

Friday April 1, 2016

Good Friday afternoon everyone, and there will be no April fools information contained in this correspondence! It appears our weather has turned into spring this week so the recreational activity has picked up dramatically in our parks. High School softball and baseball are in full swing with activities going on in Stewart Park and Sunshine Park as well as youth activities at Gaddis Park. Youth spring soccer has also started at the Fir Grove soccer complex. I hope you have a chance to take in or participate in some of the student and adult recreational opportunities in the community.



And speaking of Fir Grove Park, Barbara Taylor, Nikki Messenger and I attended the Morning Rotary fundraising kickoff last evening at Brix that will raise money to help us complete the funding for the new spray park/playground that will be located in Fir Grove between the Art Center and play fields. Morning Rotary selected our project this year as its primary project for fundraising and community involvement.



I would like to particularly thank Dan Clark and Knut Torvik for their leadership in selecting this project and getting Morning Rotary involved and Stacey Crowe for agreeing to be the fundraising chair. The Rotary fundraising goal is \$75,000 which will help support some foundation grant requests that require a local "support" component. To date we have received a grant commitment from the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Division of \$305,000 and have budgeted City resources (Park Improvement Fund and Stewart Trust Fund) in the amount of \$175,000. The total estimated project cost is \$625,000 leaving a current need of approximately \$145,000. Morning Rotary is confident they can raise the \$75,000 to provide the final local match for our additional funding requests. THANK YOU to all those involved in this effort.

Nikki had an opportunity this week to spend three days at the Western Region Federal Aviation Administration conference. As you are aware, the FAA has invested nearly \$20 million in the Roseburg Regional Airport over the last twenty years through their airport improvement grant process. We have successfully completed the majority of the major grant related projects at the airport and we are line to update our FAA Airport Master Plan in 2017. Establishing and maintaining a positive working relationship with our federal partners is essential for our organization and I greatly appreciate Nikki's attendance at this conference and her efforts to enhance our opportunities at the airport.

HR and the Fire Department administrative staff are continuing to move forward in the hiring process for the Battalion Chief position. They have moved through the first round of interviewing and will go into the next phase of interviews in the next few weeks. It is our hope to have someone on board and ready to begin work around the end of the fiscal year. We will soon be initiating additional hiring processes in public works in anticipation of our increased project work load. Our current CIP indicates that we will be attempting to implement over \$10 million in project work through the end of the Urban Renewal Area planning horizon in 2019 and it is important that we complete all of the work in a timely manner. The majority of our projects will be related to Urban Renewal, Water, Storm and Transportation. We will update Council in the near future as to the current state of our transportation system and funding mechanisms so we can have some public policy discussions regarding the community's needs and our ability to meet them.

Friday afternoon The Leadership Committee met to discuss the Office of Justice emergency grant opportunity. The potential funding will be available to reimburse some agencies (including the City) for direct costs associated with October 1st. TLC is now an officially designated Governor's committee established to not only work on the grant opportunities, but more importantly to work on community needs and how to address the ongoing/long term issues related to October 1st. We will meet every two weeks through June or so when the grant application needs to be completed and at least monthly through January 2017. The attached press release outlines some of the information related to the TLC. As we move forward the group will be looking forward at economic development challenges and opportunities as well community resiliency challenges. In the face of this adversity, the community continues to come together to meet challenges and we have established a much better working relationship with all of the groups represented on the TLC.

So, it is 75 degrees and sunny and its light until almost 8:00 PM. Enjoy your evening and your weekend. We will see you all Monday at 4:30 for the work session.

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Douglas County, Oregon. At the request of Douglas County citizens, Gov. Kate Brown has offered assistance to develop and support a council of local leaders to help the community through the process of recovering from the Oct. 1, 2015, shootings at Umpqua Community College.

The Leadership Council (TLC) is identifying needs and priorities to build resiliency, strengthen relationships and communication, and help the community prepare for the future. The TLC is responding to state and national funding requests, developing new initiatives and partnerships, and advocating for funding and other resources.

A broad cross section of key individuals and decision makers comprise the group. This includes first responders, UCC leadership, elected officials, foundation and NGO directors, civic and faith community leaders, tribal leaders and medical professionals. The TLC will coordinate with the Community Health and Recovery Team (CHART), an ad hoc community-based group that since October has been serving as an important information forum.

“After the shooting, our community came together to support each other in a way we’ve never seen before,” said Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman. “The TLC will give us a structure to strengthen these relationships and do some real good for our community.”

The Leadership Council’s first task is to request funds from a U.S. Department of Justice Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance program to reimburse Douglas County area agencies for costs incurred as a result of the UCC tragedy and to fund programs to support the community’s recovery. The same program provided the community of Newton, Conn., nearly \$8 million in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook shootings.

The TLC is working with a technical adviser from the U.S. Department of Justice to develop the funding request. The group also is charged with identifying resources needed from the state legislature and developing other initiatives with local, state and national foundations.

Bryan Trenkle, executive director of the Greater Douglas United Way, said the TLC’s role is to “lead the change as Douglas County’s heart, mind and action to move us forward”.

Vanessa Becker, UCC Board Chair emphasized that “working together we can achieve more resources and support for UCC and our community.”

The Leadership Council will meet twice a month to develop and review grant proposals and other funding opportunities.

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