

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

April 12, 2013

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) COMMITTEE MEETING

The first CEDS Committee meeting was held this week. The purpose of the Committee is to update the City's first Economic Development Strategy that was developed in 2008. This update will be prepared in accordance with guidelines approved by the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) so that it can be designated as a certified CEDS, which will make the City eligible for economic development grants through the EDA. This was the first of two workshops that are being facilitated by Chabin Concepts, the economic development consultant who prepared the 2008 strategy. The first workshop reviewed where we are, including progress made since 2008, and began the process of developing priority economic development goals and initiatives for the next three years.

BUDGET MEETINGS

City staff is in the process of updating the 2012-2014 budget and Capital Improvement Program. The draft budget document and recommendations will be presented to the Council in early May in preparation for the Budget workshop scheduled for May 28.

COUNCIL CHAMBER IMPROVEMENTS

Staff met with three local contractors to discuss proposed improvements in the Council Chamber. Work will tentatively include installing new trim, molding, dais top, paint, and other aesthetic improvements. Construction work is anticipated to take place in May, and will be scheduled between the City Council meeting dates. A separate RFP for a new sound system in the Council Chambers is also almost ready for release. The project is funded through a Public Education and Government (PEG) grant.

E STREET LIFT STATION

Staff received four bids for the E Street Lift Station Improvement Project this past week. After determining the lowest responsive bid, a recommendation for contract award will be presented to the Council for consideration in May. The work is part of the annual Capital Improvement Program to maintain City infrastructure. Rehabilitation of this sewer lift station is vital to maintaining sewer service to the Reynolds Ranch and Liberty Oaks subdivisions.

GORA AQUATIC CENTER

Cleaning and interim tile repairs have been completed and the pools have been refilled in preparation for the upcoming swim season.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mike Guttridge has now received building permits for five (5) new homes in the Creekside 2, Unit 2 subdivision (south of Ranch Road) and has stated that he will be bringing in applications for four (4) more in the next week. Beck Homes has resubmitted four (4) of their residential plans for plan check in The Meadows subdivision, located on East Stockton Boulevard just north of Walnut Avenue. They are also planning to install a sales trailer on site and intend to begin construction this spring/summer on the remaining 26 lots.

DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT 2008-2013 PUBLIC WORKSHOP

There was a joint Planning Commission/City Council workshop held on April 11 to discuss the Draft Housing Element. Public hearings for subsequent adoption will be held on May 9 at the

Planning Commission and June 4th at the City Council. The environmental document and Draft Housing Element is currently out for public review. Work will then commence on the Element for the upcoming cycle of 2013-2021 which is due later this year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FIREARMS RECOGNITION TRAINING

Lt. Uptegrove will begin teaching the classroom portion of this class on several dates this month. There are over 150 teachers and staff from the local school district that have signed up for the training. The range portion of the course will most likely follow next month.

OPENING DAY

Opening Day for T-Ball and Softball is this Saturday, April 13th. Ceremonies are scheduled for 10:00a.m., 12:30p.m. and 3:00p.m.

SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

Several representatives from local hotels and restaurants have recently thanked the City for the dramatic increase in weekend sports tournaments hosted by the City that has resulted in significant increases in local business.

RECREATION CLASS UPDATE:

Zumba – Registration is available for the Youth Classes. Adult classes will be using punch cards (and are available for purchase). The instructor will be demonstrating Zumba on Friday, April 19th at the SOAR program sites in hopes of generating interest. Classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Littleton Community Center in May.

Art classes – The Monday class now has 6 students registered and the Tuesday class has 15 students (mainly 9-12 years of age). Staff will be meeting with the instructor next week to begin discussing additional classes.

Open Gym Volleyball (High School age participants) – The instructor has completed his contract for this year and we are now taking registrations for the program that starts in May.

Galt Gators - There are currently 107 swimmers registered for the Galt Gator's swim team. The Board sponsored a Spaghetti Dinner/Parent Information on Wednesday night specifically for new swimmers and parents who may have questions.