

## The Villages – Escondido Country Club Project Proposal

## E-Newsletter – October 2017

Interested parties,

The City is currently reviewing an application to redevelop the Escondido Country Club and golf course. As part of the process, the City created a e-newsletter to provide timely and informative news about the project.

## <u>UPDATE: FINAL EIR UPDATE AND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED</u>

As you know, the City released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public review and comment. The public comment period began with the publication of the Notice of Availability, issued on June 28, 2017. The City also held an informational Open House to discuss the EIR review process and collect comments. Since this time, our staff has been engaged with the applicant and their consultants in an on-going basis to respond to public comments and provide edits to the EIR and specific plan application. This work is nearly complete.

A Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled to consider the proposed Project on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the City of Escondido. Please mark your calendars. City staff will physically post a notice on the project site and a public hearing notice will be mailed to surrounding property owners next week.

We are expecting the Final EIR to be released for public review on the Project website on October 13th to meet required timeframes for the October 24th Planning Commission hearing. The final EIR incorporates draft EIR comments and written responses to the comments. Public comments or concerns related to the Final EIR can still be expressed to staff, the Planning Commission and the City Council. Our staff is also in the process of preparing a staff report for the Planning Commission to accompany the other documents. The staff report will include our analysis of the project and a staff recommendation. That report will be available to the public on October 19th.

## **STAY INFORMED**

Visit the City's Project website at <a href="https://www.escondido.org/ecc.aspx">https://www.escondido.org/ecc.aspx</a> for more information about the process. This is an online source to review all project related documents, as they become available. For all project related questions, please contact Kristin Blackson at <a href="mailto:kblackson@escondido.org">kblackson@escondido.org</a>.

Stay up-to-date on what's happening with the Escondido Country Club golf course and be the first to know about different project activities and milestones. The e-newsletter is just one way that the City is providing opportunities to disseminate information.