

To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council
From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Administrator
Re: Bi-monthly Report

Date: July 13, 2021

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – June 21st – July 9th, 2021.

City Administrator:

- I attended a webinar discussing the impact of short-term rentals on affordable housing. I am recommending that our ECDC group discuss this potential impact on our community as these property types have a potential to grow.
- Mayor Williams and I met with Caryn Huber who has purchased a property in Oregon and plans on opening a new retail business here.
- Working with the Police Department to streamline our response to ordinance violations.
- Liz Vos is beginning to work on outside data sources to refresh information on our community. We are starting with our Wiki page and expanding important facts about Oregon, so it becomes a good data source for tourism and local pride.
- Held a department head meeting to discuss summer activity, department projects and HR initiatives for the summer.
- We had our first meeting for our Retail Grant committee. We are working to establish the protocols for applicant presentations and reviews. I hope to have everything completed and allow for the first round of grant applications by the middle of July. We have the analysis document created.
- I attended a webinar on Budget Planning for Resource Optimization and The American Rescue Plan.
- Continued work on the Zoning map. (Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped). I should have the recommendation ready for Planning on the 20th of July.
- Continue to work on the budget with Comm Schuster. We have discussed some changes to implement this year.
- I am working with Lt. Cropp to provide suggested proposals for feral cat programs for Planning to review and discuss. This would be citizen lead program with some financial assistance provided by the City if we decide to move forward.
- ECDC decided to participate in the BR|E Synchronist Summer Challenge [\[Link\]](#) which will provide a survey to local CEO's to create a dataset of needs etc. I will be working with Chris Manheim to coordinate this program locally.

Recreation Paths:

- Continued planning and discussions on the Bridge-to-Bridge recreation path. We have goal set to try and apply for the ITEP grant for this path in the next two years. The survey work for the path to Kiwanis has been completed by Willett Hoffman. We are working with Corey on the next step of the process.

Coliseum:

- ADA RAMP bid opening was changed to July 14th at 11:00 a.m. The bid has been advertised in the Oregon Republican Reporter and on our website.
- Working to get an assessment done on the Coliseum roof. (it's been 20 years since it was re-done) Due to the height of the building accessing the roof has been difficult.

City Hall:

- City Hall was closed July 5th for Independence Day.
- We are working to fully implement MyGov permitting software in the next few weeks. Cheryl has been entering old permit data to practice and see if there are any issues with the software.
- Darin is working with Lexipol to establish the City Policy manual.
- Cheryl is working to get a layer of tint on art display window out front of city hall so limit the UV damage to the painting. Once we complete that we will hang the painting in the space.

Depot:

- Still working with the Silver View group for the rail car. We have repeatedly been told that our lease is in the que for BNSF to review, but there is no ETA on when it will be approved or denied. The group is worried they are losing good summer days for this project.

Chamber of Commerce E-Gift Cards:



- Liz Vos presented this to the ECDC group, and I thought it was worth sharing with the City Council. This is a great way to support local.

New mobile gift card program sponsored by the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce, employers, and merchants serves as a simple way to give back to our community.

Oregon, IL – 7/7/2021 – The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the new Oregon, IL Area Community Gift Card, a community-based digital gift card that makes it fun and easy to keep local spending local. Purchase a Community Gift Card online to use at any of the participating businesses in the community. With this card, you can write a personal message and send it to family, friends and colleagues via email, text, or physical copy. Learn more and purchase your gift card:

<http://oregonil.com/community-gift-card/>

Recipients can choose to spend it at one of ten (and growing) participating merchants in the Oregon Area—or mix it up and spend flexibly at multiple locations. All-digital and always available on your phone, the Oregon, IL Area Community Gift Card is great for birthdays, holidays, teacher appreciation, coach gifts, or just to show your appreciation to a friend. Now you can give back to the community while you celebrate.

The Community Gift Card is the perfect way to show love for your community and delight a friend!

Thank you for your help,

Liz Vos

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