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MANZANITA REPORTER

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS GOALS FOR 2012

In November, the Manzanita City Council adopted four major goals for 2012. Although these goals are similar to the ones developed by the Council last year, they have been refined to recognize what already has been accomplished and what still needs to be done. The following are the City Council goals for 2012:

Preamble: In conducting its business and pursuing the following goals, the City of Manzanita City Council is committed to informing and listening to residents, second homeowners and businesses in identification of and solutions to community issues. The Council invites and encourages citizen involvement in the development of City programs and services.

Goal I: Identify and evaluate options for utilizing City-owned buildings and determine the long term location of City Administration and Police offices.

Goal II: Develop and implement a long-range and strategic planning process for capital improvements of the following components of Manzanita's infrastructure (in priority order): a. Storm drainage; b. Water lines; c. Street improvements. Such process shall begin with public education and input, and examination of alternate sources of revenue to support capital improvements.

Goal III: Complete the review of Citywide residential parking needs and issues, and if necessary, develop an implementing ordinance for Council consideration.

Goal IV: Complete and enhance second bicycle/pedestrian access between Nehalem Bay State Park and the downtown area, including bicycle parking facilities in the downtown area.

CITY COUNCIL LOOKING FOR YOUR ADVICE

What should the City do with the fire station building now that the police department is the only occupant? What issues are there with on-street parking in residential areas, and how do they differ in winter and summer? Given the needs for building new or updated road, water and storm drainage facilities, what is the best way to pay for these necessary improvements? How do we deal with mandated improvements to City Hall?

These are some of the questions the City Council plans to address in the next few months. They were identified during the Council's goal setting workshops. The City is in the process of setting up a series of town hall meetings to explain these issues and seek ideas from the community on how to deal with them. The first town hall workshop is tentatively scheduled for mid-February, and details on date, time and place will be provided on the City website and in the local newspapers as they are finalized.

These town hall meetings are intended to provide the Council with an opportunity to listen to community concerns and ideas rather than to explain one recommended course of action. Your thoughts and advice are important. Residents, second home owners and business owners are encouraged to participate in the town hall meetings. Please join us.

GRANT FUNDING AWARDED FOR LANEDA AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

The City has been awarded a \$50,000 Special City Allotment grant by the Oregon Department of Transportation to help cover the costs of improving Laneda Avenue between Highway 101 and Division Street. The City plans to coordinate its efforts with the planned improvements to Highway 101 between Manzanita Avenue and Neahkahnie Creek now scheduled to be completed in 2013. This section of Laneda Avenue is currently a County road, but the City is expected to assume control and responsibility for the road when the improvements are made.

While no specific design has been finalized, the improvements are expected to be new pavement, curbs and storm gutters, and a sidewalk on one side. The City plans to work with adjacent property owners and other public agencies over the next several months to develop specific plans for the improvements. These improvements will be designed to match the improvements made to Laneda Avenue west of Division Street in 2004.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION USEFUL FOR EVERYONE

Recent changes to short term rental regulations require that each rental house have a list of emergency information and a tsunami inundation

map for visitors. However, residents and second homeowners who don't rent their homes are encouraged to keep the same information readily available in their houses. Many local volunteers spent a great deal of time compiling information to keep all of our residents and visitors safe during an emergency. The City encourages everyone to keep this information handy in case a disaster occurs.

You can download the information sheet and a tsunami inundation map from the City website—www.ci.manzanita.or.us—or ask for one at City Hall. On the City website, go to Forms & Maps, and then scroll down to Short Term Rental Packet to find Emergency Information and Tsunami Inundation Map.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Garry R. Bullard, Mayor
Leila Salmon, City Council President
Councilors:
Linda Kozlowski, Ray Scales, and Mike Scott

HOLIDAYS

January 16, 2012 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 20, 2012 - Presidents' Day
(City offices will be closed.)

The City of Manzanita is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? The Manzanita City Council and staff are interested in your comments on City programs and issues. Please send us a note or use this form as you wish: City of Manzanita, PO Box 129, Manzanita, OR 97130-0129; fax to 1-503-368-4145; or email to: cityhall@ci.manzanita.or.us.

TO: MANZANITA CITY COUNCIL: Here is what I think about _____

Name

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