



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

For the period of February 3 through February 16, 2012

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TO: The Honorable City Council

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FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Redevelopment Update

Submitted by Brian Haworth, Assistant to the City Manager

The City's redevelopment agency is officially dead this week.

That being said, staff has been busy transferring the former redevelopment agency's funds into new accounts that allow the City (as successor entity) to pay the agency's debt until June 30. As for what happens with the agency's financial obligations thereafter remains unclear.

However, one thing is clear – there are more questions than answers on how cities are supposed to dismantle their agencies and dispose of assets. It looks as though staff and the Council will be taking dismantling of the agency one day at a time as new legislation is introduced to provide better direction.

Citizen's Academy

Submitted by Brian Haworth, Assistant to the City Manager

Plans are underway to launch the first Citizen's Academy sometime this April.

This first-ever academy will open a direct line of communication between City Hall and the community. The community will get a better understanding of how the City functions, while City Hall learns more about the community and what they need.

Scheduled to start April 12, the academy will consist of eight (8) Thursday night sessions that focus on a range of issues including city finances, neighborhood services, projects and developments, and public safety. Program participants will be selected through an application process, with enrollment limited to 25.

A formalized program description and application will be unveiled the week of February 19. Information will be placed on the city website – www.templecity.us – and made available at public counters.

Rosemead Blvd. Environmental Document

Submitted by Brian Haworth, Assistant to the City Manager

The draft environmental document for the proposed Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project is now available for public review.

The document, which can be viewed at City Hall, Temple City Library and on the city website (www.templecity.us), finds no significant impacts associated with the City's plans to transform its segment of Rosemead Blvd. into an accessible, pedestrian-friendly corridor.

The public is encouraged to review the document for adequacy. Written comments can be submitted until February 29 to the City's Community Development Department. Public hearings will also be held to solicit testimony on February 28 and March 6, 7:30 p.m., in the Temple City Council Chambers, 5938 Kauffman Ave.

If approved by the City Council on March 6, the document will allow the \$17 million project to break ground this summer.

For more information, call the City's Community Development Department at (626) 285-2171.

Input Needed for Rosemead Blvd. Public Art Components

Submitted by Brian Haworth, Assistant to the City Manager

The City's public arts advisory group is seeking citizen input on the future of public art along Rosemead Blvd.

Meetings to solicit input are scheduled for February 8 and 15, 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Community Room.

The upcoming Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project includes many opportunities for public art, starting first with corridor light pole banners and inspirational quotes that will be incorporated in various areas like sidewalks, planters and seating notes.

The advisory group is looking for input on what the banners could look like and what the quotes would say.

For more information, email templecitypublicart@gmail.com.

Update: Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project

Submitted by Sha Jarrahi, Project Manager

- Gruen Associates and Vanir CM attended the arts advisory meeting on January 25 to present and discuss the side panel design options for the selected monument design, and to assist the advisory group in the selection of monumental writing phrases and their limitations. The arts advisory group will meet with the community on February 8 and 15 for presentation and additional input. The group's goal is to finalize all outstanding design issues by month's end.
- Vanir CM and City staff met with the LA County construction management team on January 26 to review the status of the street improvement work north of Temple City on Rosemead Blvd., and to learn about the County's construction experiences. A list of lessons learned was gathered as a result of this meeting.
- Vanir CM, Gruen Associates, and VCA Engineers met on January 30 with Charter Pacific and Southern California Edison (SCE) engineers and field supervisors to conduct a site walk on Rosemead Blvd. The exercise provided a discussion of the undergrounding of overhead utility lines and removal of the electrical poles along Rosemead Blvd. SCE will submit their engineering/design cost for the undergrounding of services by week's end.
- Vanir CM met with the City Attorney on January 30 to discuss issues related to private and commercial property encroachments, temporary construction easements, and the driveway adjustments that are going as part of the project scope. The City Attorney is going to provide step-by-step directions on the procurement of this work by next week.
- Vanir CM met with an AT&T field engineer on February 2 to discuss the undergrounding of overhead telephone lines that will be necessary as a result of the removal of electrical poles along Rosemead Blvd. AT&T will coordinate this effort with SCE, and submit their engineering/design cost for the undergrounding of lines within the coming week.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

New Community Development Project Manager

Submitted by Steve Masura, Community Development Director

The City has employed Paul Deibel, AICP, to fill the recently established position of Community Development Project Manager. This is a part-time position that will assist to the Community Development Department in addressing projects included in the two-year work program recently approved by the City Council.

Paul is a retired urban planner with many years of professional experience in delivering high-quality professional planning and community development services to the communities for which he has worked. His experience includes serving several communities in the region as city planner, planning director and director of community development. He has also worked abroad and is fluent in Spanish. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and a graduate of Princeton University.

Paul appreciates the opportunity to continue his career in urban planning on a part-time basis in the Community Development Department. His work will focus on implementing community development related projects specified by the City's two-year work program in a manner consistent with the Council's objective to move the City from status quo to high performing.

