

Friday January 30, 2015

Good Friday afternoon to everyone. It's been a very busy week. Staff kicked off the budget season with a half day retreat on Wednesday to set parameters for development of the 2015-16 budget after our Council meetings on Monday and Tuesday. We will have an opportunity to include some positions/activities in the budget that were lost during the recession and should allow us to provide a better level of service in some important areas. There will be more to come on the development of the budget as we get further into budget season.

We completed a round of all staff customer training this week. Staff attended the training in one of three sessions to meet their shift and operational assignments and the third session was recorded so anyone who was away will have the opportunity to watch it in the near future. We will emphasize internal and external customer in our upcoming all administrative group trainings over the next couple of quarters. This was a great opportunity to get folks from every department together to make sure everyone understands the importance of the services we provide and how to provide them. I thought people were very engaged and came away with a very positive attitude.

Councilor Marks, Brian Davis and I attended a Partnership for Economic Development marketing strategy meeting early the week. County Commissioner Chris Boice is the new Commissioner assigned to the Partnership Board so it was very interesting to hear his approach to the Partnership work plan. Most of the Partnership Board and some of the other members were present at the meeting and I think we came away with a good understanding of the core approach for marketing in the next year, and more importantly, what worked or didn't work the past year, and what we want to concentrate on in the future. The Partnership annual report is coming up soon, so I will be working with Councilor Marks, Brian and Alex Campbell to make sure we have a report that represents our work and the City of Roseburg's involvement in the ongoing economic development activities.

Winter leaf pickup concluded recently. The three plus month activity resulted in removal of about 900, yes 900, cubic yards of leaves from the Roseburg area streets. The leaf debris is removed using equipment that shreds the leaves as it vacuums them into our trucks, and over 40% of the "compostable" material was delivered to citizens who recycle the material into mulch for their gardens. This is a great way to keep our storm drains clear and make the process more environmentally sensitive. Citizens can use the mulch and we keep it away from the storm drainage system. This is a service that could be



very easily overlooked but is very important from a livable community perspective.

I also wanted to let you know that the City of Roseburg along with their consultant Mead & Hunt, Inc. received a “Grand Award for Engineering Excellence” for the Newton Creek Fish Ladder that was constructed as part of the Taxiway Relocation project in 2013. The award was presented by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) at their 2015 awards dinner in Portland on January 21st. The Engineering Excellence award is an annual design competition that recognizes engineering achievements which demonstrate the highest degree of merit and ingenuity. You all got a look at this project as part of your Urban Renewal bus tour last summer. It is great to be recognized for the work our staff and consultants are doing both for the airport and our community.



And lastly, I met with representatives from NeighborWorks Umpqua, DRA and SERVICE this afternoon for an update on their branding/logo work for south Roseburg. They have been working for about six months on getting public input and developing a theme and logo. They will attend your February 9th Council meeting to provide an update on their work to date. They will finalize their work and rolling it out to the DRA membership and the SERVICE neighborhood later in February or early March and then they'll share their final product with Council in March.

Have a great weekend everyone!