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**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

# City Council Regular Meeting November 21, 2023



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## P1 – Champions of Hospitality 2023 Award Recipients' Recognition



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## P2 – Riverside County Sheriff Department Employee Introductions



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**PH1 – Community Development  
Block Grant 2024-25**



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# Community Development Block Grant 2024-25



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## Background

- County of Riverside Economic Development Agency (EDA) CDBG Program
  - Federal Program overseen by HWS
  - Administered by County
- City of La Quinta
  - Cooperating City under County CDBG
  - Participant since 1983

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## Program Overview

- Annual process to allocate CDBG funds
- Estimated 2024-2025 allocation - **\$193,210**
- Public Services – **15% threshold**
- Public facilities and improvements – **85%**

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## Program Overview

### Who can be funded

- Non-profit organizations
- Local governments
- Public housing authorities

### What can be funded

- Public facilities & improvements
- Special economic development activities
- Affordable housing
- Public services

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## Public Service Applications

- 1 application received
- Maximum award - **\$28,981.50**
- Boys and Girls Club, La Quinta Unit:  
Fee waiver/reduction program – **\$23,500.00\***

*\*City will request reallocation of **\$5,481.50** to Public Improvement Project*

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## Public Improvement Applications

- La Quinta:
  - ADA improvements at City-owned facilities: **\$164,228.50**



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# Questions?



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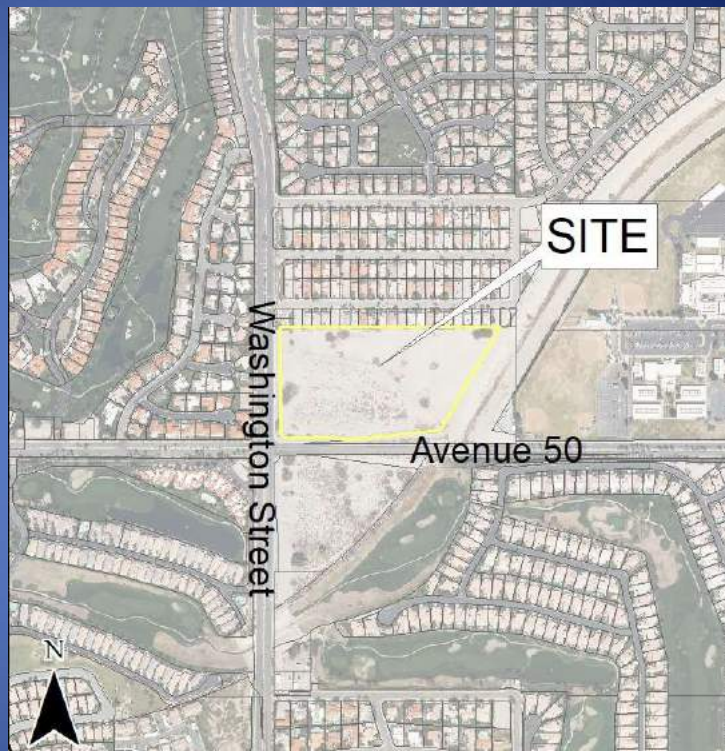
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**PH2 – La Quinta Village Apartment Project  
EA2022-0001, GPA2022-0002, SP2022-0001, &  
SDP2022-0001**



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**Project  
Location**



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# Project Proposal

- 252-unit apartment project
  - 178 market-rate units
  - 74 moderate-income affordable units
- Applications include:
  - General Plan Amendment
  - Specific Plan Amendment
  - Site Development Permit
  - Environmental Assessment

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## Council Hearing

- August 1, Council asked applicant to make changes to the project including:
  - Change architectural style to Spanish Hacienda
  - Reduce buildings to two-story only
  - Remove garages on north side of site
- Applications remanded to Planning Commission to review changes
  - October 10, Commission recommended approval

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## Council Hearing

- November 7, Council directed staff to add alternative sites to accommodate the 280 low- and very low-income units and meet the State-mandated “No Net Loss” requirements
- Council remanded to the Planning Commission the consideration of adding alternative sites.

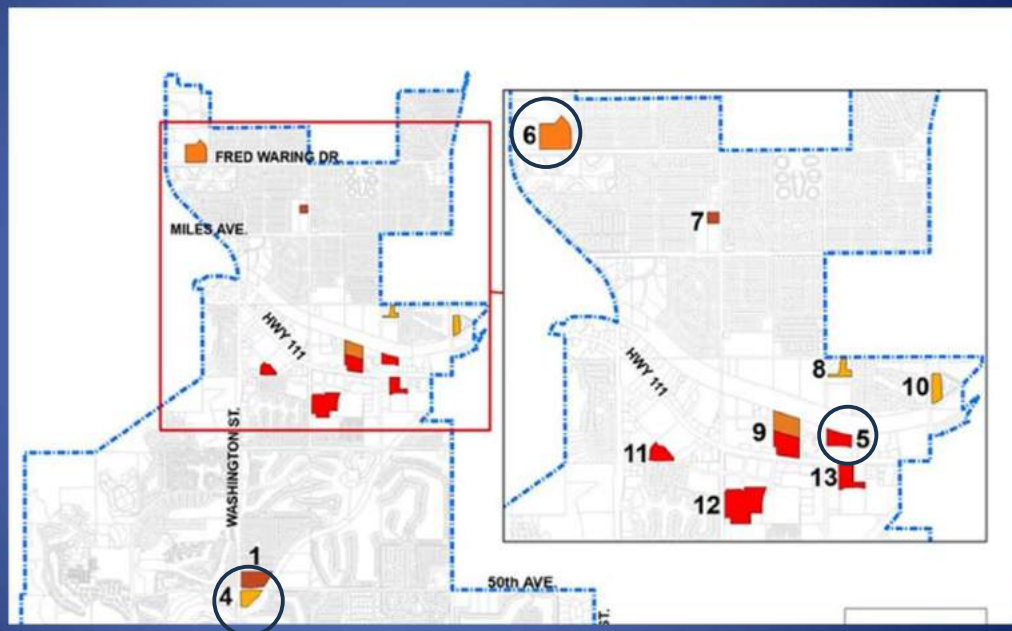
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# Planning Commission

