



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: June W. Catalano, City Manager

DATE: July 8, 2010

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY UPDATES**

GENERAL UPDATE

- Moonlight Movie at City Hall – Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District will be hosting their second Moonlight Movie of the summer on the lawn at City Hall on Friday, July 9th, beginning at 8:45 p.m. The featured movie this week will be “Ice Age.” There is no charge for these movies, and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and warm clothing.
- Sunset by the Lake Concert on Sunday – The Summer Concert series continues this coming Sunday, July 11th with the band Dream Posse, who play an eclectic style of rock mixed with folk. Food will be on sale at the concert by Tahoe Joe’s, who is also the event sponsor. The music begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Division

- Christ the King Church (195 Brandon Road) – Plans have been submitted for review, comment and approval to construct a permanent amphitheatre with seating and patio located at the north side wing of the private Junior High School building. The plans have been routed the Planning Division for review and comment.
- Contra Costa Country Club (801 Golf Club Road) – Demolition plans have been approved and a permit is ready to be issued to revise a section of the lower parking area that serves the facility.
- St. Theresa’s Retreat (Congregate Care Facility at 2059 Pleasant Hill Rd.) – Plans have been submitted for review to determine whether the facility is in compliance with all applicable building code provisions.

Engineering Division

- Diablo Valley College (DVC) Regional Transit Center – DVC has opened Phase I of the newly-constructed bus turnaround for the new Transit Center. Bus traffic now enters DVC at the intersection of Golf Club Road and Old Quarry Road and exits by the same route. This routing eliminates the utilization of the west entrance for bus traffic. Remaining Phase II (westerly side) work is scheduled for completion in late September 2010.
- Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District (Winslow Center Project) – Preliminary project plans show the installation of new modular buildings, a new asphalt parking lot and a new storm drain system. Based on the amount of impervious surface being constructed, the project must comply with the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Provision C.3, which requires runoff to be treated prior to discharge into the storm drains leading to the creek system. Staff met with the project civil engineer to discuss the proposed drainage system for the Winslow Center and other potential issues which might arise due to the proposed project's proximity to Grayson Creek.
- Encroachment Permits Underway

Private

Subtronic Corporation – Pothole for underground utilities at Taylor Boulevard and Ruth Drive

Utilities

EBMUD – Repair water service at 52 Banbridge Place

AT&T – Replace existing 4' x 4' fiberglass pad with concrete in the sidewalk abutting Courtyard Plaza at 2250 Contra Costa Boulevard

Maintenance Division

- Reported Spill in Channel – On Tuesday afternoon, a resident reported a white substance in the open channel located next to Hopeco Road. Upon investigation by Maintenance staff, it appeared the white substance could be a possible paint spill that occurred upstream and entered the underground storm drainage system connected to the channel. A Source Control Inspector from the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) was called to assist in identifying the substance. A painting contractor has been contacted who was working in an apartment complex off of Pleasant Hill Road when the spill was found. If the source can be traced to this contractor or some other business, CCCSD will levy appropriate fines to the responsible party.

- Repositioning of Pedestrian Signage – The signs located at the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Diablo View Road directing pedestrian access were repositioned to improve sight visibility for motorists. These signs restrict pedestrians from walking along a newly-installed guard rail that runs about 150 feet along the east side of Pleasant Hill Road. The signage was lowered from its original location to address a sight visibility issue for motorists entering the intersection at Pleasant Hill Road off of Diablo View Road. The repositioned signage and site visibility will be monitored to best accommodate vehicular traffic and pedestrians in the area.

Planning Division

- Zoning Administrator

Giggles Children’s Play Center Minor Use Permit (548 Contra Costa Boulevard) – The Zoning Administrator will hold a public hearing on July 8th to review a request for a Minor Use Permit for a commercial recreation use for a 6,923-square-foot children’s play center. The site is zoned *RB-Retail Business*. Staff will be recommending that the Zoning Administrator approve the use permit request.

- Code Compliance

The Code Enforcement Officer is on vacation this week and any urgent code compliance issues are being addressed by various other Public Works and Community Development Department staff.

- Miscellaneous

Temporary Portable Free-Standing Signs – Staff is finalizing the application package for these temporary signs that are being implemented to provide economic stimulus to retail businesses. Input for last week’s Architectural Review Commission review of the application package is being incorporated in the final version.

Minor Application Activity – For the month of June, Planning staff reviewed and approved the following minor applications: 12 Home Occupation Permits, 4 Temporary Sign Permits, 2 Temporary Use Permits, and 16 Zoning Permits (2 new business applications, 5 commercial tenant improvements and 9 residential plan checks).