



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2011

TO: Mayor Joanne Ward and City Council Members
City Employees
Members of the Public

FROM: Fred Deltorchio, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Interim City Manager's Weekly Report

Overview of Report: The following topics are included in this week's update:

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Weekly Report: Due to staffing reductions, this will be the final weekly report prepared by our Community Relations Officer. It has been a difficult two weeks for many of our staff, both those that have been laid off and those that remain. The City Council and public will continue to receive updates at City Council meetings.

Citizens Advisory Ad Hoc Committee: On April 26, 2011, the Hercules City Council established a Citizens Advisory Ad Hoc Committee to assist the City Council in selecting a City Attorney and revising the City of Hercules rules of procedures. The purpose of the Committee is to advise and make recommendations to the City Council and Agency Board of Directors on these very important issues. This committee will be separate from the Finance Advisory Ad Hoc Committee.

The City Council is currently recruiting residents for possible appointment to this newly established Ad Hoc Committee. Interested community members must complete an application and supplemental questionnaire by **Wednesday, May 4**. Interviews will be held on Friday, May 6. For more information or to download the required forms, please

visit [the open recruitments page](#) on the website.

Membership on the Committee is voluntary. Committee members shall not receive compensation for their service or expense reimbursement without prior authorization by the City Council and Agency Board of Directors.

The City Council is also seeking interview questions from the community to be asked of the applicants. Please submit questions by Thursday, May 5, 2011 to Doreen Mathews at doreen.mathews@ci.hercules.ca.us.

Bayfront/ITC Funding: On Tuesday, the City Council approved hiring Keyser Marsden as a third party consultant to review the preliminary deal points related to the Bayfront/Intermodal Transit Center Project. They also approved \$471,000 in funding to cover expenses through the end of fiscal year 2011. The funds will be appropriated from the Traffic Facilities Development Impact Fee fund.

Duck Pond Park: Power was brought to the site and we are working with the contractor to have the lights finished. The site experienced some vandalism this week and most of the copper was stolen out of the light fixtures. We are also reviewing the traffic study report to move forward with a crosswalk at the Sycamore and Willet intersection. As a reminder, due to budget constraints, the Queen Anne we will not be placed on the park at this time, instead a rolling hill and grass area will temporarily be placed there in hopes that funding in the future for this portion of the project (this item was brought to the Community & Library Services Commission in the past for discussion).

Transit Workshop: The West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) is hosting three community workshops to discuss ways to improve access to public transit in West County. The community is invited to come and hear about proposed improvements and provide feedback. The workshops will cover:

- Conditions around West County BART stations and other transit hubs
- Pedestrian and bicycle needs
- Parking
- Employer shuttles and other ways to promote alternatives to driving
- Signage

The Hercules workshop will take place on Monday, May 16 from 5:00-6:00pm at Hercules City Hall. For more information and the other workshop dates and times, please visit the website calendar:

<http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=18&recordid=2435>

Affordable Housing Proposals: After review of the proposals received to provide affordable housing services, I recommended the Council continue with the original resolution they approved; to hire an employee to manage our affordable housing. While there were submittals for less than the cost of a full time employee, they were reluctant to take on the full scope of the loans and items that need to be seen. By hiring an employee we will be able to retain control and ensure that all the items required of maintaining the Affordable Housing loans will be completed. The City will now move forward with recruiting that position.

Potential rental space for cellular company: The City was approached by a cellular vendor that wants to lease some land near a PG&E tower at Falcon and Refugio. The tower is owned by PG&E, but the land is owned by the City of Hercules. Staff met with both PG&E and the cellular company earlier this week and will await their offer. The City is currently under contract with two other cellular companies at the same location so we are hopeful that a deal can be made which benefits all parties involved.

Stolen Vehicle: On April 25, at 9:06 a.m. a resident in the 100 block of Brighton reported his Mazda truck was stolen sometime during the night. At about 12:50, officers responded to the area of Highway 4, for two subjects who ran from a parked truck, which was later discovered to be the stolen Mazda. The two subjects were described as “scruffy” looking, middle aged white male adults. The subjects were not located.

Residential Burglary: On April 25, at 6:42 p.m. a resident in the 200 block of South Wildwood reported his residence had been burglarized. The front door was forced open and electronics, jewelry and cash were reported stolen. The burglary occurred between sometime between 8 am and 6:40pm.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon: On April 25, at 7:39 p.m. a 15 year old male came to HPD with his parents to report an assault occurred that morning at about 10:00am. The victim said he was walking on Turquoise near Cinnabar when two juveniles on mountain bikes approached him. One of the subjects laid his bike down, walked up behind the victim, and said shouted at him. When the victim turned around, the suspect punched him in the face. The suspect was wearing a white cast on his right arm. The suspect was a teenage white or Hispanic male, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt with the hood over his head.

Attempted Commercial Burglary: On April 26, 2011 at 12:37 a.m. Officers responded to a business in the 800 block of Alfred Nobel for an alarm call. A front window had been smashed out. An employee responded to the location and could not determine if anything had been stolen.

Stolen Vehicle: On April 26, at 1:30 a.m. a cab driver reported two male adults stole his taxi while he was at the Shell station. The suspect, along with the driver of the white pick-up, drove onto Willow towards Highway 4. Martinez PD was notified and two of their units pursued the taxi to Highway 4 at McEwen Road where they terminated the pursuit. The driver of the taxi continued driving at a high rate of speed on Highway 4 passing Willow. Pinole PD Officers were on John Muir at San Pablo when they saw the taxi pass by at approx 90 mph. The suspect collided into the center median of John Muir west of San Pablo, drove over the median, and collided into the south curb line of John Muir. The taxi flew off into the creek area between South Front and John Muir. The taxi rolled over several times before coming to rest. An extensive search was conducted for the suspect with the help of a CHP Helicopter, Pinole PD, and CHP with negative results.

At about 06:50 am, an officer spotted a subject emerging from the area. Dillon Snell, 4/19/89, from Richmond, was arrested after being identified by the victim. He was transported to the hospital and later to County Jail.

Residential Burglary: On April 26, at 10:33 a.m. officers responded to the 100 block of Dartford for a residential burglary which had just occurred. The homeowner's adult son left the home for about 15 minutes and returned to discover the burglary. There were no signs of forced entry. A silver Dodge Stratus was seen driving slowly in the area about twenty minutes earlier.