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Grants Management

The Department of Housing and Community Development is expected to make its announcement of awardees within the next two weeks or so pertaining to Community Legacy Funding and Sustainability and Main Street Designations.

The Perry Street Parking Lot project has been completed including striping and installation of handicapped signs. What remains is the installation of a Park and Ride signage indicating that funding was supported through a Federal Transportation Grant and matching funds from the City of Mount Rainier. The council previously indicated that no one will be allowed to park on the lot overnight beyond the midnight hour or the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense. Signage will also be installed to that affect as well.

Close out on this grant will occur tomorrow, with both the city manager and treasurer taking the necessary steps to draw down the funds to reimburse the city for the expenditures. An annual audit of the project and possibly a tour of the lot make take place as early as later this year.

A police department grant submitted by Donald Bell was awarded funds through the Governor's Office on Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) and consultant staff have been hired to target 16-22 year old juveniles who are referred through the city's police department, Department of Juvenile Services and Northwestern High School. Community partners have already been established including Mount Rainier Television, Joe's Movement Emporium, Community Forklift, Urban Eat Café to provide services to youth offenders who are transitioning back into the community with intensive and comprehensive training and support. The program's goal is for the target population to attain a high school diploma, and receive training in audio/visual technology, academics, deconstruction training and life skills. Since Donald Bell is no longer employed by the city, the city manager will serve as project director and coordinator of this grant. Brochures of the program will soon be available throughout the city and at city hall.

Chesapeake Bay Trust submitted another grant on behalf of the city to expand the Bio-retention cell project for Buchanan Street. A kick-off meeting and contract engagement will

occur within the next two weeks with Bio-Habitats and management staff to begin implementing the project to reduce water pollutants on the parking lot at Prince George's Pool n Buchanan Street. Staff at Chesapeake Bay Trust was provided the City's Green Plan and Sustainability Initiatives as supporting documents for this grant.

The city has been invited to participate in the next re-programmed funding for CDBG. Notifications have yet to be sent out.

The city also partnered with Ernest Baer (the group that installed the pavers on the Perry Street Lot) and EPA to submit a grant to replicate this effort throughout the city.

Final Reports were submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development for previous grants funded through Community Legacy. The city is scheduled to submit grants for the upcoming funding opportunity

Building and Maintenance Repairs

The library roof has been completed with the TPO reflective material as recommended by Councilmember Updike. There was more damage than originally thought which is why the price for the overall replacement exceeded the original estimate. The roof on the police station has been repaired and public works staff is obtaining estimates for the recommended roof replacement at the public works garage.

The management team and the city council have been very proactive in getting development interest in the city. The RFP was re-issued for the development of the 3200 block of Rhode Island Avenue. Proposals are due the end of March 30, 2012 with a pre-bid conference scheduled for February 29, 2012. According to the city's development consultant The Holman Group, there are approximately 10-12 developers expressing interest in the project. Both the Holladay Group and Streetsense have been invited to submit proposals.

Fiscal Year 2013 Budget

Staff is working on the Fiscal year 2013 budget which is due to the council on the first Monday in March of this year. Departmental and community group budgets are due Friday, February 10, 2012. The Bunker Hill Fire Department has already submitted its request for funding support of the repayment loan on its pumper which costs \$11,000 per quarter. The management team held its first meeting concerning the budget earlier this week. The meeting concentrated on the managers submitting realistic proposals based on actual need.

Town of North Brentwood Snow Removal Partnership

The first inclement weather event on January 21, 2012 produced very little icy conditions and we are of course grateful for that. The city's contractor treated the streets in the Town of North Brentwood without any problems. Public works needs to provide the city manager with the cost of salt that was used for the treatment so that the Town can be invoiced accordingly.

