will assume and the self-importance you attempt to project in order to advance the growth and influence of government over city residents. I don't care one way or the other about the subject issue, however your statist nature is apparent with your constant attempts to lobby residents to your government-centric views and your ease of attack on those who you claim oppose your aims, which constantly appear to be those of granting ever more power to city government.

Weeds on the peninsula - oh the horror. Please. That is the lamest excuse for espousing more government control of natural land that I've ever heard.

disappointed,
Robert Kalmey
Seaview

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From:

To:

Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2010 12:12 PM

Subject: Annenberg Project What Happened and Why?

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Carolynn Petru

From: Tom Long [tomlong@palosverdes.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2010 4:22 PM
To: clehr@rpv.com; carolynn@rpv.com
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Charter City

for a Friday report

-----Original Message-----

From: "Tom Long"
Sent 11/20/2010 4:20:35 PM
To: "sharon yarber"
Subject: Re: Fwd: Charter City

P.S. If you have any substantive comments to share on charter city beyond the comments below please do feel free to share them. You may want to keep in mind, though, that all your comments with me are public. Staff--please place this e-mail and the prior e-mail with Ms. Yarber in a Friday report. Tom Long

-----Original Message-----

From: "sharon yarber"
Sent 11/20/2010 4:09:11 PM
To: "Tom Long"
Subject: Fwd: FW: Annenberg Project What Happened and Why?

Tom:

The below letter of yours is full of lies and half truths and is an absolute disgrace. I plan to take this before the State Bar because your total disregard of the truth is beyond reprehensible. You should be disbarred, as well as recalled.

I have no desire to break bread with you on Monday. Breakfast is cancelled.

For a host of reasons I plan to vigorously oppose the Charter City measure. This letter is merely the last nail in the coffin. It will be defeated as God is my witness.

Heaven help us if 3 people like you could alone control the entire destiny of the City. The measure is flawed, no doubt the process for adopting all future ordinances will be flawed, the bullshit outreach and "educational" process is a sham and fraud, and I question how you manage to sleep at night (assuming that you actually do). I am almost speechless (by my voice will ring loud and clear henceforth). Be prepared for battle.

Sharon Yarber

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Subject: Annenberg Project What Happened and Why?

11/23/2010

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Carolynn Petru

From: Tom Long [tomlong@palosverdes.com]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 6:05 PM
To: NOEL PARK
Cc: clehr@rpv.com; carolynn@rpv.com
Subject: Re: Support For Annenberg Pt. Vicente Project

Dear Noel,

I appreciate the supportive comments. I think this is about all we can do at this point unless there are some people out there who can talk some common sense into the other 3.

I won't sugar coat this. The project is likely dead. As is the prospect of our city ever having a public-private partnership in our lifetimes. When the council voted in 2008 to allow the application to proceed, that vote meant that we felt the project was worth going through the full planning process. It also meant we felt the project was consistent with the general plan because we did not ask for a general plan amendment.

Even though the National Park Service representative tempered his comments, and even though the deed restrictions do not say what people think they say, and even though the NPS indicated it would really be best to apply for determinations on the deed restrictions (which can also be amended) with a complete project that has gone through the entire planning process, the council oddly decided to abort that process.

The council members had each told Annenberg they supported the project and wanted it to go through the full planning process before the meeting. 3 of them then blindsided the foundation by voting as they did.

The concerns raised by the opponents of the project are exactly the kinds of concerns addressed in a planning process. I won't address the merits in detail but I will say that the opponents are misinformed. To not even give Annenberg a chance to address them in a full planning process after years of work and millions of dollars being spent is not businesslike. Other private donors were in the audience watching. Those other donors and anyone else who does their homework and understands how our community works will never want to work with us.

We may get a few minor improvements to parks here and there but get used to our "civic center" of a used army barracks and rusted trailers because it is all there is likely to be in your lifetime and mine. The community does not support improvements in civic life and so seems destined to the decay that communities that have such a negative attitude frequently suffer.

I am embarrassed to be an RPV resident and councilmember this week. Maybe things will get better. I doubt it.

Staff please include this exchange in a Friday report.

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Tom Long

-----Original Message-----

From: "NOEL PARK" <noel@jdcorvette.com>

Sent 11/19/2010 5:33:52 PM

To: cc@rpv.com, "Carolyn Lehr" <clehr@rpv.com>, jrojas@rpv.com

Subject: Support For Annenberg Pt. Vicente Project

6715 El rodeo Road
RPV, CA 90275
(310) 377-4035 home
(562) 201-2128 cell

I am saddened to see that this project seems to have been delayed. I think that it is a worthy project, and I hope that you will find the means to allow it to go forward.

