



**CITY OF LEON VALLEY  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 12, 2014  
**TO:** Mayor Chris Riley and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Manuel Longoria Jr., City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Weekly Update

**Silo Park Public Hearing - Park Commission Meeting:** As you may know, city staff sent out 340 letters of survey and public hearing information to the residents of Pavona Place, Canterfield, and the Fruitwood neighborhoods. The letters informed the residents of two planned public hearings for the proposed Silo Park, to be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> and January 13<sup>th</sup>, both to be held at the Conference Center. When city staff prepared the agenda for the first meeting, the meeting location was listed as being at City Hall, rather than at the Conference Center. We did not realize the error until the evening of the meeting. Staff immediately called the Park Chairman and informed him of the mistake, then placed signage on all the doors at the Conference Center, informing the residents that the meeting was to take place at City Hall instead. We delayed the start of the meeting to give potential participants time to drive over to City Hall. Approximately 10 persons attended the meeting and were understandably upset.

City staff spoke to the audience and apologized and members of the Park Commission stated that they would be glad to hold an additional public hearing to assure all citizens were heard. The audience agreed to hold an additional public hearing at the regular Park Commission meeting of February 10<sup>th</sup> and expressed their approval of holding the meetings at the Conference Center, as they felt there was more room and the center was closer to their homes than City Hall.

Once this issue was addressed, the audience participated in the public hearing, giving their opinions on what should be developed at the park and their concerns over safety and potential crowding. Their particular concern was creating parking, which could potentially attract drive-by traffic increasing the risk of crime. They were also concerned with the ability of the Police Department to patrol the area if there is no access. They asked that we contact the Church and get their opinion of placing a park next to their facility, with the thought that people would “steal” their parking spaces and throw trash in their parking lot. Just about all of the participants expressed a desire to have a walking trail around the perimeter of the space. The residents along Canterfield with backyards that abut the area stated that the bank on the opposite side of the alley was so high that persons could see into their backyards and expressed their wish to have either a fence or tall shrubbery to block that view. They also commented that since the alley has been cleared, people use it as a pathway from Canterfield to the small convenience store on Evers Road.

After the public hearing had adjourned, city staff again offered apologies to the participants and to the Park Commission. We will strive to make sure that this will not happen by double checking agenda posting language before the official posting.

**DPS Center Owner Non-Compliance Letter:** Working with the City Attorney, we sent out a non-compliance letter to the property owner specifying the areas of non-compliance with the development agreement. They were given 45 days to comply with the remaining issues.

**Fire Station Schedule:** The construction schedule for the fire station is on track, and a lot of moving pieces are being managed by the entire project team. As the final parts of construction is taking place, areas of the department are being inspected, accepted, and furnishings moved in.

Summary schedule:

1. Now – Move in shelves, workbenches, air compressors, appliances, etc...(support furniture)
2. December 18<sup>th</sup>, Furniture move in and delivery
3. December 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Inspections, testing, delivery
4. December 22, First day living in new fire station

**Upcoming Events:**

- City Staff Holiday X-mas Luncheon will be held Tuesday, 12/16/14 at 11:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. Please join us if you can.
- City Offices will be closed from December 24, 2014 through January 2, 2015 in observance of the Winter Holiday Season. All public safety and fire emergency personnel will be working and providing services as usual.
- Christmas Concert at the Community Center Sunday December 14, 2014 at the Community center hosted by the CEC.
- NW Senior Luncheon is on December 17, 2014 at 11 a.m. at the Community Center.
- Leon Valley Chamber Luncheon--December 17, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

**Code/Animal Control Activity:**

- Office “A” – Bandit Signs = 9 (**0 Pending**)  
Animal Calls = 3 (**0 Pending**)  
High Weeds/Grass = 1 (**1 Pending**)  
Low Hanging Trees = 14 (**9 Pending**)  
Overgrown Hedges = 10 (**6 Pending**)  
Junk Vehicle/Parking = 2 (**1 Pending**)  
**Total Violations Addressed: 39 / 17 Pending**
- Office “B” – High Weeds = 3 (**3 Pending**)  
Bandit Signs = 18 (**0 Pending**)  
Animal Issues = 8 (**0 Pending**)  
Inoperable Vehicles = 2 (**0 Pending**)  
Junk & Debris = 1 (**0 Pending**)  
**Total Violations addressed: 32/ 3 Pending**

**Trap Neuter Return (TNR) Activity:** 3 more cats were trapped, neutered and returned this week.