



# Burien

*Washington, USA*

City of Burien

## MEMORANDUM

---

**DATE:** November 7, 2016

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Tony Piasecki, Interim City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Weekly Report

### City Manager's Office

- On Thursday, I met with staff and our consultant regarding the branding and logo project. The consultant and staff provided me a comprehensive briefing on what has been accomplished to date. On Friday, Economic Development Specialist Chris Craig and I met with an interested resident, Maureen Hoffmann, to hear her thoughts on the process, particularly the logo.
- I attended the November meeting of the Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership (BEDP). I introduced myself to the group and took part in the meeting. I intend to attend all of their meetings in the future, as long as my schedule allows me to do so.
- On Friday, November 4, staff and I met with representatives from the Port of Seattle, FAA, Quiet Skies Coalition, and a meeting facilitator to discuss coordinating a public meeting, per Council direction, regarding the change in the flight paths that is bringing more aircraft over Burien than we have experienced in the past. Each group discussed their expectations around the purpose of the public meeting and Quiet Skies Coalition representatives made a presentation that contained questions that they would like the FAA to respond to. The FAA will inform us of their timeline to respond to the questions by the end of next week. Once we hear from the FAA a second meeting for the stakeholders will be scheduled to finalize the plan for the public meeting.

### Community Development

- Building, plumbing, and mechanical permits were issued on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> for the rebuild of the Group Health Clinic, 140 SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street. This project is valued at \$7,000,000.
- A request for a pre-application meeting has been submitted for the NERA 2B and NERA 3 sites. The developer for this project is Panattoni, the company that is developing the Des Moines Creek Business Park on Port of Seattle owned property in Des Moines.
- The Planning Commission will discuss minor zoning code amendments at their next meeting, scheduled for November 9.

### Economic Development

- Economic Development Specialist Chris Craig conducted an informal survey of vacant commercial buildings and has noticed that previously vacant spaces seem to be filling up.
- The week before last, Chris took part in an event at which shopping center developers and brokers could meet city representatives from the Soundside Alliance cities. This event was co-sponsored by the City of Tukwila and the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC).
- The Burien Film Office held a happy hour last Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Tin Room.
- Final drafts of the content for the next edition of the “Burien Magazine” went to the publisher last week.

### Police

- On October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:50 pm Burien officers assisted unincorporated deputies who were pursuing a carjacking suspect (original incident occurred in SeaTac). The suspect crashed at SW 144 and Ambaum and was placed into custody.
- Captain Howard met with the city attorney and C.A.R.E.S to discuss next steps in a possible animal cruelty investigation and other municipal code violations.
- The following incidents occurred on November 3<sup>rd</sup>:
  - At 1:27 am officers responded to a burglary investigation, located the suspects nearby and arrested them. One had an outstanding warrant for domestic violence and the second had an outstanding felony warrant for probation violations.
  - At 4:23 am officers responded to a reported explosion at a residence and found two cars and a shed on fire. Anti-Semitic writings were spray painted on the home but there were no injuries. The Arson Unit responded and is investigating.
  - At 8:06 am a group of students got into a fight at Highline High School and were doused by school security with pepper spray when they couldn't break the fight up. Several students were detained, including one who threatened to return with a gun.
- Captain Howard met with the library manager and staff to discuss trespassing and other safety issues.
- Chief Kimerer, Captain Howard, Burien Fire, and Liquor Control investigators met with the owners of El Pique Bar to discuss ongoing violations including noise, over service, operating after hours, operating over occupancy, and other nuisance related allegations. We are working with them towards voluntary compliance.
- Information was released to the public on November 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding a large narcotics investigation which has spanned several months, with the Drug Enforcement Agency called in to assist. This criminal organization utilized semi-tractor trailers to transport narcotics from California to the Seattle area, and US Currency from the Seattle area to

California. During this five month long investigation, detectives were able to intercept one of the loads of cash after witnessing the meeting with the semi-truck. Detectives served a search warrant on a Burien area storage locker and recovered heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine. Detectives then served search warrants at six different locations in Auburn, Renton, Federal Way, and Kent resulting in:

- A total of \$1.28ml seized
- Approximately 30 pounds of drugs seized
- 6 Arrests

#### Human Resources

- Administrative Services Manager Angie Chaufy has drafted an RFP that will be issued next week to secure the services of an executive search firm to help the City Council hire our next City Manager.
- Angie has started the process to review our performance evaluation form and process. She has put together a staff committee and will be coordinating the review process with the City's leadership team.

#### Finance

- The Finance Department's focus at this time continues to be on the 2017-2018 budget.
- Finance Director Kim Krause is participating on a state task force that has been studying the issues surrounding a proposal to consolidate the collection of B&O taxes and management of business licensing processes at the state level and not allow cities to collect these taxes or manage business licensing individually. This task force was created by the state Legislature to advise the Legislature for the upcoming session on potential legislation to require these changes.

#### Parks and Recreation

- The wall at the main entrance of the Community Center has a water intrusion problem. Water has seeped into the building causing damage to the floor in that area. We are having the wall sealed and will have the floor repaired once the sealing is complete.