



City of Mount Rainier

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CITY MANAGER REPORT JUNE 3, 2011

Meetings

The following meetings were sponsored and/or attended by management staff:

- MRBA Marketing Coordinator re After School Madness Campaign for Mount Rainier Youth geared towards enabling youth and teens to make appropriate choices regarding bullying, anger management, and alternatives to gang involvement among critical components of the program. CM Wallace requested that a presentation be made before the Mayor and Council and citizenry concerning this important program for the city's youth. Partners include Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc, (HIPKids), Joe's Movement Emporium and Thomas Stone Elementary School. Funding for this program were made available through the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) submitted by Donald Bell.
- CM Wallace also met with MZRBA President Nisey Baylor concerning the next project for improving the city's business district on 34th Street. This project will involve a number of businesses that will stay open for later hours during the week promoting foot traffic and customers to the area. "Evening Downtown MainStreet" will utilize local artists, and other fun activities. More information will follow. Management will also be working with local artists from both the HIP Apartments and Artist Lofts to improve/restore store front window displays in vacant and occupied commercial spaces. This component is considered a spin-off of the Better Block Project held in April of this year.
- Joe's Movement Emporium has sponsored summer youth workers through grant funding and the city has utilized some of these students. Two students will be placed at city hall working with finance and the Assistant City Manager on various projects.
- CM Wallace and Councilmember Thompson met with HIP Director Mosi Harrington and her staff concerning artists support in the community and to address some minor complaints at the HIP Artist Housing Apartments. The meeting also focused on the HIPKids program at the Queens Manor Apartments and MRTV will conduct a future taping of this tutoring and mentoring afterschool program.
- ACM Jackson attended the PG School Board Hearing regarding the transfer of the property to the City known as Richardson Park.

- CM Wallace met with Gateway CDC Director Gumpert regarding activities sponsored by both the City and Gateway and working together on future projects.
- CM Wallace and ACM Jackson met with potential developers and property owners concerning RI Avenue Development. This item is scheduled for additional discussion at the June 21, 2011 work session. Bruce Lucas of Keller Williams Commercial Developers desires to enter into a contract agreement with the city to sell/market the properties in the 3200 block of RI Avenue. Mr. Lucas was provided contact information for the Singer Building to spur some movement in that direction as well in the 3300 block of RI Avenue. Contact information will also be provided for both the Circle Café property and former pawn shop.
- City staff meeting was held to update employees concerning benefits; Treasurer Manjani is still negotiating with medical providers concerning insurance premium for FY 12.
- Management Team meeting was held concerning projects, priorities, and annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Property Tax Liens

Property Tax Liens were requested in the following amounts:

- \$3,335.00 for court judgments
- \$5,725.00 for code abatements for violations on private property

Grants Management

Close-out and final reports will be due in approximately 45 days for the \$25,000 Downtown Architectural Plan through the Community Legacy Program. Final draw down request of \$3,750 was completed for a draft City Sustainability Plan which will include much of the green initiatives that have been done by the city.

Federal Transit Administration has been working with both CM and ACM to finalize the application process for the remaining \$101,000 to re-surface the former Blue Bird Cab Lot. ACM Jackson completed the required Title VI Compliance documents.

Management Staff has been working with Chesapeake Bay Trust to finalize its RFP for the Buchanan Street Bio-retention cell.

Final reports are also in development for one other Community Legacy Project which will now be closed. Management will seek additional funding in the next competitive round of grants for this program slated for late summer.

Management will also seek MainStreet funding which is scheduled for an opening round in the next few weeks or months. The management team will also submit an application to Maryland Historical Trust during its next round of funding.

Mount Rainier Day was a great success again this year! Look forward soon to seeing this on MRTV if you missed it, or enjoy it again if you attended.

Façade program

CM Wallace has submitted the proposed projects to the County. The projects slated are as follows:

Nisey's Boutique 4007 34th Street, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712 – Installation of Goose Neck Lighting above store sign

Northeast Electric estimate to relocate service entrance conduit to as low over air conditioner as practical for sign/lighting clearance \$1,920

Install three time clock controlled 120-volt lighting outlets above canopy on face of building \$920.00

Art Display Co. to install Gooseneck Lighting \$750.00

Sign blasted sign panels \$125-128 per sq. ft. \$2,750.00

Non-illuminated shed style awning with 1st surface applied vinyl graphics \$1,485.00

**There were various other additional quotes for the letters on the sign based on material. All quotes from Art Display do not include installation

Glut Food Cooperative – 4003-4005 34th Street, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712 – Installation/relocation of conduit feeders

Go Contractors - \$16,000

Northeast Electric \$3,260 to relocate service entrance conduit at 4005 to southwest corner of 4005

Northeast Electric \$980.00 to furnish and install three time clock controlled 120-volt lighting outlets above canopy on face of building

Francis Carry Out 3856 34th Street – Paints & Coatings, trim, etc. Molding for doors, signage, \$4,193

Island Style Ice Cream 3829 34th Street – Painting, aluminum finish, lighting and font for signage, removal of ramp, install plant boxes \$3,288.74-\$11,000

Potomac Fish House 3221 Rhode Island Avenue– Painting & coatings, walls, concrete masonry units, smooth surface, two coat, latex, brushwork, paint and coat awning, demolition of light box sign \$2,382

Colors By Tangie 3800-B 34th Street – New awning, painting, design – no estimate

Fountain Framing – 3311 Rhode Island Avenue (formerly H&F Arts Gallery) New signage paint, installation, design, etc.

Mount Rainier Post Office Art Studio 3711 Rhode Island Avenue Gooseneck lighting on building, new door signage, metal panel detail – no estimate

Rosa's Flower and Gifts 3229 Rhode Island Avenue – remove exterior iron gate – replace with interior security gate inside store front window – no estimate yet

Former Tortilla Kitchen 3231 Rhode Island Avenue - remove exterior iron gate – replace with interior security gate inside store front window – no estimate yet

Former K-Food Mart 3233 Rhode Island Avenue - remove exterior iron gate – replace with interior security gate inside store front window – no estimate yet

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