



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 11, 2011

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

FROM: Steve Duran, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Weekly Report

A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HERCULES. As noted in last week's report, staff is organizing two charrette-style town hall meetings to receive community input into a soon to be released draft of a strategic plan for Hercules. A mailer has been sent to all Hercules residents with the basic information, inviting all to participate. In addition to the community meetings, staff is welcoming input by e-mail once the draft plan is posted.

The schedule for this process is as follows:

Monday, November 14	Distribute draft plan to City Council and post on web-site
Saturday, November 19	1 st Town Hall Charrette at the Senior Center – 9:00 am
Saturday, December 10	2 nd Town Hall Charrette at City the Senior Center – 9:00 am
Tuesday, January 10	Present final draft of plan to City Council for last input
Tuesday, January 24	Present final plan to City Council for approval

The plan being proposed is not a marketing plan or a flowery vision of the ideal community as if there were no economic or business realities. The purpose of community outreach for what is essentially a business plan is to gather all as many ideas as possible as to: ways establish fiscal stability through increasing revenues and cutting costs; how to prioritize the many needs and desires of the community; ways to be more efficient; and how to best move forward given the realities of the economy, the real estate market, and the City's very limited revenues.

PROJECT AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

ITC - Bayfront Project: The purpose of this rather complex negotiation is, in a nutshell, to move the City toward the ultimate goal of building an inter-modal transit center and to provide the developer with development entitlements so that the Bayfront project can move forward. The City Council, on November 8th and 10th, respectively, approved a purchase and sale agreement (PSA) with the developer and minor changes to the PSA, giving the City Manager and City Attorney authority to finalize the agreement. Negotiations of the vesting and implementing development agreements are nearing completion, with a couple of outstanding issues still to be resolved.

The ITC/Bayfront approval schedule has been delayed and revised as follows:

November 15: Planning Commission acts on tentative map and land use application.

November TBD: Planning Commission acts on development agreements.

December 6: City Council acts on development agreements and required ordinance.

Further delays will put all the ITC/Bayfront agreements and associated grant funding at risk.

Sycamore North: Staff is close to recommending business terms for what will be a purchase and sale agreement for the Sycamore North project and a confidential real estate negotiations closed session item will be scheduled for November 22nd.

Yellow Freight Site: Staff updated and discussed the sale of the Yellow Freight site with the City Council in closed session on November 2nd under confidential real estate negotiations and received authority to finalize the deal and execute documents. Negotiations and contract documents for the sale of the “Yellow Freight” site are nearly complete and the contract should be finalized next week.

Sycamore Crossing: Staff will discuss the proposed sale of the Sycamore Crossings site with the City Council in closed session on November 22 under confidential real estate negotiations.

Parks and Recreation Upcoming Events:

Free Recycling Collection Event

Recyclemore, West County Resource Recovery, the City of Hercules and the Home Depot are partnering to hold a special collection event for hard-to-recycle materials that are banned from disposal at the landfill. During the event Hercules residents (with proof of residency can drop off: Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) and tubes, over the counter and prescription drugs, Needles and syringes. For more information, visit www.recyclemore.com or call (888) 412-9277.

Date: Saturday, 11/19/2011 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: FREE

Location: Hercules Home Depot
1625 Sycamore Avenue

UnWaste Recycling Event

A related event on the same day, the UnWaste Recycling Event is a great opportunity to get rid of items that you have laying around and would like thrown out. This event is open to all California businesses and residents. Fully assisted drop-off, relax while we unload your items. For more information call (888) 832-9839 or visit www.unwaste.com.

Date: 11/19/2011 & 11/20/2011 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cost: FREE

Location: Hercules Home Depot Parking Lot
1625 Sycamore Avenue

WEEKLY POLICE REPORT (Partial List) AS OF NOVEMBER 9th

Hit & Run: On November 5, 2011 at 11:22 p.m. an officer was flagged down regarding a vehicle collision on Refugio Valley at Country Run. The officer located an unoccupied Chevy Camaro on the center median. The car had displaced three trees and caused damage to the sod. The keys were still in the ignition and the driver was not located. A cup containing a small amount of an alcoholic beverage was located in the car. The vehicle was towed and Public Works was called out to remove the trees from the street. The owner of the Camaro later called Richmond PD and attempted to report the Camaro stolen. The Richmond Officer who handled the report said that subject appeared highly intoxicated. The officer investigating the Hit & Run will be arranging an interview with subject tomorrow. On November 6, 2011 at 7:52 a.m. twenty year old Raul Rivera from San Pablo came to HPD and confessed driving his vehicle during the collision and attempting to falsely report the vehicle stolen to Richmond PD.

Copper Wire Theft: On November 5, 2011 at 12:19 a.m. an officer located an open Cal Trans electrical box on Claeys Ranch at Highway 4. The copper wire in the box had been pulled out but not yet been cut. All the overhead street lights in the area were out. CHP was notified and responded. An area check was done but no suspects or other damaged electrical boxes were found.

Possession of Controlled Substance: On November 7, 2011 at 1:38 p.m. an officer contacted a man and woman that were walking a pit bull dog on Willow near the shopping center. The 19 year old female was on probation for auto theft. The male was 33 year old Matthew Tong from El Cerrito. Tong told the officer that he had Marijuana. Tong was arrested after, in addition to the Marijuana, about .9 grams of Methamphetamine, several Vicodin pills, drug paraphernalia and a set of shaved keys were found in his possession.

Residential Burglary: On November 7, 2011 at 2:32 p.m. a resident in the 100 block of Walnut reported her house was burglarized between 1330 and 1430 hours. Entry was gained by breaking a rear window. The stolen items included collector coins.

Domestic Violence: On November 7, 2011 at 7:49 p.m. officers responded to the 400 block of Olympus for a female overheard screaming after calling 911. The female reported her boyfriend, 34 year old Jasen Davis from Hercules, choked during an argument. Davis left prior to officers' arrival. On November 8, 2001 at 10:09 a.m. officers arrested Jasen Davis. He was transported to County Jail

Imitation Firearm: On November 9, 2011 at 2:07 a.m. Officers responded to the 1300 block of Chelsea for an occupied suspicious white Buick. While contacting the five occupants a handgun was observed on the floorboard. All subjects were detained. The gun was determined to be an airsoft gun with the orange coloring removed from the barrel effectively changing its appearance to that of a real firearm. In addition to the gun there was an open bottle of alcohol and a baggie of marijuana in the vehicle. 19 year old Maxwell Naterman from Pinole said the airsoft gun, the alcohol and the marijuana were his. He was cited for the alcohol and the marijuana. The firearm replica was confiscated and a report will be sent to the District Attorney's Office for review.