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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Mike Martin, City Manager
DATE: March 14, 2011
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

I. INTERNAL CITY INFORMATION

A. Open House for SW 132nd Street Improvement Project (Pg. 23)

All persons interested in the future improvements of SW 132nd St. between Ambaum Blvd. SW and Hazel Valley Elementary School are invited to an Open House to meet with city staff and project designers on March 21, anytime between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. at Burien City Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room. See attached notice for further details.

B. Permit Activity Update

Ross Dress for Less

Ross Dress for Less was issued their building permit on March 2nd for tenant improvements at 15716 1st Ave. S. According to the contractor Berman Bros., work is expected to begin around March 15th. They are currently selecting their subcontractors and preparing to mobilize.

Pep Boys

Pep Boys have been issued a business license to open at 266 SW 153rd St. (Big O Tires).

Fred Meyer

A building permit application was received March 4th to add additional gas pumps and canopy at the Fred Meyer on 1st Ave. S.

C. Gray Whale Spotted at Seahurst Park

On March 1, Marine Science Center instructor Joe Weiss reported the sighting of a 40-ft. long grey whale feeding in the shallow sediments along the Seahurst Park shoreline. The whale, probably a male, was feeding at about 10am Tuesday morning and came as close as 100 ft. from the seawall and in about 20 ft. deep waters. At the time Joe was conducting classes and was able to bring the students out to the shoreline for a rare treat.

D. Volunteers Making Playgrounds Safer

Members from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints came out to Chelsea and Lake Burien Parks on March 3 to help distribute 40 cubic yards of wood fiber throughout the two playgrounds. About 20 volunteers coordinated by PaRCS Adopt-A-Park staff spread two very large piles of chips throughout the playgrounds for an even play surface and re-established the depth of surfacing that provides a safe fall zone around the equipment.

E. Vandals Cause Damage at Seahurst Park

At Seahurst Park's south picnic shelter on the evening of February 16, vandals caused about \$700 worth of damage to the concrete surfacing. These vandals apparently pulled rocks from the adjacent retaining walls at the shelter to make a fire ring on the concrete. The heat from the fire caused the concrete underneath to actually explode and damage a 4 ft. square by 3 inches deep section of concrete. A large square of concrete will need to be cut out and removed, in order to re-pour new material. PaRCS staff are proceeding to make the repairs to the concrete surface.

F. Healthy Highline Communities Update

- The Healthy Highline Communities Coalition (HHCC) is moving forward on inter-jurisdictional collaboration, starting with Joint Use Agreements for facility usage at the cities of Burien, SeaTac, Normandy Park, Des Moines and the Highline School District. Facility inventories have been completed by each city and a draft agreement will be created for feedback and input sometime in early April.
- The HHCC will be part of a focus group to test public health messages about Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) for the King County region. The Focus Groups convene the week of March 14.
- The CPPW baseline assessment for the food retail environment in South King County was released this week which included Burien. Data that was overlaid with the food retail data included prevalence of diabetes, % of adults overweight and obese, % of adults lacking adequate daily consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables. This information will be used to assess the food environment and access to healthful food choices in Burien as part of the Healthy Eating Active Living –CPPW grant.
- The review of the Comprehensive Plan for opportunities that support healthy eating and active living has begun.

II. COUNCIL UPDATES/REPORTS

A. Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (Pg. 25)

Approved minutes from the following advisory board are attached:

- Business & Economic Partnership minutes from January 14 & January 28, 2011.



City of Burien
Open House Meeting
for
SW 132nd Street Improvements
(Ambaum Blvd SW to Hazel Valley Elementary School)

DATE: Monday, March 21, 2011
Burien City Hall, Multipurpose Room (1st Floor)
400 SW 152nd Street, Burien, Washington

Drop in anytime between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.
Refreshments

City staff and project designers would like to meet with all persons interested in the future improvements of SW 132nd Street between Ambaum Blvd SW and Hazel Valley Elementary School. The City of Burien is planning an extension of the sidewalk along the north side of SW 132nd Street from Hazel Valley Elementary School to Ambaum Boulevard SW. The project will also include the installation of a drainage system along SW 132nd Street, on 8th Avenue SW (between SW 132nd and SW 130th Street) and on SW 130th Street (between 8th and 6th Avenue SW).

The City has identified pedestrian safety deficiencies in this corridor that require correction, as well as the need for better stormwater facilities. To resolve the described concerns, SW 132nd Street within the stated corridor will be reconstructed to provide: a new hard surface, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and new stormwater facilities.

