

MIKE'S FRIDAY MEMO

January 25, 2008

1. Citing a lagging economy and a nation-wide downturn in the condominium market, Tom Kemper of Main Street Partners has decided to withdraw his proposal to build the Town Center project at the corner of Harrison Street and McLoughlin Boulevard. The Main Street Partners' initial program called for 76 town homes and condos, 10,000 square feet of retail space on Main Street, 6,000 square feet of office space facing McLoughlin, and 80 residential parking spaces within the first floor. City Manager Mike Swanson said he was disappointed the project would not be moving forward, but has nothing but positive things to say about his dealings with Kemper, both past and present. Kemper is the developer behind North Main Village, a similar multi-use project located just adjacent to the proposed Town Center site. The City of Milwaukie and Metro jointly own the block and will discuss future plans.
2. The Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood will host a candidate's forum on February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street. Residents will have an opportunity to meet Council candidates Greg Chaimov and Dave Miller who are vying for Milwaukie City Council Position #1 which was vacated by Carlotta Collette when she was appointed to the Metro Council last November. Ballots will be mailed to voters on February 22. If you want information on how to register to vote or other election-related matters visit <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/elections/>
3. Join your friends and neighbors at the Ledding Library on Saturday, February 2nd at 2 p.m. and enjoy the music of the Caravan Gogh. Blending acoustic string styles with doses of rock, swing, funk, jazz and misterioso, a Caravan Gogh performance includes energetic and beautiful original songs ranging from gypsy waltzes to all out acoustic rock. It has been said that Caravan Gogh transports the listener on an unparalleled musical journey. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library.
4. During February residents from all over Clackamas County will take part in an exciting nationwide program called the Big Read. Participants will read Ray Bradbury's novel *Fahrenheit 451* and then have the opportunity to learn more about the book, its author and its message by taking part in special events all across the county. Ledding Library has over 100 copies of the book waiting to be checked out and read. Study guides are available as are audio introductions to the book. On Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. the Ledding Library is sponsoring a discussion of Bradbury's work led by noted poet and literary figure, Paulann Petersen. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture.

5. Wednesday, February 13 marks the 4th reading in the Milwaukie Poetry Series. This month's writer is Barbara Drake another noted Northwest Poet. Ms. Drake received a BA from the University of Oregon in 1961, an MFA in 1966. Since 1983 she has been teaching writing and literature at Linfield College where she is a full professor in the English Department. Her teaching specialties include creative writing, Irish literature, American women writers, and environmental literature. She lives on a small farm in the foothills of the Oregon Coast Range where she and her husband raise wine grapes and Romney sheep. The reading begins at 7 p.m. in the Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison.
6. If you are interested in becoming part of the local art scene, consider becoming involved with the Milwaukie Area Arts Committee. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street. Meeting topics will include basic duties of Committee members and possible goals for the year. The Milwaukie Area Arts Committee will meet about 5 times a year supplemented by more frequent subcommittee meetings.
7. The City of Milwaukie is currently recruiting for an IST Analyst I and a Finance Director. Applications and position information are available on the City website at www.cityofmilwaukie.org.
8. The City Council is seeking volunteers to fill a couple of important advisory board vacancies. There is currently one vacancy on the Library Board and one on the Park and Recreation Board. Both are very active and important to our community livability. For more information visit the City website at <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/committees/bdoverview.html>
9. Milwaukie Police Officer John Truong and others in the Department are working to raise funds to resurrect the Milwaukie K-9 unit. Studies show that these units help track down and catch crooks and act as a deterrent to future crimes. The City had a K-9 unit as recently as 1992, but due to budget constraints the program was cut. The goal is to raise \$25,000 to restart the program with the major costs being the police dog, training for the officer and the dog, and equipment to outfit the police vehicle. Through the generosity of individuals, neighborhood groups, and local business, the Department is more than half way to its goal but still needs some help.