In my opinion, the Annenberg foundation has been a good and generous neighbor and supporter to our City. I believe that this relationship should be preserved and nurtured by whatever means possible. I sincerely hope that you will find a way to work collaboratively with the Annenberg folks to find a way to meet their needs along with those of the City. I hope that you will make every effort to reach out to them at this difficult time to make sure that they understand that they are valued and respected members of our community, and that we will strive to work with them to arrive at a mutually satisfactory and beneficial conclusion.

I know that you all have our community's best interest at heart. I am confident that this will all work out for the best.

Very best regards,

Noel Park

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Carolynn Petru

From: Bob Marohn [rkmarohn@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 8:17 AM
To: 'Tom Long'
Cc: clehr@rpv.com; carolynn@rpv.com
Subject: RE: Annenberg Project

Tom

I have already thought about it a lot. For me weeds can be dealt with when a good use for the land emerges and they don't obstruct the beautiful view. But once the Annenberg Project is built, for all practical purposes it is there forever. I know there is opposition to building such things as recreation fields (baseball, soccer) for our children on this site but I think that would be highly preferable to buildings. Also, they don't have the same permanency as buildings.

Bob Marohn

From: Tom Long [mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 7:38 AM
To: Bob Marohn
Cc: clehr@rpv.com; carolynn@rpv.com
Subject: Re: Annenberg Project

Dear Bob, If headcounting is the issue then the community is about evenly split. The one difference is that most of the opponents don't know the project very well and most of the proponents do. Of course if all we did was count petition of the most vocal people we would have no improvements at any city parks (remember this is parkland) except dog parks. LPV has not been "beautiful coastline" for many years. It's been a commercial farm. Now it is weeds. It's largely inaccessible and likely will remain that way now for decades. It makes a nice view for those who live nearby, but for me the view is only a sad one of failure, shortsightedness and selfishness. An unwillingness on our part to share the coastline with others--the others being the state taxpayers from all over who funded 95% of our land acquisition. The "civic center" of this community is an old army barracks and some trailers. True--it won't remain that way forever. We will need to get new trailers after an earthquake. But now it seems unlikely we will ever see any real improvements. Large McMansions on the coastline for private use are good but anything at all for public use is unacceptable. In my view that policy does not present a good image of our community. Think about it some more. Staff please put in a Friday report. Tom Long

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From: "Bob Marohn"
Sent: 11/17/2010 9:45:45 PM
To: tomlong@palosverdes.com
Cc: cc@rpv.com, aram@rpv.com
Subject: RE: Annenberg Project

Tom.....I have followed this Annenberg Project closely and read everything that I can find to make sure I am not missing something. Up to now I have not talked publicly to anyone about it but in my many private conversations I have met no one who is enthusiastic to have this thing built

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on our beautiful coastline. I have no doubt there are plenty of people who like it but I seriously doubt their numbers are even close to a majority of RPV residents. Tom, I have read your defense of the project citing details possibly misstated by some that this project can be built without violating the city's general plan, the deed restrictions and such. But let me tell you from my experience as a member of the PV Advisory Council that sponsored the formation of this city, as a member of SOC, as the founder of the Portuguese Bend Defense Committee who was named in a \$7 million law suit over the apartment (now condos) project built east of Portuguese Bend (now on the east end of the Trump Golf Course), as a member of the General Plan Goals Committee and as a member of the City's first Planning Committee that preceded the first Planning Commission (having come in 6th in the first election for city council), the founders of this city never would have dreamed of supporting anything like the Annenberg Project on this pristine piece of coastline. I must admit I am thinking of coming out of my 35 year retirement from being an activist in our city to oppose this project. I don't think that you and the others in our city government who are supporting this project are doing a good job of listening to the citizens of our city. I implore you to please stop supporting this type of development anywhere on our coastline no matter how much private money it might bring. I hope that Ken Dyda will apply the efforts of the SOC III organization he leads to oppose the Annenberg Project.

Thank you for taking time to read this plea.

Bob Marohn
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Rancho Palos Verdes
rkmarohn@cox.net
310.377.8565

-----Original Message-----

From: tomlong@palosverdes.com [mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:47 PM
To: rkmarohn@cox.net
Subject: Annenberg Project

From: tomlong@palosverdes.com

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Message:

Dear RPV Residents,

I have posted some thoughts on the Annenberg project on my webpage.

See <http://www.palosverdes.com/tomlong/>

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Thank you.

