

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager  
SUBJECT: Friday Update  
DATE: May 5, 2017

**National Honors for Paul Tocco and Buster's Main Street Café**

On Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Paul Tocco received the Business Leadership Award at the annual Main Street America Conference in Pittsburgh. The Business Leadership Award is a national award given to recognize the critical role that local businesses play in a healthy economy, and honors the hardworking small business owners that keep those enterprises going while contributing to the community. Paul was nominated for the award through the Cottage Grove Main Street program. The award had not been given in 10 years and it is a great honor to have the national recognition to an amazing business in our beautiful downtown. For more information about the award visit the news item on the City's webpage or visit the City's Facebook page.

**Beeper**

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

**Youth Advisory Council**

Members of the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be going to Salem on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on House Bill 3030. Ian Dukes, Emma Meyers, MJ Raade and Tori Raade will be joining Representative Hayden in testifying to the committee.

**Budget Orientation**

The City Manager and Finance Director took the newly appointed Budget Committee members, Duane Taddei, Amanda Gilbert and Rhonda Worley, on a whirlwind tour through the pages of the 2017-18 Proposed Budget and City facilities on Tuesday. The complete 2017-18 Proposed Budget is posted on the City's webpage.

**Mark Your Calendars – First Budget Committee Meeting – May 9, 2017**

The first Budget Committee meeting for the 2017-18 Budget is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm**. The Budget Committee will receive comments and begin their review of the 2017-18 Proposed Budget at the first meeting and will continue their review at the second meeting on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. After the Budget Committee approves the budget, it

will go before the City Council for the final budget hearing prior to adoption by the City Council on June 26, 2017. The complete 2017-18 Proposed Budget is available on the City's website at: [www.cottagegrove.org](http://www.cottagegrove.org)

### **New Water Service for River View Terrace**

This week Public Works Utilities Crew began construction of a new water service to River View Terrace. Wednesday they excavated a 4'x8'x4' deep hole in West Main Street to tap into the 12" cast iron mainline for the new 4" service line. Picture is of the hot tap process inserting the new 4" line and valve into the 12" mainline. The new 4" line is replacing an old 3" service line and failing 3" meter. The line is being upsized because 3" fire flow meters are not available. The 4" line will also ensure that fire flows could be provided. The complete upgrade will likely be completed in another week.



### **New Bench Locations at Bohemia Park**

The Public Works Crew excavated 7 sites for new benches and 2 sites for signs at Bohemia Park to prepare for concrete installation. Once the concrete is complete, new Rail Car Axle Benches built by Cottage Grove's Building Maintenance Crew will be installed. An example of the benches is installed outside the City Shop main gate along the Row River Trail.

### **DEQ Wastewater Treatment Penalty**

The Department of Environmental Quality has approved the proposed Coast Fork River Bank Restoration Project along River Road North of Harrison Street Bridge as a Supplemental Environmental Project as a settlement of the DEQ enforcement action. This will reduce the DEQ penalty Cottage Grove received for permit violations back in 2016 from \$4,500 to \$900. The City will partner with the Coast Fork Watershed to restore approximately 1/2 an acre of riparian zone along the river. Remove non-native plants and replant with native trees and shrubs. This will stabilize the river bank and create shade that will help lower the river temperature.

### **The Cottage Grove Community Development Corporation Meeting**

The Public Works & Development Director attended the Cottage Grove Community Development Corporation meeting this week. Heather Buch from St. Vincent dePaul reported that they will complete the purchase of the Saginaw Trailer Park this week. They will be making a large investment in upgrades to park facilities and homes. They also look forward to having an increased presence in Cottage Grove and forming partnerships with local businesses to improve the lives of our citizens. Newly hired Heather Greene from Aprovecho, reported on her work educating youth in Cottage Grove around self-sustainability.

### **Job Postings**

The City has a number of job openings posted on the City website. If you know of anyone looking for a job, encourage them to check out the jobs available at: [www.cottagegrove.org/jobs](http://www.cottagegrove.org/jobs)

### **Smithsonian Exhibit at the Library**

The Cottage Grove Public Library is hosting a Smithsonian Exhibit during the months of May and June. The exhibit, "A Place For All People", is a traveling exhibit to introduce the new National Museum of African American History and Culture that opened recently in Washington D.C. Stop by the Library to see this wonderful exhibit.

### **"A Place For All People" Film Festival Hosted by the Library**

The Cottage Grove Public Library will be hosting a weekly film festival during the month of May as part of the "A Place For All People" exhibit to honor African American Directors. The films will be screened each Thursday evening at 5:30 pm in the Community Center Reception Hall. Films include:

- May 11<sup>th</sup> - "Do The Right Thing"
- May 18<sup>th</sup> - "13th"
- May 25<sup>th</sup> - "Selma"
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - "Their Eyes Were Watching God"

### *Quote of the Week*

*"I cannot," never accomplished anything; "I will try," has wrought wonders.*

*~ Joel Hawes~*