Application for Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

Submitted by Paul Deibel, Community Development Project Manager

An item on the agenda for the upcoming February 7 City Council meeting entails adoption of a resolution approving the submittal of an application for a "Sustainable Communities Planning Grant." Such grants are available from the State of California through a program administered by the state Strategic Growth Council through the state Department of Conservation. Funding for the program is provided pursuant to Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act, approved by the voters in 2006.

This is a (highly) competitive grant program that provides grants to cities, counties, councils of governments and regional transportation agencies so as to promote the development of sustainable communities in California. According to the Strategic Growth Council's website, "the funds awarded will support development, adoption, and implementation of sustainable community planning elements throughout the state, including, but not limited to climate action plans and general plan amendments."

Staff is proposing to apply for these grant funds for the purpose of updating the community's general plan in a manner consistent with the goals of the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. The City Council at its goal setting session of May 19, 2011 identified the need to update the community's general plan, and the City Manager's Action Plan includes a project to conduct an update of the general plan through a community engagement/participation process. This general plan update process would focus on updating elements of the general plan that would be consistent with the goals and funding criteria of the state's program, including measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by promoting infill and compact new development, revitalizing existing downtowns and centers of economic activity, improving air and water quality, improving infrastructure systems and access to public transit, increasing housing affordability, promoting water and energy conservation and efficiency, and developing the local economy.

The procedures established by the state Strategic Growth Council for submittal of applications for Sustainable Communities Planning Grants require that the governing board of any agency applying for such a grant adopt a resolution including specified language approving submittal of the application prior to the submission deadline of February 15.

The community's existing general plan was adopted in 1987, and is in need of updating in order to adequately convey the community's aspirations with respect to its continuing development over the next twenty years. Approval by the state of a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant for Temple City would allow the City to initiate the extensive process for updating the community's general plan on an immediate basis.

New Restaurant Request – Guppy House

Submitted by Hesty Liu, Associate Planner

Guppy House restaurant has submitted a Conditional Use Permit request to establish a store at 5741 Rosemead Boulevard in Temple City Marketplace Plaza located at the northwest corner of Rosemead Boulevard and Las Tunas Drive. The business will occupy the two vacant units in the westerly building of the plaza with a total floor area of approximately 4,800 square feet, a maximum of 135 seats, and opening seven days a week.

The business has successful restaurants in Cerritos, Hacienda Heights, Anaheim, and Irvine. This location will be the fifth store in Southern California. The Conditional Use Permit review has been scheduled for the upcoming February 14 Planning Commission meeting. To take a peek at the food and various drinks the business will serve, please check out their website at www.myguppyteahouse.com.

Community Preservation Monthly Activity Summary

Submitted by Robert Sahagun, Community Preservation Supervisor

The following summarizes community preservation activity for January 2012 and provides a comparison with corresponding figures for the prior year. For purposes of reporting caseload data, "inspections" include observing violations while patrolling the city, responding to complaints, or follow-up inspections on cases already open. Initial window survey assessment of properties for the targeted FASE program were not included/counted as inspections, but follow-up compliance inspections are included.

INSPECTIONS	January '12	January '11
Total Inspections	422	85
Residential	336	24
Business	86	14

CASES/CITATIONS	January '12	January '11
Total Cases Opened	140	53
Total Cases Closed	80	57
Opened - Residential	101	15
Opened – Business	34	12
Other	5	26

Community Preservation Case Study: 4819 Temple City Blvd.

Submitted by Viet Tran, Community Preservation Officer

November 18, 2011: The business owner was issued a notice of violation for a broken/damaged light pole, unpermitted/abandoned signage, faulty weather protection, and the accumulation of junk/trash/debris within its trash enclosure.

January 31, 2012: After several follow-up inspections to monitor compliance, a final inspection indicated the removal of old signage, repainting of the building and a secured trash enclosure.



Before



After



Before



After

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Area 1

Submitted by Bryan Ariizumi, Public Safety Officer

The City and Sheriff's Department hosted a neighborhood watch meeting on January 20 for Area 9, which includes the neighborhoods bound by Longden Ave., Rosemead Blvd., Eaton Wash, and Burton Ave.

Nearly 60 residents attended the meeting to discuss crime trends, home security improvements, code enforcement and emergency preparedness.



Below are a few of the comments received:

What part of the meeting was important to you?

"Information & communication. These meetings help us feel sheriffs are approachable."

"Crime trends and recommendations to make my home/neighborhood safer."

"Every item was important and interesting."

Additional Comments:

"Meals and child care made it MUCH easier to attend."

"Seems the agenda is too full for just 2 hours."

"Keep up the good work. I've lived here for 9 years and this is the first time I heard about this neighborhood watch."