If you would like to donate to the K-9 program, you can drop your donation at City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street, or the Milwaukie Police Department, 3200 SE Harrison. Please contact Officer John Truong at 503.786.7473 if you would like information about the program.

Attachments:

1. Notes from Mayor Jim Bernard
2. Notes from Councilor Greg Chaimov
3. Cemetery Association Minutes, January 2008

4. JCB Bulletin for the week ending January 25, 2008
5. City Event Calendar for the week of January 28 – February 3

Mayor Jim Bernard's Notes for the Week Ending January 25, 2008

I decided after the last couple of weeks to address some issues that I feel need to be discussed instead of just providing a list of "what I did this week." I will however follow up with an update of those adventures.

Every year we, the Council, review the City Manager's performance, and part of the process is to receive staff input. This is all given to Council for consideration. The input he received this year, as in the past, can be characterized as outstanding and includes statements such as "he brings great conscience, strength, and wisdom", "he stands up for his staff and community", "he continually places the community before all other interests", "I have sought and received good direction", "leads with integrity" and numerous other words such as "ethical", "consistent", "trusted", "beyond reproach", and "supportive". Within that same review it is said of Council "lacks commitment", "wish Council would follow his lead", "courage is not apparent with the Council to support solid financial planning by Mike, and this will cause stagnation". I respect our staff more than you can possibly imagine, and I also feel that Mike is a mentor. Mike never once told me what I should do, without asking, and if we disagreed, we always talked about how we reached our conclusions. I simply cried when I read this, and I can't help but wonder how the rest of Council felt when they read the review. I have not seen their responses yet and when I talked with someone today they asked, "Do they care?" I hope so. I am honored to work with Mike and staff, and its time we honor them by trusting in our vision and following through. We need "back bone" and folks we need Council to grow one.

The second issue I wanted to talk about is the former "Town Center" project. I was very disappointed in the results of our last Council meeting, that being Tom Kemper and his partners pulling out. We spent 2 years discussing the redevelopment of our downtown and the importance of creating a market that would attract retailers and citizens from throughout the region. One of the basic principles being that in order to create a sustainable downtown you must have connectivity. That connectivity is similar to that of a mall. This concept is currently being developed at Clackamas Town Center in its new outdoor mall. They are actually copying the downtown environment. Leaving a space reduces the draw to continue down the street to the next shop. City Hall is across the street so we can't use the east side of Main Street. This is why we agreed to work with Metro to jointly develop and market the site and why they purchased and removed the former Olson Brothers Texaco. We have a contract to jointly market the site. We are obligated, and I fully intend to follow that agreement. Tom Kemper and his partners stuck their necks out for Milwaukie and have done a wonderful job at their risk -- not ours. I consider him a visionary, and I hope someday we will get him back.

What I did this week as Mayor and in my other capacities? I went to a retreat last Saturday with the Clackamas County Business Alliance, gave my "State of the City" address at the North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce event at

OIT along with 4 other Mayors from North Clackamas, and Thursday night I attended the Harmony Road Campus Visioning event at OIT. It never occurred to me that unless the traffic issues were addressed on Harmony Road this project was dead. I fully intend to take another look at all the proposals with County staff and ours to see what options should be considered, and find one that will work with the least impact on our community. This project needs to go forward so I intend to make this one of my focuses in my remaining 2 years as Mayor. The Harmony Campus is an important key to the success of North Clackamas County, the business community, the nursing profession, and Clackamas Community College. It's an outstanding project that I hope you will help us work to conclusion.

Notes from Councilor Greg Chaimov for the week ending January 25, 2008

This week, I:

- Attended the meeting of the Riverfront Board to see how that group is shepherding the waterfront development to completion. We are fortunate to have that vital project in such good hands.
- Attended a meeting to plan for the continuation of the Milwaukie Poetry Series that the Ledding Library presents at the Pond House.
- Attended the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce's State of Cities Luncheon, where the Mayor spoke eloquently on the City and its promising future.
- Attended the meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee to learn about the committee's generous plan to sponsor the K-9 Unit for which Officer Truong of the Police Department is raising funds. This is a project to which all residents can contribute.

