

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: December 22, 2016

2017 Planning Commission Chair & Vice Chair

The Planning Commission at their last meeting of 2016 re-appointed Darby Valley as chair for 2017. With the departure of George Devine from the Commission, Chloe Beckes was appointed as Vice-Chair. Commissioners and staff thanked Bob Ehler for his service for the last two years and wished him well as he begins serving on the City Council.

George Devine sat for the last time as a Planning Commissioner. George has served for 12 years including several terms as Chair. His service is greatly appreciated and he was given a gift certificate to take his wife to dinner as a token of our appreciation. Thanks George and Bob and good luck in your future endeavors.

Public Hearing Scheduled

City Council will hold a public hearing on the rezoning of 1726 W. Main and 55 Q Street from Lane County Ch. 10 FF20/Cottage Grove R-1 to Cottage Grove RC Residential Commercial (ZC-3-16). The hearing will be on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. This is the area known as Pam's Sunnyside and was recently annexed into the City. The Planning Commission has considered the application and recommended approval to City Council. The recommendation will be submitted along with the staff report, public hearing minutes and proposed ordinance with the Council agenda. Any questions should be directed to the Community Development Department.

Heritage All-Star Grant Awarded

The City of Cottage Grove received a Heritage All-Star Grant this week from the State Historic Preservation Office and the Oregon Heritage Commission. This \$3,500 grant will go towards projects requested by three of the City's Heritage Partners, the Cottage Grove Museum, the Cottage Grove Genealogical Society and the Cottage Grove Historical Society. The three projects will improve the curatorial collections of our primary heritage partners, encourage the awareness of collection care issues within each organization, and promote the significance of these collections. These include: exhibit development and artifact preservation efforts at the Cottage Grove Museum (for a coat worn by a Titanic survivor); an upgraded computer system and digital storage capacity for the Cottage Grove Historical Society; and the purchase of curatorial supplies for the preservation of the Cottage Grove Genealogical Society's newspaper collection. The three projects will be complete by June, 2017.

2016 Leaf Pick-Up Summary

During November and December, Public Works finished the leaf pick-up program for 2016. Public Works personnel hauled 21 less loads of leaves than they did in 2015. Below, you can

find an equipment, labor, and load summary for the 2016 leaf pick-up effort. This year, Public Works hauled leaves directly to three different sites where the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council is planning watershed improvement projects. Leaves were also delivered to the Aprovecho Education Center to enhance planting projects at that facility.

Total Backhoe Hours	53	@ \$26.00 per hour =	\$ 1,378.00
Total Dump Truck Hours	97.5	@ \$21.76 per hour =	\$ 2,121.60
Total Labor Hours	150.5	@ \$37.00 per hour =	<u>\$ 5,568.50</u>
			\$ 9,068.10 Total Cost

74 total loads were hauled, which amounted to 740 cubic yards of leaves.

Lighting Retrofit

On Monday of this week, Public Works Staff met with a representative from Emerald People’s Utility District (EPUD) to discuss a lighting retrofit project for the Middlefield Golf Course Pro-Shop and Maintenance building. Currently, both locations have inefficient T-12 and T-8 florescent lighting fixtures. Public Works would like to retrofit both locations with LED type lighting fixtures. EPUD has energy efficiency incentives available to assist with these types of projects. We are hopeful that the City may save half on the installation cost associated with this lighting retrofit project. The installation of LED type lighting will also reduce electric usage for Middlefield and extend bulb life.

Log on the Intake Structure

The recent high water caused a fairly large log, with a root ball attached, to lodge itself in front of the water intake structure on the Row River. This could potentially restrict the intake of raw water from the river into the treatment plant. The air burst system was not strong enough to dislodge the log. So, backhoe operator Rob Winters used the “extend-a-hoe” feature of the backhoe to gently push the log away from the intake structure. After some skillful maneuvering and a couple of careful movements of the log, the log was successfully dislodged from the intake and floated on down the river.

Holiday Story Time at the Library Success

Great job Friends of the Cottage Grove Public Library and Mrs. Claus and the Elves for a great holiday story time and gingerbread event last week. About 65 people joined us at the Library for a fun evening of stories, food, fun and song.

Classic Film at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library will be screening the classic film, "We're No Angels" starring Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray, Peter Ustinov and Joan Bennett, on Wednesday, December 29th at 1:30 pm. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, so bring a friend and come on down to join in the fun.

Quote of the Week

“The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us.”

~Author Unknown~