

City Manager's Office

May 29, 2009

To: City Council

From: City Manager

Re: Monthly Report – April

As the City Council is aware, the slowdown in the national and local economies is impacting the City's budget in significant ways. To respond, we have further reduced the City's budget by over \$1 million for 2009 to bring spending in line with expected revenues. Almost every City department in the General Fund has lost staff, had staff hours reduced, or had significant reductions in non-labor line items in their budgets. The equivalent of 11.5 FTEs has been cut out of a budget that was already very tight to begin with. However, except in the planning and building area, the amount of work is no different than last year or the year before. This means that the City must eliminate important work that we no longer have the capacity to do.

There is a significantly smaller amount of staff to do infrastructure maintenance when compared to previous years. The 25% reduction in both streets and parks maintenance staffing done as mid-year cuts, when combined with budgeted reimbursable work commitments for Surface Water Management, means that for the balance of 2009 we will have only 1 FTE of remaining effort to support 2009 Park Operations and Recreation programs and only 2 FTEs to support the City's entire 100 centerline mile system maintenance program. Top priorities for street and park maintenance will be to respond to safety issues first. We do have some seasonal help for parks and recreation support but that has also been reduced when compared to years past.

The cuts in the Finance Department represent a 13% reduction in staff hours while the decrease in staff hours in the City Clerk's Office equals a 10% cut back. Finance will not be in a position to perform financial activities beyond those needed to create and manage the budget and develop the required annual financial statements.

The City Clerk's Office will produce only "action" minutes, be the City's official records keeper (including managing the responses to public records requests), coordinate creation of the City Council meeting packets and be responsible for the business licensing function. Until we've decided how we are going to fill the City Clerk position on a

permanent basis, we will not backfill the Business License Clerk position and the doors to Suite A at City Hall will not be open during business hours.

Human Resources hours have been reduced by 100%, leaving the Assistant City Manager, the Executive Assistant, and Payroll Technician to perform only the most essential parts of this activity to keep the City in compliance with federal and state labor laws.

The Legal Department was lucky to find someone to perform the domestic violence advocate functions as a volunteer but the reductions in various line items in its budget will require careful review of all its services and requests for assistance to make sure that those that must be addressed are addressed.

Planning, Building and Public Works administrative support has been cut back by 60%, Development Services staff hours have been reduced 30%, Building Division hours are down by 22% (this includes a one-third reduction in Front Counter staff), and reductions in long range planning staff equal 23%. The reduction in Transportation hours translates to a 17% reduction. Even with the current reduced level of permit activity, review time frames will gradually increase because of these reductions. Code Enforcement will focus on the Crime-Free Rental Housing Program, health and safety issues, police assistance, and illegal or unlicensed businesses. Time permitting, Code Enforcement will deal with non-safety related sign, right-of-way, and zoning issues as well as code violations that are aesthetic in nature.

While the Police Department did experience some line item reductions in its budget, the number of commissioned officers is at historic levels, as provided for by the Levy Lid Lift voters approved in 2006. Police administration will carefully manage the use of its resources, including budget overtime dollars, to stay within budget (as they have for many years). It is worth noting the efforts of the Court and Police Department to reduce our jail costs by dealing with certain warrant issues immediately rather than having defendants booked into jail and brought before the Judge the following day.

Throughout the City organization, directors and senior managers will have to spend more time managing revenue, spending and day-to-day operations and less time on more strategically important jobs such as economic development or long range planning. Not that these issues won't get attention, there will simply be less staff time to devote to them. Also, staff will not be able to take on most new assignments. Program responsibilities will need to be shuffled between departments. And I will have to give staff "permission" not to put substantial effort into projects and assignments that they've had in the past until staffing is at least partially restored.

Finally, I want to assure the City Council and the public that staff will respond to and process permit applications, phone calls, emails, letters, and provide postings on our website and ensure that all legally required activities are conducted. However, we may not be as quick in our response as we would like to be or as the public has experienced in

the past. We look forward to the economy bouncing back but until then, we will strive to be as responsive as we can and ask for everyone's patience and understanding.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Marina Capital Improvement Projects

Bulkhead Replacement A – Phase 1. (North Marina Combined Projects).

In April, Moffatt Nichol delivered the 90% plans to the Marina staff and staff began the comment process. In addition to the internal review by Marina staff, comments were solicited from the Public Works Dept., Police Dept. and CSR Marine South. Staff also made plans to meet with the Council's Municipal Facilities Committee to review the plans and solicit the Committees comments.

