

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: March 2, 2018

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, March 5th from 6:15 to 7:30. They will be reviewing a new version of their bylaws that were originally adopted in April 2005 and preparing for their trip to the Legislature on Wednesday, March 7th. The trip may be on hold because we just received word that the Senate Rules Committee adopted the Sine Die Resolution that would end the session. The Legislative Session could end as early as tonight or Saturday. The YAC will also make preparations for the YAC Academy on March 16th. The annual YAC Academy is an opportunity for the youth to tour all the functions of the City and learn more about what goes on behind the scenes.

Bureau of Land Management Public Meeting

This Summer the Bureau of Land Management is planning to perform some significant improvements on the Row River Trail. The improvements are planned to include some culvert replacements and paving. The BLM will be holding a public meeting on Wednesday, March 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Cottage Grove City Hall to provide information about the proposed improvements and receive comments. Please see the attached information about the proposed improvements and the public meeting.

City/County Insurance Services Annual Risk Management Conference

The City Manager attended the Annual City/County Insurance Services (CIS) Risk Management Conference. CIS is a pool of cities and counties within the state to provide insurance and risk management services for the cities and counties. The conference provides an opportunity to receive reports about how the pool is operating, get estimates for upcoming year rates and to receive valuable training about trends and issues to reduce the risks that communities face. This year the sessions included a keynote on technology, presentations on employment law issues, animals in the workplace and continuity planning. The sessions also included presentations about services through the CIS coverages to encourage the use of those services.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Meeting

Mayor Gowing, Councilors Burback, Ehler, Roberts, and several City staff attended the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Meeting at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant. Chamber Director, Travis Palmer shared the 2017 Chamber Annual Report and gave the State of the Chamber. Mayor Gowing shared the State of the City and thanked the Chamber for all their work and the great partners they are with the City. Sarah Means, Lane County Economic Development Manager, gave the State of Commerce in Lane County. She shared the County's effort in improving the economy in rural Lane County and their adopted sector strategies for

improving rural job opportunities. Scott Diehl, CEO of PakTech shared how PakTech chose Cottage Grove for their 2nd production facility. PakTech currently has 41 employees at the Cottage Grove plant with 4 operating plastic handle presses in operation. They have the ability to add 12 more presses and approximately 160 more jobs. If demand for their product continues on current growth trends, Cottage Grove could see these new jobs created within the next 5 years.

Swinging Bridge Fundraiser

On Saturday, March 24th from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Cottage Grove Armory the Friends of Cottage Grove Swinging Bridge will be hosting a Benefit to raise funds and awareness to the Swinging Bridge. There will be dancing, a silent auction, story wall, letter writing, food, and drink. Music by Flies with Honey, The Huckleberrys, and The Rock'n Reveleers. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at the Book Mine at 702 East Main Street or at the door.

Building Division Update

For the month of February the Building Division has issued 30 building permits, 20 electrical permits, and conducted 165 inspections in Cottage Grove. The total value of the permitted work in Cottage Grove is \$917,163.33. In Creswell, 18 building permits and 13 electrical permits were issued and 65 inspections conducted (We began service to Creswell on February 6th). With the dry weather and strong need for housing in both Cottage Grove and Creswell application continue to increase and the Building Division is working hard to meet the demand.

Sensory Story Time at the Library

“Sensory Story Time” is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am in the Cottage Grove Library. This is a special fun Story Time for little ones that is interactive and explores sensory themes. The next Sensory Story Time is next Tuesday, March 6th.

Architecture of Internment Exhibit

The traveling exhibit, Architecture of Internment, The Build Up to Wartime Incarceration, will arrive at the Cottage Grove Library on Monday, March 12th and be on display through the end of March. The exhibit will arrive in Cottage Grove on March 5th and be on display at the High School for a few days before being placed in the library. There will be several special events associated with the exhibit during the month. Visit the Library’s page on the City’s website for more information.

Vision Keepers’ Community Conversation

The first "Community Conversation" happened this week, and about 100 people turned out at Cottage Grove High School to meet friends and neighbors and fellow community members and to talk informally about local issues. The next Community Conversation will be Tuesday, May 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Cottage Grove High School Cafeteria. This event will be a great opportunity for community members to come share their thoughts and ideas on a suite of current community topics.

Quote of the Week

No man is truly great who is great only in his lifetime. The test of greatness is the page of history.

~ William Hazlitt ~