

Development & Engineering



PEORIA DEDICATES ENHANCED VETERANS MEMORIAL

In 2007, Peoria dedicated the 88-foot-long, black granite wall at Rio Vista Community Park that commemorates military battles and serves as a tribute to the United States Armed Forces. Ten years later, the city renovated the memorial site to pay tribute to veterans who have or who are now serving our country.

Enhancements to the memorial include additional panels for engraved veterans names, additional seating, 1,400 square feet of blue fabric shade canopies, a 4,000 square feet reflection deck, and a restored Huey Helicopter. The flags of each of the five branches of the armed forces—Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard—are now proudly flying on new 20-foot-tall flagpoles. The renovated memorial was officially dedicated on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11.

In 2014 the non-profit group Light Horse Legacy launched the “Take Me Home Huey” project to support its mission of helping veterans with post-traumatic stress. Light Horse Legacy partnered with artist Steve Maloney to create a traveling display combining art, music, film, and education to aid post-traumatic stress recognition and to serve as a powerful agent of healing. The installation was immensely popular, and led Peoria officials to consider a related, semi-permanent exhibit.

The result: the 1967 Bell Huey, faithfully restored by Light Horse Legacy and on loan to Peoria, is now on display at the memorial. Its tail marking, 58318, signifies the number of names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. as of May 2017.

STATISTICAL INDICATORS

Capital Improvement Program

Active Design Projects: 9
 Active Design Costs: \$6,536,976
 Active Construction Projects: 10
 Active Construction Costs: \$15,770,147

Site Development

Civil Reviews Completed

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
200	161

Average Turnaround Time

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
16.93	16.74

Active Design Projects

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
154	96

Active Construction Projects

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
196	9

Building Development

New Commercial Permits

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
3	2

Tenant Improvement Permits

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
4	12

Total Commercial Permits

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
47	47

New Single Family Permits

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
118	90

Total Residential Permits

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
409	447

Commercial Plan Reviews

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
40	99

Residential Plan Reviews

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
402	620

Rollover Inspections

<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>
98	136