Water Main Relocation Project

The design and engineering phase of the Water Main Relocation Project was completed in April. The advertisement for bids went out on April 27th and the bid opening is set for May 12th. Gray and Osborne, the project engineers, report that over 15 plans sets have been sent out and the staff expects to get several bids. Also, on April 23rd, City Council approved the ILA with Midway Sewer District that enables the District to replace a sewer line in the Marina's south parking lot as part of the Water Main project.

CCTV Security Cameras

Marina staff began preparing for the third phase of the CCTV project, which will add two or three cameras to the south parking lot and several more cameras on the floating docks.

Municipal Capital Improvements

Des Moines Beach Park

As a result of recent changes of Project Managers at the CORPS and Department of Ecology, which have delayed permit reviews, it is unlikely that the permits will be issued in time to begin the Des Moines Creek dredging work in early July and be completed by the end of the 2009 fish window on September 30th. Staff is reviewing an alternate plan to proceed with projects out of the current channel such as helical pile replacement to repair the Founders Lodge deck, as well as the Auditorium Rehabilitation Project. Building designs for the Auditorium are complete and permitting is underway for construction. The Auditorium project would construction of a wall and bermed landscape area designed to protect the Auditorium from creek flooding.

Field House Grandstand, Baseball Field #1 and Playground Replacement Projects

Staff expects that construction of the Baseball Field #1 project will be underway by June. The Grandstand project is scheduled to begin in July with \$420,000 funds from the State Heritage Capital Grant and be completed by early fall of 2009. Numerous dangerous mature trees will be removed and similar replacement trees planted as part of this project. The Field House Park will be closed for public use throughout construction and will re-

open in spring 2010. Traditional park field users will be relocated to either Steven J. Underwood Park or Zenith Park, based on level of play requirements.

Des Moines Creek Trail

The City received notification from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board that the City's request for \$579,000 funding for the construction of Des Moines Creek Trail was approved by the state legislature earlier this month. This grant completes the funding package for the project which is now fully funded by state and federal dollars. Funds will be available for project construction after the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board adopts the final program grant lists at its July meeting. The project will be managed by the transportation division of the Planning, Building and Public Works Department. DNS issued on 2/27/09, the comment and appeal periods concluded on 3/13/09 and 3/23/09, respectively. Public comment period for Shoreline Substantial Development Permit will conclude on 5/13/09.

Des Moines Historic Ball Field Renovations, 1000 S. 220th St.

DNS issued on 4/30/09, the comment and appeal periods conclude on 5/15/09 and 5/25/09, respectively.

Arterial Streets

- Transportation Comprehensive Plan Update, Optional DNS and Public Hearing Notice issued on 4/20/09 and the public comment period will conclude on 5/04/09. Public Hearings with the Planning Agency and the Des Moines City Council scheduled for 5/4/09 and 5/14/09 respectively. Public Hearing scheduled for 5/14/09 with final adoption on 6/11/09.
- North Twin Bridge. The City was awarded nearly \$2.2 million in federal BRAC funds for repairs to this bridge. Project requires SEPA Determination, Environmental Critical Areas Development Exception and a Grading Permit. Work continues on the North Twin Bridge footing design.
- South 216th Street – Segment 4 (11th to Marine View Drive) Design. Right of way appraisals have started and negotiations will begin once NEPA has been finalized. Project requires SEPA Determination, Environmental Critical Areas Development Exception and a Grading Permit.
- Des Moines Gateway (S.216th between I-5 and 19th Ave. S. and 24th Ave S. between S. 216th St. and S. 208th St. Contract with KPG was approved by Council on March 26th. Survey work has begun.
- Redondo Beach Drive and S. 280th Street Sinkhole Repair. Work completed first week of April.

Surface Water Management

- Lower Des Moines Creek Channel Modifications. The project's intent is to reduce flood hazards in the Covenant Beach Park National Historic District by removing excess stream bed gravels, constructing earthen berms and flood walls, modifying the tributary located behind Sun Home Lodge, stabilizing the bank under the Dining Hall, installing bed control logs and debris catchers, restoring riparian habitat,

creating wetlands, constructing retaining wall to stabilize roadway on the south side of the Dining Hall, constructing a new deck around the Dining Hall, and the internal remodel of the Dining Hall Facility. DNS and notice of Shoreline Application issued on 4/21/09, the comment and appeal periods conclude on 5/21/09 and 6/01/09, respectively. Applications for the Hydraulic Permit and JARPA are scheduled for 5/12/09 following review of the 90% design. The environmental consultant was informed that both project managers for the Corps and Ecology have been replaced. This may cause a one month delay in acquiring our permits and the likelihood of proceeding with the work this summer is slim. Staff will be proposing to proceed with any project elements that can be done this summer without a Corps permit such as the flood wall adjacent to the Auditorium. This will allow the rehabilitation work of the Auditorium to occur and provide a means to protect the work from high creek flows during the upcoming rainy season.

