



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: June W. Catalano, City Manager
DATE: November 17, 2011
SUBJECT: **WEEKLY UPDATES**

GENERAL UPDATE

- Thanksgiving Holiday – Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week, a Weekly Update will not be issued.

PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Division

- Chop Chop Korean BBQ (1428 Contra Costa Boulevard) – A tenant improvement permit has been issued for the new restaurant.
- Demolition of Residence (82 Collins Drive) – After receiving approval from the Bay Area Air Quality Control District, the single-family residence was issued a permit to be demolished (1,065 square feet of living area; a 360-square-foot garage; and a 75-square-foot porch).
- New Residence (82 Collins Drive) – After receiving approvals from the Building, Planning, and Engineering Divisions and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, a permit was issued to construct a new two-story single family residence (2,397 square feet of living area; a 467-square-foot garage; and 270-square-foot porch).
- Downtown Area (120 Crescent Drive) – A permit was issued for a total interior demolition of the building (which previously was Borders Books) to make way for the future tenant, Golf Smith.

Engineering Division

- Oak Park Boulevard/Patterson Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project – The contractor has completed the placement of pavement and installation of final striping along the project limits. This week, the contractor is installing new traffic signal poles, fixtures and wiring. PG&E is scheduled to power-up the new service meter, and staff anticipates that the traffic signal will be ready for operation early next week. The signal will contain numerous additional features, including video camera detection for vehicles and bikes, emergency response signal override sensors (Opticom), red light running indicator lights, and ADA audible pedestrian push buttons. Once the new signal is operational, the existing signal equipment will be removed, and the Contractor will complete the project with the installation of the final concrete curb ramps and additional sidewalk repair within the project limits. Overall project construction, weather permitting, is anticipated to be completed by early December 2011.
- Astound Telecommunication Project – Astound is a cable television, internet and phone service provider. Astound was granted a State franchise to provide services for homes (Phase 1) in the southern Pleasant Hill area. The Phase 1 service area in general is bounded by the Walnut Creek border (southern side), Contra Costa Boulevard (east), Boyd Road (west) and Taylor Boulevard (west). Astound has been providing similar services to Walnut Creek residents for over 12 years.

Under an encroachment permit with the City, Astound and its subcontractor (HP Communications) have been installing the new telecommunication network equipment within the City's public right-of-way. Astound Phase 1 construction work consists primarily of installing additional above-ground telecommunication cables along the existing utility poles and reinforcing utility poles with additional guide wires (as necessary for support). In some limited locations, the existing utility poles were replaced to meet current standards. Most work is above ground, and limited disruption to the neighborhood and local traffic has been observed. Astound's work is planned to be finished by January 2012.

Astound provided project notification to residents adjacent to the proposed work locations. The notifications included phone numbers for City and Astound staff for residents to contact regarding their concerns or questions. As Astound completes the installation of necessary telecommunication network within Pleasant Hill neighborhoods, they begin targeted solicitations for new customers. When a new customer signs up with Astound, a service connection (wiring) from the overhead network into the home is provided.

- New Safeway Grocery Store and Fuel Center – The contractor was potholing across Contra Costa Boulevard, south of the Golf Club Road intersection, this week. This work is necessary in order to locate existing utilities prior to boring across the

roadway for the installation of a new PG&E line to serve the new fueling center (a separate permit will be issued for this work). To avoid any traffic conflicts, the contractor is required to do this work during the evening hours (10:00 pm to 6:00 am). Notices were sent to nearby residents in anticipation of the work, which is scheduled to be completed by November 17th.

- Encroachment Permits Underway

Private

Advanced Trenchless – New sewer lateral at 333 Gladys Drive

Roto Rooter – New sewer lateral at 1002 Pleasant Valley Drive

Utilities

AT&T – Access manholes on Monument Boulevard and Lisa Lane for new fiber placement.

AT&T – Access manhole on Boyd Road at Patterson Boulevard for new fiber placement.

PG&E – Repair gas lateral at 103 Starlyn Drive

Maintenance Division

- Emergency Repairs – Staff responded to an accident clean-up call on Saturday, November 12th where a vehicle hit the irrigation vacuum breaker at the intersection of Taylor Boulevard and Morello Avenue. The water was turned off and emergency repairs were made until Contra Costa Water can complete the permanent repairs.
- Emergency Tree Clean-up – Staff responded to an accident clean-up call on Monday, November 14th where a vehicle hit a large Crape Myrtle tree in the median off of Gregory Lane at Pleasant Hill Road. The tree had to be removed and replaced with a new tree. The hours and materials are being tracked for reimbursement.

Planning Division

- **Planning Commission**

No meeting scheduled this week.

- **Zoning Administrator**

Blue Rhino Propane Outdoor Display, Minor Use Permit (1978 Contra Costa Boulevard) – Public hearing to consider approval of a request for a Minor Use Permit to allow an outdoor display for two propane exchange racks (per Section 18.25.100). The exchange racks would be displayed against the front wall of Safeway

approximately 20 feet south of the southernmost entrance. In addition, the Zoning Administrator is requested to accept the Exemption pursuant to Section 15311 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended, as a Class 11 categorical exemption – accessory structures, because the project consists of a small outdoor display area that is mobile (not permanently affixed to the ground). The site is zoned *PUD 347* zoning district.

Action: Approved

Appeal Period: The appeal period will end on Monday, November 28th at 5:00 pm.

- **Architectural Review Commission**

Meeting canceled.

REDEVELOPMENT

- Transit Village/Downtown Pleasant Hill Shuttle – On Tuesday, November 15th, the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village began providing a daily, Monday through Friday (mid-day) shuttle from the Transit Village at Pleasant Hill BART to Downtown Pleasant Hill. The shuttle begins operation each day at 10:30 am, picking up riders from four locations at the Transit Village and dropping off in Downtown Pleasant Hill behind Jamba Juice and Togo's. The Splendiferous Holiday Shuttle Shopper will operate until Friday, December 23rd. Shuttle riders can enter a daily drawing to win gift cards and BART tickets. There will also be a grand prize give away of a Giant (brand) bicycle on December 23rd. The shuttle operation is being funded by the Contra Costa Centre Association, and promotions/ advertising are being partially funded by 511 Contra Costa. Agency staff is working with Downtown Pleasant Hill to provide merchant discount coupons for shuttle riders.