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To: pointvicentevet@aol.com
Cc: clehr@rpv.com; carolynn@rpv.com
Subject: Re: follow up

Dear Cassie, Thank you for your contribution last night. It seems many people have forgotten the common definitions of "recreation." You reminded us. I set forth one example below. Staff please include in a Friday report. Tom Long recreation [ˌrɛkrɪˈeɪʃən] n 1. refreshment of health or spirits by relaxation and enjoyment 2. an activity or pastime that promotes this 3. (Social Science / Education) a. an interval of free time between school lessons b. (as modifier) recreation period

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 11/17/2010 6:23:38 PM
To: cc@rpv.com
Subject: follow up

Dear councilmen,

I ran out of time and was so tired last night that I forgot to say that birth control doesn't work for population control of wild peacocks and that dog parks are actually a good thing and can be successful anywhere with the right set up and regulations. The space at the landfill would really be great but I have seen them just about everywhere. The strangest one I have seen is right next to a hotel on Sunset Blvd. (below street grade) down from the House of Blues- it's great and really clean and not noisy (because it is below street grade).

I listened to much of the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council Meeting proceedings last night. I am always impressed with how residents in this City actually do get involved in civic issues. We really should be proud of that. I was not proud of the tone of anger and bitterness and downright venom that I heard coming from a lot of people. And I heard a lot of misinformation based on an ignorance that is pervasive and perpetuated in our society. But by and large people spoke from the heart.

Specifically, there were many people in attendance who have not learned what is a basic concept to others. These are all very smart people but I think our society and educational system has not gotten the point across that there is a oneness among living things and a great web of interconnectedness that exists all around us. Schools don't typically get in to these sort of big picture ideas. Specifically, just because we have domesticated certain animals in this society, it does not mean those animals are any more or any less valuable or important than animals that have not or cannot be domesticated. As a veterinarian, we are taught a lot about the similarities and differences, the unique characteristics and quirks of animals. Last night I actually heard people say they believed that wild and domesticated animals virtually had nothing to do with each other. My point about the person with dozens of beloved feral and semi-feral cats was that there is a true belief by this person that spaying and neutering and vaccinating are not "nature's way." This is a fundamental educational issue and one we cannot let be perpetuated. Children can learn things that adults cannot. Jonne Donne said it much more eloquently than I:

"No man is an island entire of itself; every man

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is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;
if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe
is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as
well as any manner of thy friends or of thine
own were; any man's death diminishes me,
because I am involved in mankind.
And therefore never send to know for whom
the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”

A time not so long ago, our society could not imagine that we would nearly wipe out the vast herds of buffalo and eliminate the dense flocks of passenger pigeons and nearly destroy all the pelicans and endanger whales and sea otters- there were so many of all of them! Now we have great programs in place to counter some of these great atrocities and this is a good thing and a great step for mankind. It is just as impossible to believe that we could ever, ever slaughter so many other animals such that we would come to regret it again. Yet that is what we are doing as a means of population control with the animals we have domesticated. Now, I certainly don't believe we are about to kill so many cats and dogs in shelters as to actually do this in my lifetime but I also don't believe it is the message we want to be sending our children as to how you solve such overpopulation problems. When we accept the slaughter of any animals simply because they were born we really don't consciously or subconsciously send the right message out. The dogs and cats we all love and adore are a part of the world and a part of our environment just as the sea otters and parakeets are.

I also heard a lot of “Not in My Backyard” (or in my case, front yard) sentiment and I can certainly understand it. I just happen to think that animals are worth it in the long run but I can respect that others don't see it for the long run. My view is not of the ocean but of the future and it is not impaired by a place with the vision to see that we can only help by educating and sending the honest message to our children.

Anyway, thanks for all you do.

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Carolynn Petru

From: Tom Long [tomlong@palosverdes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 5:29 PM
To: carolynn@rpv.com; clehr@rpv.com
Subject: Fw: Annenberg for a Friday Report

-----Original Message-----

From: "Jeane Etter"
Sent 11/17/2010 5:19:24 PM
To: tomlong@palosverdes.com
Subject:

Dear Tom,

After watching last nights "SHOW" I don't know how anyone wants to be a council member. Thanks to all of you.

I was born on the Peninsula in 1935 and have lived in RPV since 1959. Of all the developments I've watched evolve, The Annenberg Project is one of the outstanding attributes offered to the city. I have visited the project in San Diego and it is absolutely first-class jewel and a wonderful educational facility for K-12 Students, college students as well as adults. Cassie Jones DVM (RPV) can tell you how important this is for RPV (I had numerous students from Peninsula High School intern with her). Learning to respect and care for animals can help to eliminate abusive characteristics in childhood as well as in adults. The educational programs offered by Annenberg will fill a void we have on the Peninsula. Marineland was another internship program we had at Rolling Hills High School but after it closed I had to send students to San Pedro and Long Beach.

