



December 8, 2022

CITY MANAGER BRIEFINGS

SAN JOSE HILLS ROAD PROJECT

Twenty (20) new homes are currently under construction on San Jose Hills Road just west of Grand Avenue behind the Stater Bros. Shopping Center. The project has reached a major milestone as framing of the first phase of homes has started with an estimated completion date of summer 2023. The new development will offer the following:

- Four (4) product types with home sizes ranging from 1,838 square-feet (3 bed/3 bath) to 2,585 square-feet (4 bed/4 bath), all with two (2) car garages and private yard space.
- Community amenity area comprised of an outdoor BBQ, gazebo, and greenspace.
- A combined 15,000 square-feet of community open space/common area(s) is provided.
- Located within a 5-minute walking distance to Mt. SAC and adjacent shopping center and restaurants.
- Located within the Walnut Valley Unified School District boundary.

For more information on this project, and other exciting new developments coming to Walnut in the near future, please contact the Planning Division at (909) 595-7573.



Architecture



Current Construction

BROOKSIDE EIR SCOPING MEETING

Last week, the Scoping Meeting for the proposed Brookside residential project was held at the Senior Center. Residents were able to have discussions with the City's environmental consultant, Staff and the applicant regarding project details and the overall process in drafting the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to satisfy CEQA requirements. Staff and the City's consultant encouraged residents to submit inquiries and feedback on the project, as the City begins the drafting of the document. The Notice of Preparation of the EIR is posted on the Brookside page on the City's website at the following link:

<https://www.cityofwalnut.org/for-residents/departments/community-development/developments/brookside-project>

The 30+ day review/comment period began on Thursday, November 10, 2022 and will end Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Residents and the public are encouraged to submit any and all comments to the following:

Joelle Guerra, Planning and Code Enforcement Manager
Community Development Department
21201 La Puente Road
Walnut, CA 91789
Email: jguerra@cityofwalnut.org



Project Site Map

It should be noted that subsequent to the completion of the draft EIR (sometime next year), there will be another opportunity for the public to review/comment on the project and EIR document, which will be circulated for another 30+ days.

CITY FINANCES

Excellence in Financial Reporting - The City of Walnut has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the June 30, 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The GFOA Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government agency and its staff. Job well done by our Finance Team.

CITY OF WALNUT



ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021
WALNUT, CALIFORNIA



ACFR Report Cover

CITY FINANCES (CONT'D)

Strong Financial Standing - The City of Walnut is in a very strong financial position, currently holding over \$46 million in investments. At the moment, our City currently has approximately 86% of total investments (\$41 million) in the State Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and Los Angeles County Pooled Investment Fund. Due to the uncertainty in the investment market, Staff has met with the Council Audit Investment Policy/Contracts Committee comprised of Mayor Pro Tem Tragarz and Council Member Ching on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 to discuss other investment tools. It was decided to Mutual Securities, Inc. to invest \$5 million in 1-year term U.S. Government Agency securities. Staff anticipates the return on the U.S. Government Agency securities to be higher than our current earnings from the State LAIF and LA County Pooled Investment Fund. The Finance team will continue to find diversification tools that will yield positive returns.

Mid-Year Budget Update - Preliminary meetings with the Finance team have begun as staff prepares the mid-year budget update for the City Council's and Community's review. The mid-year budget and corresponding appropriation requests will be presented to the City Council on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Increased Sheriff Patrols - Earlier this month, an additional targeted patrol unit was implemented to increase presence in certain areas of the City seeing an uptick in burglaries. These patrols, which vary in duration and time, have already begun to increase law enforcement visibility around our City. The increased patrols are subsidized via American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that was approved by the Walnut City Council last year to be earmarked for public safety purposes.

Public Safety Community Meeting - Approximately 40 residents from the Belgate neighborhood and other areas of the City attended a Public Safety Community Meeting. LA County Sheriff personnel, City staff, and elected officials were present to discuss public safety concerns. One of the requests from this meeting has already been addressed, as safe neighborhood signs will be installed at Country Hollow Drive/ Sunset Vista Road, as well as Country Hollow Drive/Arbor Ridge Drive. These signs will be installed before the end of this month.



FAREWELL TO MARY ROONEY

Mary Rooney, Assistant City Manager of Community Services/Public Works, will be leaving the City of Walnut at the end of this month.

Mary will be honored at our next City Council meeting (December 14, 2022) and an Ice Cream Social will also take place at 6pm that same day in the Vejar Room at Walnut City Hall.

We wish her the best of luck on her future endeavors and thank her for the contributions she's made to our community for almost 20 years.



Mary Rooney at her last Winter Jam on Dec. 10th

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

City Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 14

Holiday Break (Facilities Closed)
Friday, December 23 - Monday, January 2

*Agendas are posted 72 hours before the meeting
on the web at cityofwalnut.org*

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