



Burien

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City of Burien

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 3, 2017

TO: City Council

FROM: Tony Piasecki, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

Parks and Recreation

- On Friday, January 27, the Empty Bowls event at the Burien Community Center served 1,164 people and raised \$21,525 for the Highline and White Center Food Banks-a new record! This would not have been possible without the vast amount of volunteer support greatly supplementing our staff resources.
- A 2016 Merit Award in Analysis and Planning was given by the Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects to the Seahurst Park Shoreline Restoration Project, completed in 2014. The project's Landscape Architect firm, Anchor QEA in Seattle, submitted for the honor on behalf of the City of Burien and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the project owners. Background on the Project and submittal can be found at <http://www.wasla.org/2016-wasla-award-winner-seahurst-park>
- Acupuncture services are coming to the Burien Community Center as part of the health and wellness service offerings. Acupuncture can be used to treat a variety of conditions including arthritis, allergies, anxiety/depression, digestive issues, insomnia, numbness/tingling, and pain in the body. Licensed acupuncturist Lynn Bondi, from Sloth Around Community Acupuncture, has been practicing for over fifteen years and treats in a comfortable group setting. Starting on March 9, appointments will be available on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, from 11am-1pm. Treatment is open to all ages and is \$20 per treatment.

Community Development

- We issued the SEPA Planned Action Determination for NERA 2 to Panattoni on 1/25. They are now able to proceed with construction permits and site preparation for NERA 2. One area of concern we are following are grading activities proposed that would link NERA 2 and NERA 3. Panattoni is tentatively proposing to cut into existing grades on NERA 3 and transport that soil to establish grades on NERA 2. We will be working with Panattoni to ensure that existing environmental features on NERA 3 are protected from impact by grading activities pending completion of wetland buffer determinations.
- We are on track to issue the SEPA Planned Action Determination for NERA 3 within the next two weeks. More details to follow.

- We will be withdrawing the Personal Wireless Services code amendments from the minor Zoning Code Amendments package that will be presented to the City Council at a future meeting. Based on staff discussions concerning siting of telecommunications facilities both in the public right-of-way and on private property, we have decided to conduct a comprehensive analysis of Chapter 19.50 Wireless Services to ensure that our regulations are in compliance with current FCC requirements. We will be working with the city attorney and Public Works on this review and taking the wireless services amendment package to the City Council in the 3rd Quarter.
- City staff from Public Works, Planning, Building, and Fire are all working closely with the construction team at Merrill Gardens to achieve a temporary occupancy approval (TCO) by the end of this week or early next week. Once the TCO is approved, tenants will be allowed to move into the independent apartment units. Units in the Memory Care and Assisted Living area will not be occupied until State Department of Health has inspected and approved those portions of the building. Completion of the Merrill Gardens at Burien building is fast approaching!

Finance

- Recruitment is underway for the vacant Senior Financial Analyst position. A total of 50 applications were received and five candidates were selected to participate in the first screening interview.
- Finance staff issued W-2's and 1099's this month.
- The final budget document is about 75% complete. Additional time is needed to update the goals and accomplishments for each department and to compile the information required to qualify for the Government Finance Officer's Distinguished Budget Award.
- The IT Division took advantage of year-end specials and replaced all City-issued cell phones with new devices. The devices that were replaced were experiencing battery issues as they were end of life. We also made some changes to our plans that should result in lower bills.