

FRIDAY MEMO

June 10, 2005

1. I have selected a new Community Development/Public Works Director. We have agreed to contract terms, and when the contract has been signed I will make the formal announcement. The anticipated start date is July 18, 2005.
2. On Monday, June 13 Community Services will welcome a new employee, Beth Ragel. Beth will fill the position formerly held by Jason Wachs as Program Coordinator. Beth will be the main contact with the neighborhoods, handle event permits and take on a myriad of other projects that we have been holding for her. Beth comes to the City fresh from the graduate program in Urban Planning at Portland State University. Her graduation date, in fact, is June 10. Beth's work experience includes volunteer coordination and training for organizations such as People for Parks in east Multnomah County and Mid County Caring Community, also in Multnomah County. She also did a short internship with our own former Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Gregory, now of Soapbox Enterprises.
3. On June 3 staff received bids from three abatement contractors to remove asbestos and PBC-filled light fixtures from the Kroll Building, a/k/a Vic's Tavern. The low bidder is IRC Abatement Technologies in the amount of \$12,990. The contractor will begin this project on June 13, 2005. It will most likely be completed in two weeks. This is step one of the removal of the two buildings on the waterfront to allow for the construction of McLoughlin Blvd. Staff will be receiving bids very soon for the removal of the two buildings.
4. In response to City Council and community concerns, the Planning Department is beginning efforts to address residential and commercial design and quality of new development. Staff will develop a project description for Council review at an upcoming work session. The concept will first receive Design and Landmarks Committee and Planning Commission review. The project will involve significant neighborhood and public involvement and is expected to take up to a year to complete.
5. Upcoming Planning Commission reviews include the following:
 - Decision on the Parks District Ball fields project and consideration of an appeal against a Planning Director's decision on June 14, 2005.
 - Consideration of the Norm Scott application for subdivision at 28th and Van water in the Ardenwald neighborhood and consideration of the proposed Spring Park Master Plan in the Island Station neighborhood at meetings to be scheduled.



City and Public Interest Meetings The Week of June 13th – 19th

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>		<u>Contact</u>
New Location → <u>Monday 13th</u>	Historic Milwaukie NDA	6:30 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room		Ed Zumwalt 503-654-2493
	Hector Campbell NDA	7:00 p.m.	PSB – Community Meeting Room		David Aschenbrenner 503-654-4258
<u>Tuesday 14th</u>	Riverfront Board	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room		JoAnn Herrigel 503-786-7508
	Planning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers		John Gessner 503-786-7652
	Ardenwald/JC NDA	6:30 p.m.	Ardenwald Elementary		Lisa Gunion-Rinker 503-659-7807
<u>Thursday 16th</u>	Island Station NDA	6:30 p.m.	Milwaukie Grange		Lisa Batey 503-353-1825
<u>Sunday 19th</u>	Farmers Market	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Downtown Milwaukie		Grady Wheeler 503-786-7503