Mayor's Progress Report for Jan. 1, 2017

Carlsbad completed a lot of construction in 2016, and there's a lot more in store for 2017. Here's an update on some of the biggest projects. These projects have all been permitted or are ready to permit through the City of Carlsbad. Thanks to our Planning and Regulation Department for the update.

Residential

Groundbreaking will soon begin at the **Pecos Vista Apartments**, located at 780 W. Cherry Lane. It will encompass 24 new buildings and 204 units. The plans have been approved and the permits issued. Groundbreaking is planned for January.

The **Hillcrest Apartments**, located at 604 N. Fifth St. is in the process of rehabilitating an existing apartment complex as affordable housing. A new community building will be added to the complex. The rehabilitation is set to begin in January.

Additional developments are also going on at the **Copperstone Estates Subdivision**, located at 601 W. Cherry Lane. So far, 70 new lots have been created, and construction is nearing its conclusion. Six new houses have been permitted.

There are also plans to develop single family homes in the new **Freedom Way Subdivision**, located at the corner of W. McKay and N. Elm Streets. Construction is underway for 13 new lots.

Construction is also underway at the **Spring Hollow Subdivision**, Unit 2, Phase 1, located north of Ligon Road. New home building on 76 lots is currently taking place.

New construction has also started at **Bud's Place RV Park**, located at 900 Standpipe Road. Work began in July and is nearing completion.

Another new location, Josh Moore's RV Park, located at 1302 E. Greene St. is now open.

Just outside of city limits, off of North Canal, Cody Northcutt is putting a new **Southwest Storage and RV Park**. The facility will include 26 covered RV stations and 310 self-storage units. The business looks great!

In addition, we have numerous homes being built across town as well by individuals, including an expansion by Ken Thurston in the Farmview area.

Retail/Restaurants

Verizon Wireless has submitted plans for a new store at the location at 1001 W. Pierce St. The plans have been submitted and approved and a permit is ready to be issued. Construction will begin in January. Verizon also has applications in for three new communications towers.

Dollar General has started construction at 3705 National Parks Highway, which is at the corner with Farris St. Work on the store began in October and the completion is expected some time in March.

Construction of the new **Carl's Jr**. will soon begin at the northeast corner of Canal and Hagerman Streets. This will be a demolition and new construction. Plans have been submitted and approved, and work on the new building will begin in January.

Plans have also been submitted and approved for work on **Dickey's Bar-B-Q**, which will be located at 2103 S. Canal St. Construction is also set to begin in January.

KFC, located at 1207 W. Pierce St., is also undergoing a major remodel of its existing structure.

Construction of Carlsbad Medical Center's **Urgent Care Clinic**, located at 3823 National Parks Highway, has been completed. The clinic has opened and will hold its grand opening early in 2017.

Permitted work for the **Allen Theaters (La Cueva 6 Cinema)** project at 2322 W. Pierce St. began in March and has been completed.

Of course, everyone is following work with the **Pavilion Project**, located at 809 W. Pierce St. **Melrose**, **Famous Footwear** and **Maurice's** are now open. Work is continuing at **Ross** and construction is near completion.

The LDS Church, located at 1722 N. Mesa St., recently completed a major remodeling project as well. We saw large expansions this year completed at First United Methodist Church and St. Edward Catholic Church.

We also have reconstruction wrapping up at the new **Lala's Sporting Goods**, 1702 W. Texas, formerly **the Oddity Shop**, which has moved to 325 S. Canyon St. There's a major remodel wrapping up at the **Riverside Country Club** (1700 W. Orchard Lane).

Congratulations to **Caveman Car Wash**, on 801 W. Church St., for completing construction of their additional new facility and office.

Over at the Cascades at Carlsbad, **Lucy's** and **Anytime Fitness** are both open for business. A coffee house is still under construction.

CVS Pharmacy, located at 801 N. Canal St., opened its doors in October with a grand opening. It's beautiful inside, and please check it out if you have not already done so. It was a lot of work on their part to complete this project.

We also had **Tornado Wash** open this year at 1112 S. Canyon Street.

Also in October, the **Walmart Supercenter**, located at 2401 S. Canal, completed its largest remodel in 18 years. We all enjoyed getting to meet with manager Walt Salinas and his staff and celebrating this major accomplishment.

Industrial

IR Holdings, located at 1502 Industrial Dr., began construction in November of a brand-new facility that we understand will be leased to **Tank Logistics**, which is an oilfield monitoring company.

Down the road, at 1502 Commerce Dr., **Occidental Petroleum (OXY)** recently started to remodel its existing structure as well.

Also in the industrial park, **WPX Energy**, located at 5315 Buena Vista, began a large remodel and addition in September. We appreciate their recent assistance with a new arch at the Carlsbad Veterans Memorial Park.

Pico Propane, 218 Energy Avenue, is in the process of setting up its propane and fuel business.

Across the street from the Urgent Care Clinic, construction of the new **WIPP Records Building**, located at 3904 National Parks Highway, began in July. This will be a state-of-the-art records storage facility.

Back to the Industrial Park, **Western Refinery** is building a new shop there. The permit has already been submitted and its great seeing business going well.

A.R. Foreman has also moved into a larger location at the Carlsbad Industrial Park. We'd like to also thank them for their recent donations for dugouts for the high school fields.

We appreciate all of these businesses for making an investment in Carlsbad. We will continue to strive to keep this community business and customer friendly during the upcoming year, and we look forward to celebrating their openings, expansions and continued success. We wish you all an outstanding New Year!