



Burien

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City of Burien

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 24, 2017

TO: City Council

FROM: Tony Piasecki, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

City Manager's Office

- While meeting with our representatives and senators at AWC City Action Days last week I shared the status of the Peter Western Bridge, for which a State of Emergency has been declared. Declaring a State of Emergency allowed us to suspend our typical bidding process, thereby expediting work on the bridge and coordination of road closures and traffic control. It also makes us eligible for grant funding and other financial assistance to repair the damage. The Communications Officer and Public Works Director prepared a one-page fact sheet summarizing the situation; this was provided to our legislators.
- Based on feedback from the Branding Advisory Committee, JayRay provided staff with two final logos for presentation to Council on February 27-one is a new design and the other is a refreshed version of the current logo.

Communications

- The Communications Officer remains busy with ongoing emergency communications related to the Peter Western Bridge and the Arbor Lake oil spill.
- Other Communications projects include work on the social media and commenting policy, the website redesign, and along with the Economic Development Specialist, investigation of potential marketing organizations.

Parks and Recreation

- Staff is clearing drains at Seahurst Park to prevent more slides.
- Town Square Park and the library/City Hall were hit with vandalism and graffiti over the weekend. The graffiti was removed immediately and staff is working to recover and re-install a stolen bike rack. At the request of a Town Square Condominium resident, trees and shrubs in Town Square park were trimmed back to increase visibility/prevent crime.
- Staff conducted a walk-through of the building interior and the park at Merrill Gardens at Burien and provided a punch list of items that must be taken care of before the park can open to the public.

Community Development

- At the February 13 Council meeting, Councilmember Wagner requested information regarding the capacity of the community meeting room in the recently completed Merrill Gardens at Burien. The posted capacity for the meeting room is 146 persons. Additional information regarding room rates and scheduling use of the facility can be obtained online at: <https://www.merrillgardens.com/senior-living/wa/burien/merrill-gardens-at-burien/> or by calling (206) 452-2216.
- The Soul food restaurant formerly associated with the Dragon Pearl property is no longer operating.
- Clearing grade activity at the Emerald Pointe project should commence in the next 60 days. This project is a 178- to 200-unit condominium project located at 13401 12th Avenue SW.
- Permits for the Highline Heritage Museum are now ready for issue. An 80% credit has been applied for the unused portion of the museum's previous permit and a revised invoice has been sent to the applicant. The final total due for the tenant improvement permit is \$295.50 and the permit should be picked up by the end of the week.
- We received clear and grading permits and retaining wall permits for NERA 2 and 3 last Friday and both sets of permits are currently under review. We anticipate first comments for the permits within six weeks.
- Our second-and for the time being final-recreational marijuana retail outlet The Joint, located at 14325 1st Avenue South, received its Certificate of Occupancy today.

Economic Development

- The Wayfinding project is in full swing. The second meeting of the Wayfinding Stakeholders group is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, and an open house will be held on March 16, between 5:00 and 8:00pm. Once confirmed, staff will announce the location and time through social media and other venues.

Human Resources

- The City Manager position closed on February 22. CB&A, our recruitment firm, says we have attracted a strong field of candidates to select from.
- A representation petition has been filed by our Public Works Maintenance workers with the Public Employee Relations Commission.

Police

- On February 17 at 6:15pm, one of our officers heard multiple gunshots coming from the transit center. Upon arrival, it was discovered that several individuals had been shooting at each other and fled the scene. One juvenile suspect was arrested when he was found in possession of a stolen handgun and narcotics. No one would cooperate as a victim or explain what had happened. There were no injuries but two cars were struck with bullets. Metro detectives are conducting the follow up investigation.

- Police are investigating the theft of the bike rack sculpture in Town Square Park and the graffiti on the library/City Hall building that occurred this past weekend.
- Captain Howard met with Parks staff to discuss National Night Out events for this coming August.

Finance

- IT staff have ordered the replacement desktop units and server hardware as part of scheduled and budgeted maintenance.
- IT implemented a file recovery program to restore files accidentally deleted or lost and diagnose what caused the issue.