

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: February 26, 2021

Administration

On Monday, the Comprehensive Master Development Plan Steering Committee met discuss the final results of the Comprehensive Master Development Plan public survey that concluded on December 15, 2020. A total of 301 responses were submitted. Some of the main takeaways were that:

1. 67.1% of respondents would support City Council creating an Economic Development Fund dedicated to economic development activities such as purchasing land, assisting small businesses, and advertising; and
2. Single-Family Detached [122 responses] and Apartments [119 responses] are the most needed housing developments in the city but that none of the respondents wanted them in their subdivisions¹; and
3. Additional community investment be focused on partnering with existing businesses to create and retain high quality jobs; market the city to prospective employers, residents, and visitors; and develop mixed-use areas with a strong emphasis on improving the visual appearance and retail/sit-down dining/specialty grocer [Whole Foods, Trader Joe's] options within the Loveland-Madeira Corridor.

The demographics of the majority of survey participants were females between the ages of 35-54 who have been residents of the City for 10-20 years or more with 12.4% of them operating a business within the City.

The committee also discussed the Future Land Use Map. At the center of their discussion were efforts to create additional development options/opportunities such as variations of high density uses, consideration for Special Interest Area overlay zones, and the possible implementation of new land use categories.

Additional information can be found at:

<http://lovelandoh.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=1411&Inline=True>.

On Wednesday and Thursday, BME, Inc. worked on replacing one of the condensing units to the City Hall HVAC system. The current condensing unit failed a year ago with only the one other unit running to cool the entire City Hall building. The addition of this condensing unit will have a significant impact on the city's HVAC mechanical system.

Wednesday evening, the Recreation Board met to participate in a visioning session for the Nisbet Park Master Plan. The session was directed by consulting firm KZF, who is completing the plan. The meeting allowed the Recreation Board members, along with students from Tiger Inc. to discuss a sort of wish list for

¹ Loveland Public Survey Results 2020, McBride, Dale, and Clarion; pdf page 8

Nisbet Park. Discussions included a new amphitheater which would be directed towards the bike trail, new site furnishings, improved access into the park from Karl Brown Way, and many more ideas. The students from Tiger Inc. have offered to set-up a survey through social media to receive additional input from the community.

Friday morning, I met with local resident Cindy Kessler at Phillips Park. Cindy is working with the Tree and Environment Committee for a re-forestation project within the park.

Finance

Tuesday, Director of Finance, Mark Medlar, and I met with Finance Commission member Mike Colangelo, to discuss the city's Financial Health Indicators. Financial Health Indicators, which were unveiled in 2017 by Auditor of State, Dave Yost, provide a snapshot of the fiscal health of a community based on a historical analysis of other local governments that have been declared in fiscal distress. Mr. Colangelo is very well versed on the health indicators and was able to provide a spreadsheet whereby we can gauge the impact of the proposed parking facility project on the city's indicators.

The Finance Department is continuing to collect information for the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). As the name suggests, this is a report that is completed annually and helps to communicate the financial health of the City. In the coming weeks the Finance Department will be reaching out to the rest of the city to collect various pieces of information that are required for the CAFR. We thank our colleagues in advance for their assistance in completing this report. The city's CAFR is consistently awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting and with the help of the entire organization this will continue for many years to come.

Building and Zoning

Wednesday, LSFDF Chief Otto Huber, Deputy Chief Harold Gregory, LPD Chief Sean Rahe, Court Clerk, Mel Bacon, Chief Building Official, Jim McFarland, Property Maintenance Inspector, Ralph Vilardo, and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith met to discuss the due process of citation issuance, specifically with respect to public nuisances and building without a permit. It was also proposed to incorporate an additional docket to the court to include the hearing of only low-level property maintenance/building cases. The Neighborhood Court is designed to resolve cases more efficiently, create community-driven solutions, and reduce recidivism.

A mechanical permit was issued for the installation of a kitchen hood for Tahona Restaurant. They anticipate opening in April. A permit for a building addition for Lyle's BBQ was also issued. Lyle's BBQ will be adding an additional space to the south side of his establishment.

Friday, Zoning and Economic Development Coordinator, Eva Wisby, Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith and I met with representatives of the Chimney Ridge subdivision to discuss the next steps of the subdivision process. Among the discussion were site plan submissions, development agreement, and bonding.

Public Works

The preconstruction meeting for the Broadway Street Stabilization project was held on Wednesday with JTM Smith Construction. They anticipate beginning clearing work on March 22.

Police

This week Loveland Officers participated in training on peppery spray use, the importance of medical attention, and aftercare. LPD began coordinating the installation of the new access control system with Cincinnati Bell and PCS. Someone broke into Boost Mobile last weekend. Detective Shawn Parks processed the scene and is investigating. Our initial assessment indicates this offense is related to numerous others

related specifically to Boost Mobile stores around the tri-state area. Detective Parks will be working with a group of investigators on this case. A suspect used a false identity to steal a vehicle from McClusky Chevrolet.

The opportunity to apply and join the LPD family ends this week. LPD has received approximately 50 applicants so far. Lieutenant Amy Campbell, Officer Jesse Moore, and Human Resource Manager, Joy Deardorf have already begun interviewing our applicants.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

The Arts Commission will meet on Monday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Ad Hoc Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Public Relations and Communications Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.