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Project Phoenix to be addressed at Community Meetings, Nov. 17 & 29

The City of Twentynine Palms is planning two community meetings in November to discuss Project Phoenix and the proposed improvements for downtown Twentynine Palms. The meetings are open to the public and will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, and Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Community Services Building, 74325 Joe Davis Drive, next to Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms.

“This is an opportunity for the community to come and learn about the project and provide early input into the project development,” said City Manager Richard Warne. “The purpose of the meeting is to talk about plans for the redevelopment and revitalization of the downtown core.”

Since 2008, the City has been working with property and business owners to define alley, off-street parking, and curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements involving commercial properties that front the south side of Highway 62 in downtown Twentynine Palms. This endeavor has been called Project Phoenix.

The proposed development plan for Project Phoenix was revised during the summer of 2011 to include a 39,000-square-foot community center with recreation and special event space, including a theater stage and auditorium, along with public parking, infrastructure improvements, and 40 housing units. The site area now encompasses 15 acres, from Highway 62 south to Cactus Drive, bounded by Cholla Avenue on the east and Tamarisk Avenue on the west, plus a portion of Desert Queen.

Also part of the \$15.6 million project is a civic plaza, commercial façade improvements, a package treatment plant, undergrounding of utilities, and blight removal and upgrades to the fire station property on Adobe Road.

Maps of the proposed 2011 Project Phoenix site area, concept drawings and costs related to the proposed development plan are available on the City website at www.29palms.org and will be formally presented at the community meetings.

Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend the community meetings and share their comments on the proposed development program.

For questions or more information, contact City Manager Richard Warne or Community Development Director Charles LaClaire at (760)367-6799.

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