

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: March 18, 2016

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will **not** be meeting on Monday, March 21st. It is Spring Break and many of the members have plans with family. They will be meeting on the 28th prior to the City Council meeting.

Smithsonian Exhibit Departs Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library has packed up and shipped off the Smithsonian Institution Human Origins Traveling Exhibit that was on display at our library from February 9th through March 12th. The exhibit and associated special events were extremely well received and attended. Over 5,652 people visited the exhibit at the library, and 1,025 people attended special events put on by Smithsonian Scientists and other local Anthropology experts. Special thanks goes out to the Smithsonian Institution, the American Library Association and the John Templeton Foundation for making this exhibit possible. A special thanks goes out to the entire staff at the Cottage Grove Public Library for their extra efforts to administer and manage the exhibit and special events this past month. Thanks are also extended to the University of Oregon Department of Anthropology, the UofO Museum of Natural and Cultural History, the Discovery Institute, and to many library volunteers who helped make the exhibit a great success. Last but not least, thank you to the Cottage Grove community for supporting and attending the exhibit and programs.

Cottage Grove Half Marathon

Only 51 weeks and the Cottage Grove Half Marathon will be back. The word is out about the Cottage Grove Half Marathon. The reviews are positive and if the attached link is any indication next year's event should prove to be even bigger and better.

<http://runoregonblog.com/2016/03/11/race-recap-cottage-grove-half-marathon-352016/>

Behind the Pages

Join us for the next meeting of Behind the Pages, the Library's Book Club for Kids, on Saturday, March 19th from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. We will be discussing "Holes" by Louis Sachar. Behind the Pages book club is open for 4th to 6th graders and meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Spring Break Fun at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library invites kids and teens to come experience "Shrinky Dinks" during Spring Break. Drop-in during open library hours and create a "Shrinky Dink" art masterpiece. All supplies are provided with a limit of one Shrinky Dink per child, per day with

“baking” to be done at home under parent supervision. We hope to see you during Spring Break at the Cottage Grove Public Library.

Japanese Flag Exhibit Coming to the Library in April

The next amazing exhibit coming to the Cottage Grove Public Library will be the OBON Society exhibit of Japanese Family Flags from World War II. The opening event for this exhibit will be Saturday, April 2nd at 12:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Visit obonsociety.org for information about this exhibit and organization. And, stay tuned for more information and details about this exhibit and associated programs during the month of April.

Development Staff attend Low Impact Development (LID) Training

City Engineer Ron Bradsby, Community Development Director Howard Schesser and City Planner Amanda Ferguson attended Local Impact Development implementation training. The training was to learn how to implement the template that has been developed by 16 agencies over the last two years. The goal was to develop a guide that is aimed at western Oregon and the needs and limitations of smaller jurisdictions. Trying to adapt storm water programs from large jurisdictions for smaller jurisdictions has not been successful. The partners have developed a template and guide called: “*LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT IN WESTERN OREGON – A Practical Guide for Watershed Health.*” The guide will assist smaller jurisdictions in developing a storm water program, including erosion and sediment control, in order to meet our obligations under the Clean Water Act. Jurisdictions can use the guide which has a cafeteria style of best management practices to develop their ordinances for storm water requirements. City staff will now start preparing the ordinances for storm water regulations. The guide can be viewed on line at: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/tmdls/lidmanual.htm>.

Zone Change Public Hearing Scheduled

The City Council will consider an application from Eric Taylor and Glen Taylor to amend the Zoning Map from C-2 Central Business to C-2P Community Commercial. The public hearing is scheduled for the regular meeting on Monday April 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 16, 2016. The staff report, public hearing minutes and proposed ordinance will be provided with agenda prior to the public hearing. Any questions should be directed to the Community Development Department.

Transportation System Plan Update County Public Hearing

Lane County Planning Commission considered the Cottage Grove Transportation System Plan Update at their March 15th public hearing. Co-adoption by Lane County is required as the plan includes County land in the Cottage Grove Urban Growth Boundary. Community Development Director Schesser attended the hearing and was the only who spoke on the matter. Commissioners had a few clarification questions and voted to forward a positive recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to approve the plan and co-adopt it. The public hearing before and the consideration of co-adoption will be scheduled for some time in April. You can view the plan at: <http://cottagegrovetps.org/>.

Large Tree Blocks Bike Path

This week, Public Works noticed that a fairly large tree had fallen across the bike path at approximately the seven mile marker. The tree was cut into smaller sections and moved to the side of the trail. The BLM was notified about the tree and we are seeking permission from them to further cut-up the tree and donate the firewood to the local Kiwanis Club. The picture illustrates the size of the tree. The Cottage Grove area has received approximately 6+ inches of rain over the past several days. This amount of rain, coupled with high winds, bring down numerous trees that have to be dealt with.



Quote of the Week

“The true secret of happiness lies in taking a genuine interest in all the details of daily life. “

~William Morris~