The area now is just a "weeded patch" and before a farm to raise Garbonzo Beans and an Army Rifle Range.. What an asset The Annenberg Center would be for RPV.

Please try to eliminate obstacles to this project so we may have such an outstanding educational and community facility.

Respectfully,

Jean Christensen-Etter, Teacher Emeritus PVPUSD (1964-2005)

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Carolynn Petru

From: Tom Long [tomlong@palosverdes.com]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 7:25 AM
To: robert.c.critelli@morganstanleysmithbarney.com
Cc: clehr@rpv.com; carolynn@rpv.com
Subject: Re: Annenberg Project

Bob, Whatever the "real issue" is it is moot. The project is likely dead along with any chance for this city to partner with a non-profit ever again in our lifetimes. It's one thing to go through the full planning process and have a project rejected at some point. People realize that's a risk. What donors don't see as a risk is not even being given an opportunity to address the issues and not being given a full hearing. Nor do they see as a risk decision makers changing their minds midway and dishonoring earlier commitments they made. It's not just that we said "no" that is the problem, it is the way we said it. (Indeed one councilmember voted "no" while saying "yes"--what nonsense--shouldn't we at least be straight-up with out views?) There were other donors to the city watching in the audience and observing elsewhere. One has already pulled some funds previously given to the city. The others can be expected not to do anything with us. Precious property indeed. So precious we rent it to a commercial farm for decades and neglect it but cannot even consider it as an educational center for children. Interesting community values. Happy holidays--yeah, right. Enjoy the city's decades old used army barracks and trailer park civic center because it it all we will see in our lifetimes. We will be lucky to keep the streets paved and the sewers and storm drains functioning. I was stupid to think this community wanted any real improvements in the quality of life here or to think we would approach decisions in a business like and rational way. My mistake. Staff--please put this in a Friday report. Tom Long

-----Original Message-----

From: "Critelli, Robert C [MSB-PVTC]"
Sent: 11/19/2010 6:53:28 AM
To: "Tom Long"
Subject: RE: Annenberg Project

Dear Tom,

Again, if you ever want to discuss the real issue I would be most happy to meet with you. Best to you and the family for the holiday season.

Bob Critelli

From: Tom Long [mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 3:17 PM
To: robert.c.critelli@morganstanleysmithbarney.com
Subject: Re: Annenberg Project

Dear Bob,

The idea that the Annenberg project was a "secret" is not at all accurate--there was a lot of publicity

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about the project. Not as much as about Marymount that's for sure--but calling it a secret really doesn't make you seem very credible. And yes you can get petitions quite quickly for all sorts of things. You just put the right words in the right place and sit and gather signatures. People want to be helpful and they will almost always agree with you when your side is the only side they hear.

Of more interest to me in the end will be whether opponents of this particular project would support any development of any parkland in the city anywhere. Hard to tell. For some I think the answer is yes. For others the answer is no--the desire is to limit access to city parks as much as possible. For some it is personal--they live close to parks they think of and treat as their back yards and they don't want to share. There is little point to pondering alternate locations if the same objection exists everywhere. And I think the same objection will exist in all or almost all places in the city.

I don't think I need a lesson on how public park land should be used, but thank you for the offer. I am familiar with the requirements that apply here and they are not the real issue preventing the project from moving forward.

Tom Long

-----Original Message-----

From: "Critelli, Robert C [MSB-PVTC]"

Sent 11/18/2010 2:57:59 PM

To: "Tom Long"

Cc: "Ken DeLong"

Subject: RE: Annenberg Project

Tom,

I am available to meet with you at any time to discuss proper use of public open space parkland. As a matter of fact, I believe it would be an excellent idea to establish a RPV community awareness group that could discuss ideas for the future of our remaining open space parkland. There is much more to the results that took place Wednesday morning than obvious deed restrictions. You just don't get a thousand signatures in three days against a project that has gone through a proper process. This was indeed the best kept secret in the history of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Transparency now becomes more important than ever as we shape the future of RPV.

Best regards,
Bob Critelli

From: Tom Long [mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 1:05 PM
To: robert.c.critelli@morganstanleysmithbarney.com
Subject: Re: Annenberg Project

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Whatever differences of opinion people may have it helps to start from the same point of reference. Can you tell me exactly where in the deed you are referring to when you say the property must be used as stated in the deed? I have posted the deed on my webpage so you can go get a copy there if need be. And if and when you do cite the deed, please don't leave out key provisions as the speakers on Tuesday did. I have the whole thing and I have read it all.