Meeting Minutes—January 19, 2008—



1. In attendance—Mark Neubauer, President; Madalaine Bohl, Board/Historical Soc./Museum Dir.; Dolly Macken-Hambright, sec/treas.; Rob Hambright, Consultant; Keith and Kathy Neubauer, members.
2. Minutes from last meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer's report: balances to date—checking \$1183.27, savings \$6514.58 and petty cash fund \$14.04. There is one outstanding bill at this time for engraving (see below) in the amount of \$105.00. **Dolly will have a full 2007 income/expense report for the membership meeting and will file 2007 taxes as soon as practicable.**
4. **It was suggested that Dolly write a letter to the 2009 legislature regarding the annual tax/registration fee required by the State Corp. Comm.** Dolly will work on the letter and the OHCA will get some contacts together regarding signatures from other cemetery assocs.
5. There have been several responses to the e-mailing of the quarterly newsletter. The postal mailing list has been cut by about one-half and those that wish to do so will continue to receive mailings from us. The next newsletter will be sent prior to the February annual meeting.
6. The plaques, for replacement of the 1975 plaque commemorating those who helped in the cemetery prior to the formation of our Association, the Jim Wiley Memorial and the marker for the Smith grave for which Ms. Bronson has donated funds, are complete. They are laser-engraved, stainless-steel and quite nice looking and should last for a very long time. All will be installed as weather permits. Regarding the picnic table we will be re-using the table legs and replacing the top with cedar. **Keith, Mark and Rob will complete the table before Memorial Day, 2008.**
7. It was decided that since Ms. Bronson is quite elderly and has a hard time getting to the cemetery, we would make arrangements to go get her and take her home so that she can see her marker on Memorial Day, if she feels able at that time. Having a wheelchair available for her use was also considered.
8. **The Spring, 2008 clean-up schedule is (weather permitting, of course):**

Mar. 15	9AM-Noon
Apr. 5	9AM-when completed—Flagpole work
Apr. 12	9AM-Noon
Apr. 26	9AM-3PM
May 17	9AM-3PM
May 26 is Memorial Day	
9. **The annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2008, 11AM, at the Museum.**
 - A.) Since membership meetings have typically been attended by the Board, with very few other members present, we will have a regular board meeting and discuss projects, youth involvement, possible funding for the "lost babies" marker and other projects, as well as any other topics of interest to the group.
 - B.) **Dolly will bring either cookies or another dessert item and Madalaine will have coffee available.**
 - C.) **The positions of President and Secretary/Treasurer are to be voted upon by the membership. Both positions of President and Sec/Treas are available to new officers, however, Mark and Dolly will remain on the Board since they are both Trustees. The current position of Secretary and Treasurer may be split, as two officers, should the attending membership desire to do so.**
10. **Mark, Keith and Rob have found very few push mowers of the needed size and believe the purchase will just fit into the amount budgeted (\$325). They will make the purchase before the March clean-up date scheduled. The long-handled limb saw will be considered further at a later date and purchased, cost permitting.** We will also continue to try to get some estimates on doing some removal of dead limbs on our trees before spring.
11. We have received completed cremation burial forms for both the Moore's and Mrs. Hager and both are part of the permanent burial record for future use. There are 2-3 inquiries that are still outstanding for which we have not received completed paperwork.
12. **Dolly will contact Mike's Porta' Potty for Memorial Day donation, as last year.**

13. Since the marker cleaning done 2 years ago was successful and made the stones easier to read, it was decided to continue with cleaning more stones using the low-pressure-washer method this spring and summer.

