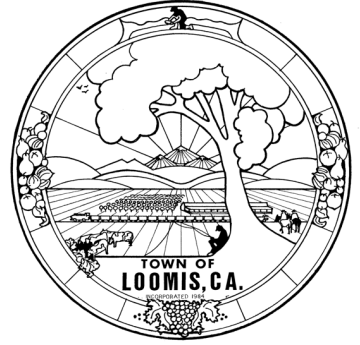


TOWN OF LOOMIS



TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager
DATE: January 11, 2022
SUBJECT: Town Manager Report for January 2022 Council Meeting

Mayor and Council Members,

The following report provides an update on some of the major activities Town Staff has been working on in the past month.

COVID-19 Update

As you know, COVID-19 has been spreading again throughout the community. The Town has several employees affected. To better protect Staff and to provide for effective continuity of government, Town Hall will be moving to a minimum staffing level for at least the remainder of the month.

Effective tomorrow and throughout (at least) the remainder of the month, Town Hall will be closed Fridays. We will have someone working at the front counter during normal business hours on Monday through Thursday but will be closed for lunch between noon and 1:30 pm.

Consistent with the State's recent mandate, we continue to require masks to be worn in Town Hall for all employees.

Mask Mandate Extended by California Department of Public Health

All Californians continue to be required to wear masks when indoors at public places through February 15.

Japanese Internment Remembrance Activities Postponed

Last month I gave an update on the Loomis Library and Community Learning Center's plans for remembering the Japanese Internment during the month of February. Given the how COVID has proliferated in the community in the last month, those activities have been postponed for the time being. The Library is working to create some virtual events instead.

Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Approved by Planning Commission

At the 12/15/2021 Special meeting of the Planning Commission, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend adoption of an Inclusionary Ordinance to the Town Council with only a couple of minor edits based on their discussion which included:

- Residential unit amount that should trigger in lieu fees
- On-site inclusionary unit definition
- Off-site inclusionary housing exceptions
- Percentage of housing units to be designated as inclusionary housing on a project
- Distribution of inclusionary housing throughout Town
- Size of inclusionary housing in comparison to market-rate housing
- In Lieu fund use options

The ordinance is on track to be on the February 8, 2022 Town Council meeting.

Hidden Grove Project

As you know, the Town received the formal application for the Hidden Grove project just before the Christmas holiday. That application is for a housing project, to be processed under a new California housing law called SB-330, located behind Raley's on the former Village at Loomis site.

The Hidden Grove project application can be found here: <https://loomis.ca.gov/hidden-grove-application-submittal-received-12-17-2021/> .

The Town has 30 days to deem the formal application complete. The Developer has agreed to an additional 14 days for the Town's review since the application is being submitted just before the holidays. That period ends on January 28.

The process from this point forward is as follows (prescribed by SB-330):

- Town has 30 days (extended to 44 days) to review the project for completeness.
- Once that 44 day period is finished, the Town has 60 days to determine if the project is consistent with the objective standards of the General Plan.
- Assuming the project is consistent with the General Plan, the Town will begin the EIR and project processing.

The Town is only allowed five public hearings under SB-330. The Town Attorney has prepared a memo that we hope provides a comprehensive review of SB 330 and how it impacts the planning process. That memo can be found here: <https://loomis.ca.gov/documents/town-of-loomis-sb-330-overview/>

Town Manager Tuesdays

Town Manager Tuesdays will continue to be on hiatus this month due to COVID-19. Anyone in the community with questions about the Town can reach me either at the number below or by email at srabe@loomis.ca.gov.