



MEMORANDUM

TO: St. Joseph City Commissioners

FROM: Richard I. Lewis, City Manager

DATE: August 15, 2013

RE: UPDATE (8/19/2013 AGENDA ATTACHMENT)

2013 Infrastructure Projects Open House

An Open House will be held on August 20th from 6 PM to 7 PM in City Commission Chambers for residents and property owners wishing to learn about the City infrastructure projects scheduled for this fall. The projects include the 2013 CSO Project, West Highland Avenue Reconstruction Project and the St. Joseph Drive Reconstruction Project. The 2013 CSO Project work is predominantly downtown, in the 600 block of Elm Street and in the alley east of State Street. The West Highland Project involves reconstruction of West Highland from Veronica Drive to Lakeview Avenue. The St. Joseph Drive Reconstruction Project limits are from Niles Avenue to the east approximately 450 feet, perhaps better described as the a segment of road that is currently asphalt pavement. Both West Highland Avenue and St. Joseph Drive will be reconstructed with concrete pavement. Public Notices have been posted to the City's website and sent to property owners on or near the construction.

Inspection Department

Included in your packet is the activity report for the month of July, 2013 . After three months of revenue based on the Harbor Village project, the department still experienced a month of steady activity by issuing almost 100 permits for the fourth month in a row. August activity should include the permit for conversion of attic space on the second floor of the Ship Street building into 4 residential units and a new home on Summer Ridge Parkway. As you may have noticed, the bulletin board across from the inspection counter has an ever changing photo display of the work at the Inn at Harbor Village.

October Community Meetings

In lieu of Precinct Meetings during November and December each year, it seemed to make sense to hold them when the weather is more conducive to residents getting out. Also, a change in venue away from city hall may make it more of a conversation-type setting. We have tentatively scheduled the meetings as outlined below:

Monday, October 7, 2013:	Precinct I	Library	7 PM
Tuesday, October 8, 2013:	Precinct II	Howard Ice Arena	7 PM
Wednesday, October 9, 2013	Precinct III	SJ High School	7 PM

More information will be provided as the dates get closer.

Flash Mob Dance Prior to Movie August 24, 2013

We just wanted to share that some folks have contacted the City to ask permission to hold a Mob Dance prior to the Movie in the Park on August 24, 2013. These are a group of Whirlpool Young Professionals who will be dancing to a video and honoring Billy Blanks, a fitness guru, martial artist, actor, and the inventor of the Tae Bo exercise program. Billy recently visited Whirlpool Corporation as a guest speaker and this group feels it would be appropriate as the movie showing that evening is entitled, "World's Strongest Man".

MML Community Excellence Award

Susan and others are well into preparation of the video for the September 18th 7-minute presentation at the MML annual convention in September. Fathom-Works, Inc. is assisting pro bono as well as David Knight who is overseeing the video. Stay tuned for more to come.

Public Art

Susan and I met with the PGA about a golf theme for 2014. Some exploratory work is underway and we will provide an update for the City Commission in a few weeks.

St. Joseph Housing Commission

Per our request, we have received copies of the most recent audit for the year ending March 31, 2013 as well as the budget for the current fiscal year. If you would like a copy of either, please let Deb Koroch know. I will be working with Nancy Walker, Executive Director of the Housing Commission to begin providing quarterly reports so the City Commission can be kept informed of major activities taking place.

Downtown Recycling Survey

Attached is a copy of the Recycling in Downtown St. Joseph Survey Results Report presented at today's Downtown Development Authority meeting. There are good positive findings. We will be following up especially as well as prepare for the review of our solid waste agreement. More to come on this.