14. **Dolly will contact Waverley CC regarding possible help lifting the flagpole and lowering it for cleaning and re-painting.** Waverley will also be having some fence repairs done due to damage when they had a tree removed, and may be able to include the balance of the fence repairs during this time at no cost to us. They will advise before the work is to be done.

15. Madalaine questioned tree-planting on the grounds. She has been approached by folks who would consider doing some sort of planting. It was decided that we would consider replacing the holly trees if folks are interested in possibly supplying a dogwood or two. **She will also check with Oak Grove Garden Club to ascertain their possible intent to re-plant the flagpole triangle for Memorial Day.**

16. **The next meeting will be February 9, 2008, 11:00AM at the Museum.**

17. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by Dolly Macken-Hambright

A Weekly Update on What's Developing in the City of Milwaukie

for the week of January 25, 2008

DEPT.	TOPIC	LAST UPDATE	INFORMATION	NEW UPDATE	INFORMATION
Community Development	Texaco Site/ Milwaukie Town Center Project	1/03/08	Project Management Group reviewing performance schedule; will present to Council on January 15.	1/25/08	Project cancelled.
Community Development	Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Planning	1/18/08	Staff reviewing cost estimates and participating in Safety and Security meetings. Preparation continuing for Downtown Milwaukie Station Location meeting in late February.	1/25/08	SDEIS drafts being finalized for committee and public review.
Community Development	Downtown Bus Operations	1/17/08	Staff will accompany TriMet staff in February to help present bus layover facility grant application to Connect Oregon review panel.	1/25/08	TriMet staff briefed City staff on proposed bus configuration should LRT be constructed. Still waiting word on the Oregon II application.
Community Development	South Downtown Concept Plan	1/11/08	Drawings updated to show Trolley Trail.	1/25/08	Positive feedback received from newspaper articles. Soliciting developer interest for developing the concept.
Community Development	Logus Road Sidewalks	1/17/08	Landscape architect firm (Nevue & Ngan) has begun independent review of conceptual design.	1/25/08	Staff is preparing legal descriptions of ROW easements.
Community Development	Federal/ State Funding Requests	1/17/08	City Council requested staff return with specific revenue proposals to re-establish City's ability to provide "local match" and pursue grant opportunities.	1/25/08	No update.
Community Development	Sellwood Bridge Planning	1/17/08	The Policy Advisory Group and Community Task Force are meeting jointly on January 28.	1/25/08	No update.
Community Development	Business Outreach, Support, and Recruitment	1/17/08	Staff is conducting "exit interviews" with firms who have used the Enterprise Zone program to help evaluate the program's effectiveness.	1/25/08	Staff is conducting research on recent patterns of firms moving into and leaving downtown.
Community Development	Wastewater Capacity Planning	1/03/08	The Clackamas BCC placed the site search process for a replacement plant for Kellogg on hold, due to very high likely costs. The BCC affirmed WES's plan to initiate a new Community Partner Task Committee to work on basic principles for future cooperation around	1/10/08	No update.

