



City of Mount Rainier

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

May 3, 2011

Meetings

- Management met with representative from Keller Williams concerning marketing for the city's revitalization efforts and/or acting as broker for city for the 3200 block of Rhode Island Avenue; presentation made at mayor and council work session on April 19, 2011
- Management prepared for trial with LGIT for legal case; case later settle out of court
- Management and administrative staff met with Mr. Nichols concerning report on RFP response
- Management and Councilmember Thompson met with MRBA regarding SWOT analysis of Better Block Project; city manager recommended and is pursuing artist involvement in permanent restoration of storefront window design; meeting is scheduled with HIP representatives
- Management and Councilmember Thompson met with Prince George's County Library representatives Kathy Teaze and Irene Briggs concerning additional hours and/or later evening hour scheduling for Mount Rainier Library
- Management met with Mike Turner concerning painting of 34th and Bunker Hill Road to establish objectives, time frames, etc., public works to resurface the intersection and administrative staff will process ordering of paint once Mr. Turner provides directive
- Management met with code enforcement staff re code abatement issues in each area
- Management attended the annual LGIT renewal workshop to ascertain the city's insurance requirements for fiscal year 2012
- Management submitted new application to FTA for resurfacing of the former Blue Bird Cab Lot;
- Management met with consultants concerning the best pervious installation recommended for the Blue Bird Lot; ACM Jackson will schedule a presentation for council work session for May 17, 2011
- Mayor and City Manager met with PEPCO concerning issues affecting the city in terms of responses to outages, LED conversion; replacement of old wiring, etc.
- Mayor, Councilmember Updike, city manager, and assistant city manager attended the Green Street-Green Jobs Forum in Silver Spring, Maryland; Mount Rainier received a lot of good coverage in addition to receiving an award for its green efforts. The city has also received a lot of media coverage during the past three weeks as a result of being rated as

one of the nation's top ten green cities; Mount Rainier is also considered one of the most affordable communities to live in and rated among other communities (e.g., Dupont Circle) in Washington, DC.

- Mayor Miles developed a brochure highlight the cities green accomplishments during the past 36 years. Much of the information was gleaned from the city's 100th anniversary booklet, research conducted by both Mayor Miles, Council member Knedler and city manager Wallace.

Grants

In the last fiscal year the city has applied for and received awards, notification and reprogrammed funds in the amount of \$1.4 million dollars, approximately 25% of the city's annual fiscal budget. This figure includes funding from the following sources:

- CDBG - \$610,000 PY 34, 35, and 36
- State Bond Bill- \$150,00 and \$75,000 (Library/Civic Center)
- Federal Transit Administration - \$90,000
- GOCCP, DOJ, Prince George's County anti-gang \$88,500
- Community Legacy Architectural Plan \$25,000
- Green Home Initiative \$75,000
- EECBG Maryland Energy Efficiency Program for weatherization at City Hall \$40,000
- Rainier Manor Weatherization Program \$100,000
- ATHA Centennial Program Awards \$4,000
- Prince George's County Tree ReLeaf Grant \$10,000
- Chesapeake Bay Trust for Bio-retention Cell on Buchanan Street \$35,000