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TO: City Council  
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RE: Weekly Update

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Good afternoon, everyone. Please see below for this week's report.

### **Priority Based Budgeting**

Yesterday, several employees and I attended a webinar with Jon Johnson from the Center for Priority Based Budgeting, to receive training on the peer review process. Employees have been assigned to a team to review the programs that are associated with a result (i.e. "Safe, Secure and Prepared Community"; "Vibrant Local Economy with a Thriving Workforce", etc.) and validate the scores that departments gave to their programs. The peer review process should take no more than three weeks, and concurrently, I am working with the consultants to clean up some of the cost figures associated with these programs. The peer review process is the final step before the information is presented to you.

### **Update to Zoning Code**

This week, I met with representatives from the Zoning & Planning Commission, city staff and a representative from Gould Evans, to receive an update on the status of updating our zoning code. A section-by-section evaluation of our development regulations has been completed and weighed against major themes of the 2012 comprehensive plan. We discussed some of the overall themes/concerns, ways to solicit input from various stakeholders, and reviewed the timeline for completion of the project. At this point, we're on track for presenting a final draft around October/November, but our goal is to make sure that will not be the first time you see the information; we will provide updates along the way. Councilman Shaw is also on the team as well, representing council.

### **Curbside Recycling**

Earth Day is next month, and I thought I would take an opportunity to give you an update on our curbside recycling program. To date, 7.6% of residential trash customers have signed up for curbside recycling (we've averaged about 7.4% participation since program inception, after starting out with 6.6% of homes participating). In terms of actual recyclables being diverted, a total of 219 tons (1.4%) have been removed from the solid waste stream. We are working with representatives from Republic Services to promote the benefits of recycling in an effort to increase these numbers.

### **Update from Parks & Recreation, courtesy of Director Bloomberg**

- **Golf Simulator** - the golf simulator is finally up and running. Daryn has already been giving lessons and several golfers have played some rounds. We are charging

\$20/hour. I have asked Daryn to start keeping track of the revenue and what other revenue we may be seeing from the golf simulator. For example, are we getting any rounds when Daryn gives lessons and are we selling any merchandise.

- **New windows, tables and chairs at the Golf Course** - with the purchase of the simulator we have been doing some cosmetic improvements within the clubhouse. We were able to save around \$17,000 on the golf carts so with some of that money we replaced the windows which were in awful shape. Also, we bought 5 new tables and 16 new chairs. With these improvements, we are trying to keep the golfer a little longer and have them relax and maybe buy a refreshment and socialize with other golfers. We are trying to find a sponsor that would be able to purchase two new TVs as well. Apparently, we have the software to post leaderboards for each tournament we host. This would be a great way for golfers to come in relax after they finish their round watch a PGA tournament on the TV and watch the leaderboard from the tournament they just participated in.
- **Parks Maintenance Storage Building Update** - the storage building is almost complete. We just finished the fence that connects to the Parks Maintenance existing building this week. We still have to do the electrical work and install the brick façade and the landscaping.
- **Old Schifferdecker Tennis Courts** - with the help of Public Works we removed concrete out of the north section of the old tennis courts. We will be taking out the fence and base rock next. Once this is complete we will be bringing in dirt and will seed the entire area.
- **Disc Golf at Schifferdecker Park** - the Joplin Disc Golf Club and Parks Division are working together to place six (6) disc golf baskets at Schifferdecker Park. After meeting with the disc club, it was decided that even though McClelland Park is an amazing disc golf course, it is rather challenging and discouraging for young disc golfers. The baskets at Schifferdecker Park will be short range to give the young golfer a more enjoyable experience and allow for more recreational experience for all disc golfers. We are also looking at placing baskets at Humphrey and Leonard Parks, using existing baskets that the Parks Division fabricated years ago for McClelland Park.
- **Recreation Division Update** - everything is in full swing within the Recreation Division. Games at Joe Becker and Wendell Redden Stadium continues and our recreational leagues are starting.
  - Youth Soccer Leagues: we ended up having 291 children register for our youth soccer leagues. That is 100 more kids than last Spring!
  - Lil' Soccer Kickers: we have 122 children registered. That is 30 more than last Spring!
  - Middle School Girls Soccer League: 7 teams
  - Adult Softball Leagues: 39 total teams. That is 3 teams up from last Spring.
  - Adult Soccer League: so far we have 11 teams registered.
  - Kids Garage Sale Program: we offered a Kid's Garage Sale at Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. This was a program designed for children to how money works. Along with their parents they were only allowed to sell children related items. We had 15 children set up booths. It was a huge success! There were over 300 potential buyers that visited each child's booth and after talking to each vendor we discovered that everyone made at least \$50 or more. The fee to set up was \$10!
  - JOMO Junkin Antique, Flea Market, Swap Meet: we are starting a new event this year called "JOMO JUNKIN"! This is an antique, flea market, swap meet style

event, held the first Saturday of every month from May to October. This will start May 6<sup>th</sup> from 7am-3pm at the Joplin Memorial Hall parking lot. Each vendor registers through Parks and Recreation and Kimberly Kime, with whom we have contracted, will be the onsite coordinator. We have also gone to each antique and flea market vendor in the Joplin city limits and have asked if they would like their business to be placed on a map. This way when buyers come to our event they can make a day of it and visit all the dealers in Joplin. We have enough room to accommodate 100 vendors.

Please let me know if you have any questions about these items, or if there's anything else I can help you with.

Enjoy your weekend.