



City of Loveland

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: January 21, 2022

Administration

Tuesday, I met with local resident Cindy Kessler to discuss her vision of community aesthetics and how trees, which are properly selected and maintained, can be advantageous to the city for many years to come. Cindy remains a strong advocate for the city creating, and filling the position of Town Arborist, which is being reviewed by staff.

Also on Tuesday, Public Works Director, Scott Wisby, and I met with downtown resident Patty Sandmayr along Karl Brown Way to discuss parking space concerns for residents of the “Bank Building”. Scott and I are continuing to review the matter and potential signage which can accommodate the residents needs while not reducing available spaces for adjacent businesses.

On Thursday, city staff, was joined by Mayor Bailey, and Councilmembers Andy Bateman, Tim Butler and Kip Ping for the groundbreaking ceremony of the 2022 Homearama at the ChimneyRidge Subdivision. The event, which was organized by the Cincinnati Home Builders Association, included a welcoming by Mayor Bailey who expressed her gratitude to the subdivision’s developer Greg Berling for bringing such a high-quality project to the city.



Also on Thursday, I was joined by Veterans Committee member Terry Stouder to meet with Scout Jack Gerber at Veterans Park. Jack is proposing to complete a restoration of the park for his Eagle Scout project. We will keep City Council updated on yet another great Eagle Project which benefits the Loveland community. Thanks to Terry Stouder, who of course wore shorts on a 20-degree day, for attending, and Jack for choosing this important project.

The Comprehensive Master Development Plan Steering Committee met Thursday to follow up on their discussion from their last meeting held on January 10th. The committee conducted a final review of the plan draft to incorporate several comments regarding small text revisions, the inclusion of hosting additional special events on Loveland-Madeira Road, and the addition of a road networks map for suggestions for an alternate river crossing. A summary of findings from the December community engagement event survey was also added to the appendices. Additional information regarding the meeting can be found at: <http://lovelandoh.igms.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=1522&Inline=True>. A draft of the proposed plan can be found here: <https://www.lovelandoh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2078/Comprehensive-Master-Development-Plan---DRAFT?bidId=>.

Friday, I was pleased to be asked to be a panelist on a roundtable meeting titled “The Cincinnati Crown Trail and Impact on Local Development”.

Building and Zoning

Following annexation of the Grail property, an application has been submitted by Drees Homes for a Special Planning District (SPD).

Applications were received this week for the meter vault and water tap to serve the Blossom Hill development on State Route 48.

Work and inspections continue on several projects throughout the city, including, but not limited to, new homes at ChimneyRidge, the new Public Works building, Children’s Academy of Loveland, the Quilters Studio addition, and the South Second Street townhomes.

Public Relations

The event lineup for the Hearts Afire Weekend (February 11-13) was published online this week. More activities are still being added to the schedule. More marketing for the event — signage, brochures, a second press release, etc. — is still in the works. Staff continues to get strong feedback from businesses and the community about the event.

The city’s January e-newsletter was sent this week. Read/subscribe [here](#).

Earlier this month, Krista Rose, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, completed the process of verifying the city’s approx. 15 parks through Google My Business. This allows the city to “claim” these parks as city property in Google search results, verify the park addresses, respond to Google reviews, answer questions, etc.

Public Works

This week, Public Works crews installed solar powered flashing Stop Signs at the intersection of Miami Drive and Debra Lane. Due to a bend in the roadway approaching the intersection, and the presence of

trees which also impact views, failures to stop have been regularly reported. In addition to the signs, the city added stop bars to the pavement and the Police Department has conducted targeted enforcements.



Wednesday, a pre-bid meeting was held for the Safety Center Parking project. Bids for the project will be opened on January 27 and presented to City Council at a subsequent meeting.

Wednesday evening, the Civil Service exam for the vacant Maintenance Worker position was held at the Safety Center. Human Resources Manager, Joy Deardoff oversaw the exam, the results of which were posted on the city's website.

Finance

On Tuesday the Finance Commission held its first quarterly meeting of 2022. John Rost was voted as Chair of the Commission and Michael Veroni was voted as Vice Chair. The Commission reviewed fourth quarter financials for 2021 and discussed the proposed fire/EMS levy.

Police

This week scammers victimized a local business and a local resident out of several thousand dollars. LPD tip - if there is pressure to act immediately and/or a request to transfer money through a non-traditional method it might be a scam. A resident was injured by a firearm that was accidentally discharged. A vehicle rolled over in Brandywine after hitting a rock resulting in minor injuries. K9 Mack will be presented to City Council next Tuesday night as he begins his retirement.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

The Beautification Committee will meet on Monday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m.