

City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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WEEKLY UPDATE:

- City Administrator Annual Evaluation: This closed session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30pm in the Lower Level Conference Room.
- Riverfront Master Plan: Reminder that the public meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday at 5:30pm at the Riverview Center.
- Hotel: Attached is the draft ground lease and ROW dedication that will be placed on the next council agenda.
- Soccer: Parks & Rec received an estimate of \$160,000 to light soccer field #1. This could be added to the CIP, but in talking to the Parks and Recreation Department, they have other priorities throughout their facilities that would take precedence from a staff perspective.
- Solid Waste Collaboration: Brief update - IDNR SWAP funds will not be available, but we are still waiting the Riverboat grant application. Based on the grant, we will be bringing the agreement forward with Baker Lemar to complete to study.
- Northstar Website: Here is the website for the company that is performing the marketing and branding study: <http://www.northstarideas.com.a>
- Draft Goals: Please see the revised draft goals.
- Stormwater: The following is a link to a resource document from Corralville - A new path for stormwater: <http://www.coralville.org/DocumentCenter/View/5446>. Some good information on their program.
- Form-Based Codes: Please see the attached Flagstaff, Arizona article on form-based codes. They have a hybrid code which is form based in the locations where it is most useful, and have updated the traditional Euclidean code in the rest of the City. City Planner Fangman thinks that this would be the best approach for Muscatine. Attached is an article from the American Planning Association on what Flagstaff has done. Their full zoning ordinance can be found here. <http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?NID=2998>. Here is an additional overview of form-based codes: <http://formbasedcodes.org/content/uploads/2013/11/CMAP-GuideforCommunities.pdf>. Dubuque has had form-based codes in place for a number of years.
- Attached is the November 2016 Commission Packet. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2016.
- MFPRSI: Please find attached the MFPRSI Board Meeting Agenda for the forthcoming meeting on November 17, 2016.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Mulberry: Attached the Monthly Update for the Mulberry Ave. Reconstruction Project. If you have any questions, please contact me. R. Hill

- Airport: Attached the Monthly Update for the Airport - Runway 6/24 Reconstruction and Associated Taxiways. If you have any questions, please contact me. rhill
- Art Center: Attached an updated Monthly report on the Art Center HVAC Project. If you have any questions please contact me. rhill
- CDBG: Attached is the updated Monthly report for the Alley #1 CDBG Facade Project. I took several photos today and sent them to Emily that can accompany this report. Emily can send them to you. If you have any questions, please contact me. rhill
- CSO: Attached the Monthly Update on the West Hill Storm and Sanitary Sewer Separation Project. The work is progressing according to schedule although the conflicts regarding interpretation of the contract still exist. If you have any questions, please let me know. We continue to work through three cost items/ differences with the contractor. Stanley and the City staff will meet next week to review and discuss.
- Mississippi Drive: Two critical items control the timing of Mississippi Drive. The water and electrical final design from MPW which we are still awaiting. Coordination meetings continue on a regular basis. The other key item is the CP and their cost share for the area of impact from their raising of the tracks. We continue to negotiate the area of impact and associated costs, but this has been difficult given the number of staffing changes at CP (three over the past year). Letting may need pushed to February or as a worst case scenario, the portion in from of the hotel could be let separately and first. We plan to meet next week and have a more detailed updated/recommendation coming forward.
- AARP Livability Fact Sheets: Per AARP - AARP Livable Communities has partnered with the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute to create the AARP Livability Fact Sheet series. A package of comprehensive, easy-to-read, award-winning livability resources, the 11 fact sheets can be used by community leaders, policy makers, citizen activists and others to learn about and explain what makes a city, town or neighborhood a great place for people of all ages. After all, a street that's made safer for an older adult to walk across is safer for a person walking to work, a parent pushing a stroller, a child riding a bicycle to school. Each fact sheet is a four-page PDF document that can be read online or downloaded and printed. We encourage sharing, so please forward the fact sheet URLs or PDFs (individually, below, or as a collection, at right) to colleagues and friends, and use the fact sheets for discussions and research. Topics include: Bicycling, Density, Economic Development, Form-Based Code, Modern Roundabouts, Parking, Revitalization Without Displacement Road Diets, Sidewalks, Street Trees, & Traffic Calming. Here is the link: <http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/>