			wastewater capacity planning.		
Community Development Admin	Records Project	1/11/08	The Planning and Engineering Departments are nearing completion of the first phase of this project. Operations is continuing to make progress as well. Fleet and Facilities are just starting their portion of this project. Their records are currently in good shape so they will be able to move through this fairly rapidly. Long-term storage continues to be a challenge and will be looked at in more depth in the next phase of this project.	1/23/08	The project manager has met with Facilities and has scheduled with Fleet to confirm dates steps of phase be completed. Engineering continues to make progress their work schedule and inventory of department records. Operations is also making headway in completion of one of this project.
Building	Projects	1/18/08	Tenant Improvements either in review or under construction include: A Taekwondo Studio in the King Road Center, an office improvement on Mallard Way and the Naturebake facility in the old Bob's Red Mill building.	1/24/08	Projects in review include an alteration to the drive-thru the Bank of the West on Mcloughlin Boulevard.
Engineering (Sewer)	JCB-area Sewer extension to unincorporated area	1/11/08	Staff meeting Jan 15 th with County to discuss the North Clackamas Revitalization Area and the City's interaction with the County.		
Engineering (Sewer)	Wastewater Master Plan Update	1/3/08	Four proposals were received and are being evaluated. A consultant will be recommended to the City Council at the Feb 5 th meeting.	1/24/08	Staff will recommend a team lead by Parametrix to complete the Wastewater Master Plan Update at the Feb 5 th Council meeting.
Engineering (Streets)	Street Surface Maintenance Program	1/9/08	Took before photos of Washington. Oak St. paving will be delayed to coordinate with RR Xing project, thereby installing the new curb and ADA ramps prior to paving.	1/23/08	Explorative digging on Washington to determine existing asphalt depth, aggregate depth, and curb depth. This information is used to determine pavement design and amount of asphalt to grind. Reduced curb exposure (<3") in some areas.
Engineering (Streets)	Lake Rd Multimodal Project	1/9/08	Waiting for response and Notice to Proceed from ODOT Salem office.	1/23/08	ODOT sent contract to OTAK. OTAK's legal is reviewing contract. Project kick off meeting is tentatively set for next week.
Engineering (Streets)	Crossing Safety (37th, Oak RR crossings)	1/9/08	ODOT requested some changes to the plans. Meeting with UPRR representative next week to order panel inserts.	1/23/08	City submitted plans to UPRR for review. UPRR will provide estimate of cost of material, flagging, and installation of concrete panel inserts (around \$70K)
Engineering (Streets)	IGA with Clackamas County for Street Services			1/23/08	City has hired Clackamas County Operations to do street maintenance work, striping, and other street related work. Update of existing IGA to include street coring and density testing.
Engineering	Harmony Road	1/3/08	Project team (Clackamas County) working to	1/24/08	No update

	Environmental Impact Study		provide additional information on the alternatives proposed for further study. Concurrence from the City Council will be sought in February. See www.HarmonyRoadProject.org for information on this Clackamas County project.		
Engineering (Streets)	99E Kellogg Creek to Roethe Preservation Project (ODOT)	1/3/08	Sidewalk prep and drainage work scheduled for the area near 22 nd Ave and 99E. See ODOT web site http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/OR99E_Kellogg_Creek/index.shtml for information.	1/24/08	No update
Engineering (Water)	Well 8 Construction	1/3/08	Well drilling completed. Contractor is working on well development (preparing for the pump placement).	1/24/08	No update
Planning	Transportation System Plan (TSP)	1/16/08	Staff is beginning work on code changes that will implement portions of the TSP.	1/23/08	No update
Planning	Downtown Parking	12/21/07	In November, the City changed some of downtown's on-street parking stalls to be used as either short term (2 or 4 hour) parking, or all day parking if the car displays a City permit. These stalls are temporary, and when adjacent properties need the parking stalls for customer use, they will revert to short-term parking only. In the meantime, placing these "Or by Permit" stalls in underutilized areas allows downtown employees to purchase a permit and park in areas that may be more convenient than the existing public parking lots. There are currently 105 permits available for downtown employees to purchase for \$25 per month.	1/2/08	No update
Planning	City Council	1/17/08	The petitioner, Ed Parecki, has until Jan. 23 to file an appeal with LUBA (Land Use Board of Appeals), and no such appeal has been filed at this time. Mr. Parecki submitted revised building plans on Jan. 11 that reduced his building permit value below the 50% threshold. As a result, 10% of the permit value is required to be	1/23/08	No update

