

STRENGTHS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CITY OF COVINA SINCE THE OCTOBER 23, 2013 STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

Brainstormed List of Perceptions

- Increased use of social media
- Community Christmas parade
- City Clerk's office received a \$500 grant for training
- Rehabilitated 10 residences
- Received an award from the American Public Works Assn. for our Pipe Bursting Program
- Form 700 (financial reporting) is now online
- Received an award from GFOA (Government Finance Officers Assn.) for CAFR (financial statements)
- Implemented business license and permit software
- Negotiating for a new auto dealership
- Received important positive news regarding the St. Dept. of Finance approval of our land disposition
- Currently receiving and processing plans electronically
- City Clerk's office completed one of the largest public requests for records yesterday
- Funded park improvement projects at Covina Park
- Implemented a pilot program for paperless plan check software
- The Police Dept. received a tactical vehicle from the military worth \$600,000
- Employees are picking up their share of PERS retirement costs
- We had a holiday tree lighting event
- Awarded a contract for a citywide fee study
- Conducted a budget workshop with the City Council
- Increased attendance at our senior center
- Apprehended suspects in a high profile home invasion robbery
- Held a second public safety town hall meeting; the first was held last September
- Identified funding sources for the downtown camera project
- Had an unqualified (clean) audit
- Library received two grants
- City Council was reorganized
- We're in the process of changing our city magazine (*City View*)
- Started construction of Cougar Park
- City Council approved 3 MOUs (for police sergeants, mid-management, and miscellaneous employees)
- The Library and Parks and Recreation have three pending grants
- Good utilization of our state lobbyist
- We have a seasoned and experienced management team
- We completed a project with the Eagle Scouts to paint and install benches at Kelby Park
- The Design Review Committee is meeting again
- During Black History Month we had the Underground Railroad exhibit at the Library
- Updated the City Council on prison realignment (i.e., early release of prisoners)
- We're adjusting to a post-redevelopment world
- Completed an inventory for GIS layers for storm drain, sewers and city infrastructure
- Held a holiday employee appreciation luncheon
- Engaged a consultant to review our Planning Dept.
- Currently conducting a sewer rate study
- Continued participation in a regional energy efficiency partnership
- Submitted an application for rebates from SCE and the gas company for energy efficiency
- Conducted an RFP process for the city's legal services
- Implemented a smoke shop ordinance
- Implemented a more effective process for entertainment establishments

- Currently working with San Antonio College to install and pay for public use computers at Joslyn Center
- Completing a \$1.2 million water main replacement and road repair project
- Miss Covina and Miss Covina Valley were selected by 2014
- We created a GIS mapping system for our rental housing program
- Inspected all the sites for industrial waste; all but 14 of 400 have paid
- Big Bob, the biggest steam locomotive in the USA, came to town
- We expanded acceptance of credit cards for city services
- Re-funded two bonds for significant savings for the city
- Third consecutive year of reduced crime rates
- Entitlements were approved for the development of the Russ Davis Ford site in the downtown
- Five long-time vacancies in downtown Covina are being filled
- City Council passed a new ordinance implementing a more effective false alarm program
- Submitted an application for \$689,000/zero interest loan for energy efficiency

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