

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 20, 2018

Beeper

On Monday, April 23rd, the City Manager will not be on KNND's Beeper show. Chief Shepherd will be taking his place.

Spring is Finally Here?

According to Punxsutawney Phil, winter was supposed to end several weeks ago but apparently someone forgot to tell winter. It seems that winter has finally gotten the message and more Spring-like weather has finally begun to arrive. The Spring sunshine is finally opening up the blossoms and the potholes. The blossoms are beautiful and wonderful to see, the potholes not so beautiful. So remember we love to see the potholes disappear and everyone can help us make those holes vanish. The Pothole Spotter is a great way to help the crew know the location of the blossoming potholes. Last year over 80 responses were received. The Pothole Spotter is available on the City's webpage and is mobile friendly.

Tree City USA

The Mayor, members of the Urban Forestry Committee and City staff met in Bohemia Park on Tuesday to celebrate Arbor Day, plant some new trees and shrubs, and receive the Tree City USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation. This is the 24th year of the City's Tree City USA status. Tomorrow the Arbor Day celebration continues with Earth Day in Coiner Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Main Street Downtown Clean-Up

Join Councilor Roberts at All America City Park on Sunday, April 22nd, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to clean-up downtown on Main Street. Tools will be provided and there will be coffee and hot dogs for volunteers.

Art Walk

The 2018 Cottage Grove Art Walk will kick off on Friday, April 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Art Walk will be held on the last Friday of the month through October in downtown Cottage Grove.

Housing Needs Analysis Update

Thursday, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) met for the second time. At the meeting Beth Goodman from EcoNorthwest presented the updated Buildable Lands Inventory. The results show that there are 391 acres of unconstrained buildable acres within Cottage Grove's current City limits and Urban Growth Boundary. This includes various levels of development for housing in the residential and commercial zones. The committee was presented with new housing policies for discussion and possible inclusion in a revised comprehensive plan for the City. The TAC will meet again in June to further discuss the HNA. The HNA is scheduled to be completed in late July. Once completed, the analysis will go to both the Planning Commission and City Council for potential adoption.

Regional Solutions Team Meeting

Wednesday, the Governor's Regional Solutions Team met with representatives from the City Council, Business Owners, Economic Business Improvement District, Community Development Corporation, Real Estate, and City Staff. The meeting was coordinated by Len Blackstone with the intent to share the great work taking place in Cottage Grove and some of the challenges we're facing to develop needed housing and jobs. Twenty-three people participated in the meeting. The meeting was a great opportunity for everyone to learn how the State can assist with our challenges and created connections to the services the State provides and its employees. A big "Thank You" goes out to Len for setting up this important and informative meeting.

Quote of the Week

"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks."

~John Muir~