The SW 132nd Street Improvements will provide safer connectivity to Hazel Valley Elementary School. Please notify anyone you know who might be interested in this project. If you have any questions, or are unable to attend the meeting and would like more information on this project, please contact the Burien Public Works representative listed below:

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cc: Burien City Council
Burien Staff
Discover Burien
Highline Times
King County/Burien Public Library

Seahurst Post Office
Web site: www.burienwa.gov
B-Town Blog
White Center Now

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership

Date: January 14, 2011

Time: 7:00-8:30 am

Members Present: Judy Coovert, Dave Elliott, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Alice Madsen, Sherrill Miller, Mark Minium, Carmen Moore, Doug Moreland

Excused Absentees: Nancy Hinthorne, Jane Voget

Absent:

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager; Janet Stallman, Dept. Assistant, City Manager Office

Guests: Councilmembers Gordon Shaw and Rose Clark; Steve Gilbert, Executive Director of Discover Burien; Marco Milanese, Port of Seattle

Presentation

Jerry O'Day of O'Day Media Group gave a presentation on Burien Wellness and the joint promotional marketing campaign that will be undertaken this year. Burien Wellness hopes to kick off their campaign with a media kit by the end of February. The media kit will feature individual businesses and educational partners that belong to Burien Wellness. Dick Loman thanked Jerry for his volunteer work in helping Burien Wellness get to the next level by providing his expertise to the group. Jerry is making something possible that very likely would otherwise not have happened.

Minutes

Minutes from December 10, 2010 were approved as written.

Chair's Report – Judy Coovert, Chair

Judy discussed the structure of the two meetings per month. Judy reminded the group that both meetings will be 1-1/2 hours in length. The second Friday of the month will keep the same format. The fourth Friday meeting will be “work study” sessions. It was agreed that at the January 28th meeting, an agenda for the first several months of work study sessions would be determined.

Subcommittee Reports

Marketing Subcommittee

The Market Subcommittee has not met since the last regular meeting.

Annexation/Sustainability Subcommittee

BEDP made a presentation to Council on December 13th. Members requested that the City consider updating an economic development study for Burien, since the last one was completed many years ago. BEDP will be back in front of Council on January 24th to continue a discussion on their request. Doug asks that partnership members let him know if they plan to be at the Council meeting on the 24th. He also noted that he hopes the BEDP will be involved in the Visioning process. This statement prompted a discussion on the Visioning project, and Mike Martin gave a brief overview of how the process may work.

City Manager Report – Mike Martin

Mike spoke a bit about the Steering Committee for the Visioning project. He also described that the Visioning project is meant to get a more broad view of what the community wants before specifics are nested under that vision. Mike and Dick will be meeting with the Port of Seattle today to discuss the potential auto mall project in the NERA. Mike has met with several legislators the last several weeks about the Public Safety Authority idea. Berk & Associates is actively working on a comparative analysis for a Police Dept.

Economic Manager Report – Dick Loman

Dick gave an overview of the newly launched Business Attraction Program in partnership with Discover Burien. There is now an inventory of the available space in Burien, along with a list of who the brokers and owners of those properties are. The next thing that is being compiled is a list of what types of businesses we do not have in Burien that we need, and/or for which there may be a market in Burien. We also want to know what other nearby businesses might be ready to expand and open a second or additional location in Burien. We are working with the SBDC and banks, too, to work with small businesses that want to come here. We have volunteers from Discover Burien willing to work on this. Dick asked the partnership members to be thinking about what types of businesses we don't currently have that might do well here, as well as what businesses may be expanding and might consider coming to Burien.

Discover Burien Report – Steve Gilbert

Steve believes that 2011 will be a great year for Discover Burien. There will be more networking and educational events this year, and they are very excited about the Business Attraction Program with the City. Steve has event calendars for folks to take with them today.

Round the Table

It was recommended that the retail specialist with whom the Marketing Subcommittee met be brought in for one of the BEDP meetings. Someone on the Marketing Subcommittee will contact her.

Next meeting: January 28, 7-8:30 a.m., City Hall

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership

Date: January 28, 2011

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 am

Members Present: Bob Ewing, Judy Coovert, Sherrill Miller, Nancy Hinthorne, Dave Elliott, Doug Moreland, Alice Madsen, Michael Goldsmith, Jim Hughes

Excused Absentees: Carmen Moore, Jane Voget, Geri Fain, Mark Minium, Kevin Fitz

Guests: Steve Gilbert, Executive Director, Discover Burien

A discussion was held on the Council meeting and our presentation of January 24th. Since Council and staff don't want to spend money on an economic enhancement study, it will be up to the Partnership to develop focus projects and determine our role in these projects.

BEDP 2011 topics were suggested by Bob Ewing. Discussion followed as to how we could best put topics into action. The topics discussed were:

- City Visioning Project

- NERA/1st Ave.

- Property Development Analysis

- Burien Outlet/Commissary Model

- Completing Town Center

- Community/Ethnic Outreach

- Education/Training

- Wellness Cluster

- White Center Analysis

- Economic Development Data and Performance Evaluation

- BEDP Strategy and Plan

Members volunteered to research the different topics to give us information to create action plans.

February study meeting on February 25th: Arrange for Elizabeth Best to talk to us.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.