Tom Long

www.palosverdes.com/tomlong

-----Original Message-----

From: "Critelli, Robert C [MSB-PVTC]"

Sent 11/18/2010 12:57:30 PM

To: "Tom Long"

Subject: RE: Annenberg Project

You are wasting your time with Long. Please remind him that his insults and interruptions have gone on LONG enough and the next time our city representatives should seek suitable RANCHO PV resident input. The illegal PVIC is not relavent. What is relavent is that Rancho Palos Verdes not become RANCHO ANNENBERG. This property is to be preserved and used as stated in the deed for the PUBLIC and the USA. This is not something to be given to a foundation with a hidden agenda-----

From: Tom Long [mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com]

Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 8:43 AM

To: rebisimon

Subject: Re: Annenberg Project

Dear Rebecca, Your assumptions and understandings are confused. The deed restrictions don't say what the opponents of the project say. And no one is proposing a "land grab." (Apparently you did not hear the project manager speak.) I provided copies of the relevant documents at the meeting. You should read them for yourself rather than just trusting what anyone else says. In public and private meetings with staff Mr. Siegenthaler has made it clear that his opinion was preliminary. He did not have all the information. If the misrepresentations of the deed restrictions provided initially were really accurate than PVIC is also in violation. The only reference to it anywhere in any document describes it as a "wooden picnic structure." So if buildings are forbidden unless specifically approved. PVIC is forbidden in its current form. With all due respect, dicussions about "the rules" cannot take place in a meaningful way unless all parties have read those rules. I have. It is quite apparent you have not. Mr. Siegenthaler's letters are not "the rules." The deed and the POU are. Read those and we can discuss the issue further.
Tom Long

-----Original Message-----

From: "rebisimon"

Sent 11/18/2010 8:30:11 AM

To: tomlong@palosverdes.com

Subject: Re: Annenberg Project

Mr. Long,

I am sorry that after many hours of research, reading of the

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documents, and discussions that the residents of RPV were diligently engaged in, you called them "misinformed". From your letter, it appears that the only person who is deliberately spreading "misinformation" is YOU sir.

NPS rarely attends City Council meetings, however, the gravity of this case is such that the NPS representative was compelled to personally testify. Additionally, his letter which was quoted from by some residents at the meeting, attested to non-compliance of the Annenberg project with the deed.

You have a fiduciary duty to respect and defend our city from any non-compliant projects. Tuesday's meeting proved to all of us that you and Mr. Stern want to change the rules to allow a land grab to take place and that sir is unwarranted.

Rebecca Simon
RPV

In a message dated 11/17/10 21:08:12 Pacific Standard Time, tomlong@palosverdes.com writes:

From: tomlong@palosverdes.com

Subject: Annenberg Project

Message:

Dear RPV Residents,

I have posted some thoughts on the Annenberg project on my webpage.

See <http://www.palosverdes.com/tomlong/>

Thank you.

Tom Long
Mayor Pro Tem, Rancho Palos Verdes

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Carolynn Petru

From: Tom Long [tom_longrpv@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 7:34 AM
To: Carolyn Lehr; Carolynn Petru
Subject: Annenberg--Please add to a Friday Report

Blog Posting:

Perhaps another site will be considered by Annenberg. That's not for me to say. Even if Annenberg picks another site in RPV who is to say it won't be met with the same firestorm of protest. In my 7 years on council, if we simply did what the crowd in the room wanted (and they of course always think they represent everyone) we would never approve anything anywhere on any public land--including handicap compatible trail access!

After 4 years of working with Annenberg, we don't even give them the courtesy of a full planning commission hearing but instead send them packing based on the complaints of a few dozen misinformed people making inaccurate assertions all of which could have been addressed in the planning process which the council majority chose to abort.

Please let's also remember that what you call "Open Coastal Property" is not part of the city's 1400 acre (15% of its total area) nature preserve. Lower Point Vicente is a city park. For decades 40% of it was leased out as a private commercial farm. The rest was mostly weeds. The Annenberg project would have taken 3% for a building and more for outdoor displays all with an educational component for children and would have restored the majority of the site to natural open space. What an unusual set of community values that would waste the land for decades as a commercial farm and weeds but then insist that it is too "precious" to provide educational opportunities for children--"send them to Compton" I am told. Positively appalling to me to think this way--and I don't even have any children--you would think that those who do would be more sensitive.

If Annenberg decides to pull out of RPV--and who could blame them if they did--we will lose a once in a lifetime opportunity for no good reason.

Tom Long