The next neighborhood watch meeting is scheduled for Area 3, which includes the neighborhoods bound by Lemon Ave., the eastern city limit, Las Tunas Dr., and Temple City Blvd. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Southern California Edison (SCE) / California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Hearing

Submitted by Bryan Ariizumi, Public Safety Officer

On January 26, the CPUC held a public participation hearing at Temple City High School regarding SCE's response to the power outages during the Nov. 30/Dec. 1 windstorm. The CPUC heard statements from public officials and residents representing cities affected by the windstorm. The hearing can be viewed (*courtesy of Jerry Jambazian*) on the City's cable channel (Charter Ch. 3 / AT&T Ch. 99) daily at 12 p.m. and 12 a.m.

At Wednesday's CPUC Commission meeting in San Francisco, the Consumer Protection and Safety Division released the preliminary report of its investigation of SCE's outages related to the windstorm. The report examines the cause of the failed poles, the SCE's restoration efforts and communication with the general public and governmental agencies during the event. An archive of the meeting is available on the [CPUC's website](#).

Monthly Law Enforcement Summary Report: November 2011 – January 2012

Submitted by Bryan Ariizumi, Public Safety Officer

Sheriff Targeted Operations

During November:

- Parole and probation compliance checks.
- Bicycle theft operation.
- Saturation patrol operation.
- Pedestrian crosswalk operation.
- Co-hosted a business watch meeting.

During December:

- Assisted with windstorm response/recovery operations.
- Assisted with County-wide probation operation.
- Delivered holiday gift baskets.
- Holiday patrol of shopping centers.

During January:

- Parole compliance check.
- Burglary suppression operation.

- Co-hosted a neighborhood watch meeting in Area 1.

Crime Trends and Statistics

Below is the number of Part 1 crimes that occurred during the months of October through December:

Target Crimes	October 2010	November 2010	December 2010
Robbery	0	2	4
Assault	4	2	0
Residential Burglary	5	1	9
Commercial Burglary	4	2	7
Grand Theft	4	2	1
Grand Theft Auto	1	2	2
Vehicle Burglary	4	3	2
Target Crimes Total	22	14	25

For the period of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011, the sheriff's department made 949 arrests, compared to 514 arrests for the same period in 2010. This represents a continued and proactive enforcement effort.

Traffic Statistics

The number of traffic citations issued and the total number of traffic collisions continue to decrease. For the period of January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, the sheriff's department issued 2,911 citations and handled 272 traffic collision investigations, compared to 4,867 citations and 294 collisions for the same period in 2010.

Planned Efforts

In February, the sheriff's department will conduct parole/probation compliance checks and a sex registration compliance check. It will also co-host a neighborhood watch meeting on February 15 in Area 3 and a business watch meeting on February 16.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Lunar New Year

Submitted by Cathy Burroughs, Director of Parks and Recreation

Join the City of Temple City and the Temple City Chinese American Association as we welcome the Year of the Dragon on February 4, 1:30 to 4 p.m., at Temple City Park. Live entertainment and good eats are highlights of this free event. Enjoy a lion dance performance, cultural displays and demonstrations, and free crafts for children. Local eateries will provide samplings of traditional Chinese delicacies.

Camellia Festival

Submitted by Cathy Burroughs, Director of Parks and Recreation

The 2012 Camellia Festival King and Queen will be crowned tonight, 7 p.m., at Live Oak Park. The Royal Court, comprised of 10 first graders, will be introduced at the coronation along with the Grand Marshal and Honorary Grand Marshal.

Pre-sale ride tickets for the festival are now available at a discounted rate of \$10 for 20 tickets. Tickets may be purchased at Live Oak Park, in the Annex building, or at the Chamber of Commerce office through February 23.

Senior Valentine's Lunch

Submitted by Cathy Burroughs, Director of Parks and Recreation

The City of Temple City and the YWCA San Gabriel Valley invite seniors to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the senior lunch program at a special Valentine's lunch on February 14. Since its introduction last year, the lunch program has served over 14,000 meals to local seniors at Live Oak Park. The Valentine lunch features a special menu of roasted Cornish game hen, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans and spinach salad. Luncheon reservations are required 48 hours in advance by calling (626) 579-0461.

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CITY CALENDAR

February 3 through February 16, 2012

For more information, call (626) 285-2171.

- February 3** Camellia Festival Coronation, 7 p.m., Live Oak Park
- February 4** [Annual Lunar New Year's Celebration, 1:30-4 p.m., Temple City Park](#)
- February 7** [City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers](#)
[TC Blood Drive, 12 to 6 p.m., TCUSD Headquarters](#)
- February 8** Public Safety Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
[Community Meeting on Rosemead Blvd. Public Art, 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room](#)
- February 10** [Nominations Due for TC Older American of the Year](#)
- February 14** [Valentine's Senior Lunch, 11:45 a.m., Live Oak Park Community Center](#)
Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
- February 15** [Area 3 Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 6 p.m., Temple City United Methodist Church](#)
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
[Community Meeting on Rosemead Blvd. Public Art, 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room](#)
- February 16** [Business Watch Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| February 21 | City Council Meeting |
| February 22 | Public Safety Commission meeting |
| February 24-26 | 2012 Camellia Festival , Temple City Park |

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