			spent on public area improvements. Since this building permit would not result in the construction of all identified public area improvements, each subsequent building permit would likely trigger the requirement for additional public area improvements.		
Planning	Planning Commission	1/17/08	The Rowe Middle School application is still scheduled to be heard on Jan. 22. The Romanian Baptist Church has been moved from the Jan. 22 agenda to the Feb. 12 agenda.	1/23/08	Planning Commission approved the improvements to the Rowe Middle School. The Milwaukie High School application is still scheduled to be heard at the Feb. 26 Planning Commission meeting.
Planning	Design and Landmarks Committee	1/2/08	The next scheduled meeting is 1/23/08 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.	1/23/08	No update
Planning	Applications: Staff –Level Review	1/17/08	A minor land partition application was submitted for 10883 SE Main Street. An HIE application was submitted for 10045 SE 49 th Avenue.	1/23/08	An application was submitted to remodel a non-conforming porch at 12025 SE 22 nd Ave.
Planning	Applications: Major/Minor Quasi-Judicial	1/17/08	The Milwaukie High School application was resubmitted and is being reviewed for completeness. The Riverfront Park application has been deemed complete, will be referred for comments shortly, and is tentatively scheduled on the Feb. 26 Planning Commission agenda. This application will be reviewed by the Design and Landmarks Committee and Planning Commission and decided by City Council.		Both the Milwaukie High School and Riverfront Park applications are complete and are scheduled to be heard at the Feb. 26 Planning Commission meeting.
Planning	Applications: Legislative	1/9/08	Staff is gearing up to start a number of code change projects, the first of which deals with the City's transportation regulations and design standards.	1/17/08	No update
Planning	Building permits	1/17/08	Two new tenant improvement building permits were submitted. One is for a Tae Kwan Do studio in the King Road Shopping Center. The other is for a new tenant in the Gramark Business Center in the Business Industrial zone.	1/23/08	No update
Planning	Pre-application Conferences	12/12/07	No pre-application conferences are scheduled at this time.	1/9/08	No update
Facilities	Library-Security	1/9/2008	Change over to start Thursday 1/10/2008	1/25/2008	Installation has been completed.

	System				
Facilities	Library-Pond House Security System	1/25/2008	Installation has begun.		
Fleet	Purchase of new vehicles and equipment	1/18/07	The photo radar van has arrived and the equipment will be installed for photo radar in the near future.		
Street Department		1/18/2008	The Street department has been repairing shoulders, hot patching and assisting engineering (core samples on Washington). The speed cart was placed on Washington around 28 th . No Dumping signs were placed on Weiko Wy.	1/25/2008	The Street department has been cleaning and repairing pothole patching and shoulder rock repairs throughout. Sweeping has been put on hold due to the freezing weather.
Water Department		1/18/2008	The water department has been working on locates, hydrant maintenance, no consumption list, door hangers and shut offs. Production has been working on sampling, asset data collection and cross connection data entry.	1/25/2008	The Water department has been working City Hall re-locates, no consumption list, sampling, hydrant maintenance and installing a hydrant extension on Kelvin. Preparation for a service leak repair at 28 th and Monroe is under way (traffic control plan, locates).
Stormwater		1/18/2007	The Stormwater crews have been cleaning the areas around the City's outfalls. They have also been installing Storm fish lids and completing morning rounds and locates.	1/25/2008	The Stormwater crews have been cleaning catch basins in the area of 32 nd and Washington. They have also been replacing manhole lids with our new fish lids as well as completing morning rounds and locates.
Wastewater		1/18/2007	The Wastewater crews have been working on quarterly trouble spots around town and troubleshooting lift station issues for Home and Monroe. They have also been completing morning rounds and locates. WW's new TV van arrives on Friday.	1/25/2008	The Wastewater crews have been cleaning and TV-ing in the area of 42 nd and Fieldcrest. They have been completing morning rounds and locates.



City and Public Interest Meetings Week of January 28- February 3

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Monday 28</u>	Library Board	6:30 p.m.	Pond House	Joe Sandfort 503-786-7584
<u>Wednesday 30</u>	NDA Leadership	6:30 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room	Beth Ragel 503-786-7568
	Light Rail & Security Task Force	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Ardenwald Elementary	Grady Wheeler 503-786-7503

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