



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: September 16, 2011

TO: Mayor Myrna de Vera and City Council Members  
City Employees  
Members of the Public

FROM: Liz Warmerdam, Interim City Manager  
*Special Thanks to Anton Jungherr and Lori Chinn for Assisting with this report.*

SUBJECT: Interim City Manager's Weekly Report

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

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**GENERAL – CHANGES IN SCHEDULE**

Please remember that as of July 1, 2011, City Hall will be closed every Friday due to budget cuts. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department will be closed every day from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. for lunch due to staff reductions.

**PLANNING, PROJECTS AND REDEVELOPMENT**

**Bayfront Project:** The Planning Commission will be considering the certification of the Bayfront Environment Impact Report (EIR) on Monday 19, September, 2011. If the

Commission recommends certification, the matter will be heard at the City Council meeting on October 11, 2011.

**Sycamore North:** As you know, on August 23, 2011, the City Council adopted a resolution that marks a turning point in the Project. That resolution established the Sycamore North Project as conceived as a “failed project” and lays the foundation for hopefully moving in a different direction. The City Council continues to seek additional legal advice to be sure any decisions that are made are done so with a full understanding of the legal consequences.

Interim Finance Director Baum and I travelled to Sacramento to determine if we can restructure the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) loan associated with the Project. The first of two loans in the amount of \$3,750,000 was due in August, 2011. We discussed our request for a 3-5 year extension as well as our position that the project, as conceived, cannot be completed and that another direction is appropriate. They understood our situation and agreed to work with us to create a solution that would work for both Agencies.

#### **FUNDRAISER FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE BRAVO FIRE**

Rotary service club will be hosting a fund raiser/dinner to help the families that were affected by the fire at the Bravo neighborhood. The date is still under consideration. For more information on how you can help, please contact Rotary President, Dee Lopez at (510) 299-5799 or [deliamlopez@aol.com](mailto:deliamlopez@aol.com).

#### **CITY MANAGER SELECTION PROCESS**

The City Council has selected Mr. Steve Duran as the new City Manager. Mr. Duran comes to us from the Richmond Redevelopment Agency and will begin on October 10, 2011. The entire staff would like to welcome him and looks forward to working with him to continue on the path of healing and financial recovery.

#### **FINANCE**

The City’s new independent auditor, OUM, will be here this Monday, September 19, 2011 to kick off their work. Staff looks forward to working with them to ensure our financial reports are in order and meet all necessary Federal and State requirements.

#### **HERCULES LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

Founding President Joanne Ward is attempting to put together a meeting of the remaining members of the Library Foundation Board. It is her hope that at that time, the members can make new appointments to the Board. However, at this time, we only have 3 applications. If anyone is interested in being on the Board, [applications](#) can be found on our website, or by contacting me at [lwarmerdam@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:lwarmerdam@ci.hercules.ca.us).

**DUCK POND PARK**

Staff is beginning to plan the grand opening of this newest Park. We are tentatively planning on Saturday, October 8, 2011 and hope to make this a neighborhood potluck event. If anyone from the neighborhood would like to assist us with outreach, please contact Pedro Jimenez at 799-8228.

**WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The West Contra Costa Unified School District is planning a ground breaking ceremony for the new Ohlone School. It is planned for September 20, 2011 at 12:30pm. A lot of effort went into getting the West Contra Costa Unified School District to take interest in this very important project and it is now coming to fruition. Congratulations Hercules and the Ohlone community!!

<p><b>THE NEW OHLONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY</b></p> <p>12:30 pm TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 AT THE SCHOOL 1616 PHEASANT DR. HERCULES</p> 	<p><b>PROGRAM</b></p> <p><b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING REMARKS</b> Principal Liz Lonsdale</p> <p><b>PERFORMANCES</b> Songs by 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes Ohlone School</p> <p><b>REMARKS</b> School Board President Charles Ramsey</p> <p><b>REMARKS</b> City of Hercules Mayor Myrna DeVera</p> <p><b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</b> West Contra Costa School District</p> <p><b>GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY</b></p>
<p>West Contra Costa Unified School District</p>	<p>For more information please contact WCCUSD Facilities at 510-307-4544</p>

## **POLICE REPORT**

**Warrant Arrest & Providing False Name:** On September 9, 2011 at 10: 50 a.m. an officer arrested 19 year old Dylan Dotson from Hercules in the 100 block of Linus Pauling for a theft warrant and providing a false name. He was transported to County Jail.

**Warrant Arrest:** On September 9, 2011 at 7:12 p.m. an officer arrested 25 year old Darcie Green from Concord on San Pablo at Linus Puling for two DUI warrants and a Driving with a Suspended License warrant. She was transported to County Jail.

**Failure to Obey Officer:** On September 10, 2011 at 1:09 p.m. Officers were assisting a disabled motorist and had blocked off the left turn lane on Sycamore at Creekside with a flare pattern while waiting for a tow. 30 year old Pawel Trybilo from Oakland was cited after he failed to obey officers' verbal commands not to turn left across the flare pattern.

**Warrant Arrest:** On September 10, 2011 at 10:28 p.m. an officer arrested 34 year old Amber Otterman from Pleasant Hill in the 3900 block of San Pablo for an Elder Abuse warrant. She was transported to County Jail.

**Providing False Name & Driving without a License:** On September 10, 2011 at 12:11 a.m. an officer stopped a vehicle on San Pablo at Victoria Crescent West and arrested a 17 year old juvenile from Oakland for providing a false name and driving without a license.

**Residential Burglary:** On September 10, 2011 at 8:54 p.m. a citizen reported sometime today someone burglarized her sister's home in the 100 block of South Wildwood. The suspect(s) entered the residence and stole a TV and a silver 2007 Lexus RX350, #5WGH978. The citizen said she had several friends at the house on Saturday while her sister was away.

**Domestic Battery:** On September 10, 2011 at 7:22 p.m. a resident in the 100 block of Sheppard reported her 53 year old ex-boyfriend pushed her two days ago during an argument. She declined prosecution.

**Hit & Run:** On September 10, 2011 at 20:20 p.m. witnesses said that, at 7:48 p.m., they were at a friend's house when they heard a crash on Willow Avenue. They walked outside and saw a black 2007 Infinity, # 3TIN293, had rear ended their parked vehicle and pushed it into another parked vehicle causing major damage to both vehicles. The driver of the Infinity got out his vehicle, looked at the damage, got back into the Infinity and drove away. Berkeley PD contacted the registered owner of the Infinity who said he sold the vehicle a month ago to a subject named "Ray". Additional investigation will continue.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11, Hercules Police Corporal Ian Baisas joined many other First Responders in the San Francisco 911 Memorial to "Honor the Fallen". The participants climbed 96 floors of the TransAmerica Building in San Francisco to show support

and to ensure that the fallen and their love ones are NEVER forgotten. Corporal Baisas, thank you for representing the Hercules Police Department by participating in this event.