- Staff identified two additional sites, Sites 4 and 5, and including Site 6, but with a reduced land area of 6 acres and number of units from 280 to 120.
- November 14, Planning Commission recommended approval of additional sites, including Site 6.

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**Additional  
Sites:  
4, 5, and 6**

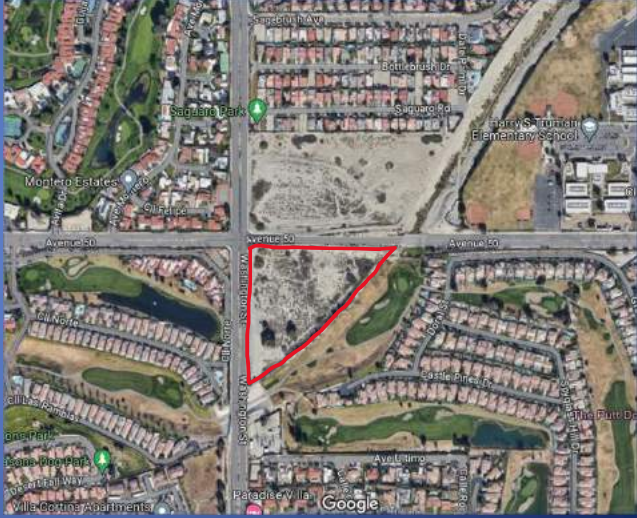


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# Additional Sites

- **Site 4**
  - 7.5 acres, Medium Density Residential (RM) zone
  - Southeast corner of Ave 50 and Washington Street
  - Application for 100% affordable housing project of 64 very low and low income units filed with City and is under review.
  - Located near transit, schools, and commercial areas.



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# Additional Sites

- **Site 5**
  - 5.2 acres, City-Owned site, Hwy 111 commercial corridor, Regional Commercial (CR) zone.
  - Directly abutting the site to the north of future Chick fil-A and Quick Quack car wash.
  - Zone allows for multi-family residential and mixed use development; Affordable Housing Overlay – higher density.
  - Site 5 has been analyzed in a recently adopted CEQA document for the development of a 180-unit affordable housing project.



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# Additional Sites

- **Site 6**

- Staff recommends this site be added on the Housing Inventory
- Reduced number of 120 very low and low income affordable housing units
- 6 acres of the 12.74 acre site.



# Additional Sites

- **Site 6 - Alternate**

- 4.8 acres, Medium Density Residential (RM) zone
- Owned by Affordable Housing Developer (UHC)
- Density bonus allow for 57 units.
- High Resource area.
- Located near transit, schools, and commercial areas.



## Addition of Sites 4, 5, and 6

- Provides sufficient capacity in the Housing Inventory.
- Project would be compliant with the State-mandated “No Net Loss” requirements.

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## General Plan Amendment

- If GPA approved, City would need to re-submit its Housing Element to HCD
- Project is conditioned to not move forward with any construction until and unless HCD has approved the amended Housing Element

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## CEQA

- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared
- Department determined project would have less than significant effects, with mitigation
- City received (11) comments during public review period
  - Traffic, biological, cultural resources comments
  - Mitigation measures address these

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## Alternatives

- Approve the General Plan Amendment to add sites, including Sites 4, 5, and 6 (6 acres and 120 units), and approve the project as recommended.
- Direct staff to explore other alternate sites to meet the capacity for 280 low- and very low-income affordable housing units.
- Deny the General Plan Amendment to add the sites as recommended. Denial of the General Plan Amendment would render the other applications moot.

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S1 – Discuss Renaming the Community Services  
Commission to Community Services and  
Arts Commission**



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## Community Services Commission (CSC)

- Five members appointed by Council
- Purview:
  - Community Services Programs
  - Recreation Programs & Facilities
  - Park Amenities
  - Public Art

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## Potential CSC Expansion

- Community members have asked to form an Arts Commission focusing on public art
- Staff proposes to rename the CSC to Community Services and Arts Commission and discuss possible expansion

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## Community Services and Arts Commission

- Require that Commissioners have experience in the arts or knowledge/interest in the arts
- Commission will continue its current focus, with an increased emphasis in the arts

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