



**MNO Grand Neighborhood
November 19, 2008
Mt. View Elementary School**

Code Enforcement:

Q – Can the City consider having an ordinance for the color of houses?

A – At this time the City of Riverside does not have an ordinance regarding the color of a house; however, staff is researching what other cities might have ordinances.

Q – What can be done about homeless people in the river bottom near Old Ranch Road?

A – A Code Enforcement Officer responded and observed the homeless camp. The Homeless Outreach Team was contacted and responded providing assistance for those who were residing in the river bottom.

Q – There are tumbleweeds at the corner of Hole and Collett Avenues. Can the City have them removed before they move down the street?

A – Code Enforcement Officers observed the violation at 4286 Polk and then issued a Notice for the violation. The area was re-inspected the first week of December and they have been removed.

Police

Q – Can there be more of a police presence in the area around the Plaza West Townhomes because there is a home in the area which has some troubled youth causing problems?

A – The City has increased the police presence in that area in response to complaints regarding a specific problem house. POP Officer Scott Levesque personally contacted the residents and has conducted enforcement/investigations related to that location. Extra patrols in that area have also been requested. If a neighbor has any further information, please contact Officer Levesque at 826-8715. One can also utilize RPD's non-emergency line, 787-7911, if any non-life threatening criminal activity is observed. Residents can also call the RPD Narcotics/Gang/Vice Tip line at (951) 353-7200 if criminal activity suspected.

Q – We need more of a police profile in the Grand Neighborhood.

A – Police patrol presence in certain neighborhoods is influenced by crime stats in that area. Police resources are usually placed in areas where they are most needed. Specific spikes in certain types of crimes or problems are addressed in addition to regular patrols to an area. Residents can bring specific problems to

the Riverside Police Department's attention by contacting the supervision for that particular policing area. In the Grand Neighborhood, the Area Commander is Lt. V. Williams at 351-6045, and the Area Sergeant is Pat McCarthy at 826-8710; the problem can be discussed with them, as well as strategies for resolving it. If a resident feels there is a particular problem that warrants extra patrol in the area, in addition to contacting their area commander, they can also contact the patrol Watch Commander who can request officers to increase the presence in an area.

Public Works:

Q – From time to time trash is left on Dewey Avenue at La Mirada Way. Can the City have regular review of the street in that area?

A – The Public Works Department Weekend Crew thoroughly cleaned this area on November 22-23. The Solid Waste Division Trash Mitigation Crew will patrol Dewey Avenue twice per week and cleanup discarded items. Residents are encouraged to report illegal dumping to the Riverside Call Center (826-5311) for immediate attention by the Solid Waste Division.

Q – Can a turn lane be added from Grand Avenue onto Jurupa Avenue?

A – Turn lanes currently exist in all directions at this intersection. The City will be adding left turn arrows to these lanes to expedite traffic more safely. It is expected that this project will be completed in the coming months.

Q – Can there be more enforcement of cars parked illegally on public streets, specifically at Tower Road and Rubidoux Avenue on street sweeping days?

A – The Street Sweeping Improvement Program was implemented in September 2008. This program includes the posting of streets as “no parking” on sweeping days and the provision of parking enforcement services. The key to achieving clean streets is removing vehicles from the sweeper path and the sweeper broom maintaining contact with the face. The Street Sweeping Enforcement program will be implemented in this area in March 2010.

Q – Road repair quality seems to be very erratic. Some repairs are OK while other patches are extremely poor in particular on Grand Avenue and Palm Avenue. Is there some quality control criteria assigned to street repair?

A – Depending on the existing road conditions and work being performed, contractors are allowed to place temporary asphalt within a trench and must remove the temporary asphalt and replace with permanent asphalt within a 30 day period. The temporary asphalt does have a tendency to erode during the 30 day period and does not hold up as well as the permanent asphalt. Ultimately, all trenches should be repaired with permanent asphalt and be of equal quality. From time to time, the maintenance is overlooked and the repair is deficient. Inspections will continue to work with the contractors and other divisions of the City to maintain the highest standard and conditions. If a resident sees a

condition that has deteriorated, they should contact 826-5311 and report the conditions.

Q – Can speed bumps be placed on Dewey Avenue between Hillside Avenue and Streeter Avenue? Cars speed through the area everyday while children use this street to walk to school and the park.

A – The City has a process for traffic calming devices and can investigate options including all way stops at strategic crossing locations A full analysis will be conducted in the coming month.

Q – What can be done about loose dogs in our neighborhood at all hours of the day?

A – Loose dogs should be reported to the Riverside Call Center (826-5311). These are priority one calls for the Department of Animal Services. An Animal Control Officer will be dispatched to the area.

Q – Can the speed limit on Streeter Avenue be reduced?

A – The speed limit is established by law and cannot be arbitrarily reduced. It is currently 35 mph north of Central and 40 mph south of Central. As the speed limit was established approx. 5 years ago, a re-review of the current speed limits will be conducted in the coming year in conjunction with annual updates

Other:

Q – What is the status of the consideration to place power lines at the bottom of the bluffs of the Santa Ana River?

A – A final decision on the route of the 230 Kv transmission lines that is part of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project will not be reached for at least six months. Southern California Edison will have a significant say in the location as they will be the owners and operators of the line. There are several factors that make the route from the Pedley area roughly paralleling the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and Van Buren Boulevard the route likely to be selected over the route from Colton down the Santa Ana River and along the base of the bluffs in Riverside. First, the route through Pedley does not parallel the lines currently serving Riverside making the likelihood that a single event could take out all the lines much smaller, while the route from Colton does parallel the existing lines. Second, the Colton route would have significantly higher environmental impacts on flora and fauna. Third, the Colton route is longer and more difficult to build because it traverses less stable soils than does the Pedley route.

Q – What is the status of the closure of the walkway between Nichols Park and Antioch Avenue?

A – This issue is scheduled to go before the City Council on January 6, 2009. Pending council approval, physical changes could begin in mid January. Renovation is the responsibility of the adjoining residents. As both residents

have accepted the responsibility for the necessary changes, closure should take place shortly after Council approval, should it be approved.

Q – What is the timeline for the reconfiguration at the intersection of Brockton, Central, and Magnolia Avenues?

A – On January 5, 2009, work will begin on not only the reconfiguration, but also the beautification of the area. Scheduled time to complete the work is 60 days. Therefore, by the latter part of March, the work should be complete. The work is scheduled for night-time hours to ensure no lane reduction in the area between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Q – Our neighborhood is waiting for the free Wi-Fi which is supposed to go City – wide this year. It is especially important since the Mt. View School students need the support. When will WiFi come to our neighborhood?

A – Wi-Fi in the Grand and Magnolia Center areas should come on line in late March next year. Areas with decorative street lights, some areas with very dense street trees and geographically diverse areas, like Pachappa Hill, may take longer.