- Barnes Creek Detention Facility. Project requires SEPA Determination, Environmental Critical Areas Development Exception and a Grading Permit. A revised project footprint has been made that meets the conditions of the Corps and a general nationwide permit. The project is now proceeding to the 30% level design. Construction of the project will be summer 2010.
- North Hill Elementary – 4th Avenue Pipe Replacement. Staff has completed the project design and SEPA application. Council approved an amendment moving construction of the project forward to this year. Grading permit issued and construction is scheduled to start May 11. The work will take 4 to 6 weeks to complete.
- 250th Street Drainage Replacement. Council approved a CIP project to replace 850 feet of drainage on the south side of 250th between 20th Avenue and 18th Avenue. The pipe is severely corroded and is leaking significant storm water to the road base causing pavement damage. The cost of the project is estimated at \$310,000. Maintenance staff has completed several lateral lines to the system and a quote has been requested from Midway Sewer District's contractor who is doing sewer work in the area. If the quoted price is reasonable, a change order will be prepared for Council approval. Grading permit issued.

Building Division

Parkside Elementary School - The main building steel framework is complete. Ground plumbing and electrical work continues over the entire site. Some interior framing, roof framing and the main driveway's excavation is underway.

Heritage Place - The exterior envelope on the old Midway Furniture site is just about complete. One of the interior main-tenant improvements has been issued for the top floor of this building.

Patel Medical Arts Building - Steel structural framework has been erected and the exterior metal framework that will support the exterior building envelope on this 17,400

square foot professional/office center is well underway. Ground and rough plumbing and electrical is continuing. A couple of interior tenant improvements have been approved.

Highline Community College Marine Science and Technology (MaST) Center - The project at the pier in Redondo continues to be open under a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. Sprinkler system modifications are just about to begin again with South King Fire & Rescue's approval.

Zenith View Pointe - The project's west wood-framed building has passed the sheetrock stage and interior finishes have begun. The east commercial building revised design and plans came in again for re-reviews on Wednesday, April 29th. All divisions have been forwarded the revisions for plan check.

The Three Bears Motel - Plumbing, electrical, mechanical and fire alarm permits have now been issued and inspections are nearing completion. They will be applying for a new Certificate of Occupancy and Business License to operate very shortly.

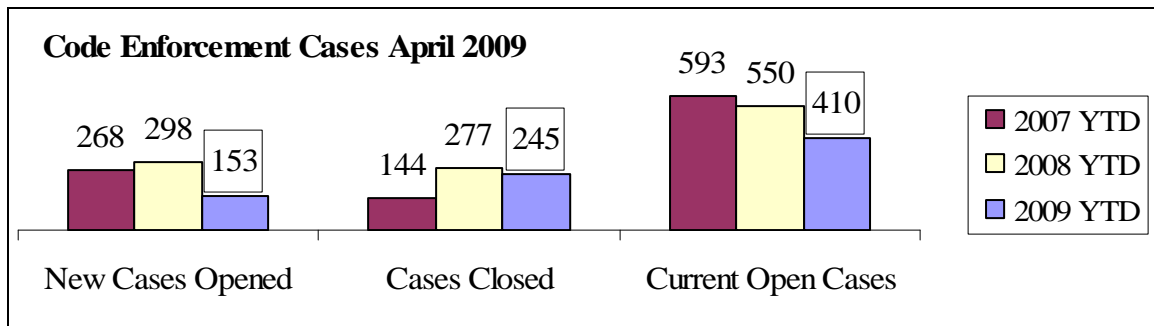
The Dreamcraft Subdivision – This is a 27 home subdivision. 17 foundations have been placed. Five homes are sheet rocked and should be ready for “all finals” in about a month. A couple of the foundations will begin framing in the next week or two.

Palm Harbor Homes – The Building Division has been working with Palm Harbor Homes for a number of months now trying to get a modular home built that meets Sound Zone #1's requirements. It appears that we are very close to a submittal that will meet the City's requirements. This is quite an accomplishment in that this will be the first modular home manufacturer to be able to construct a sound rated home in the US.

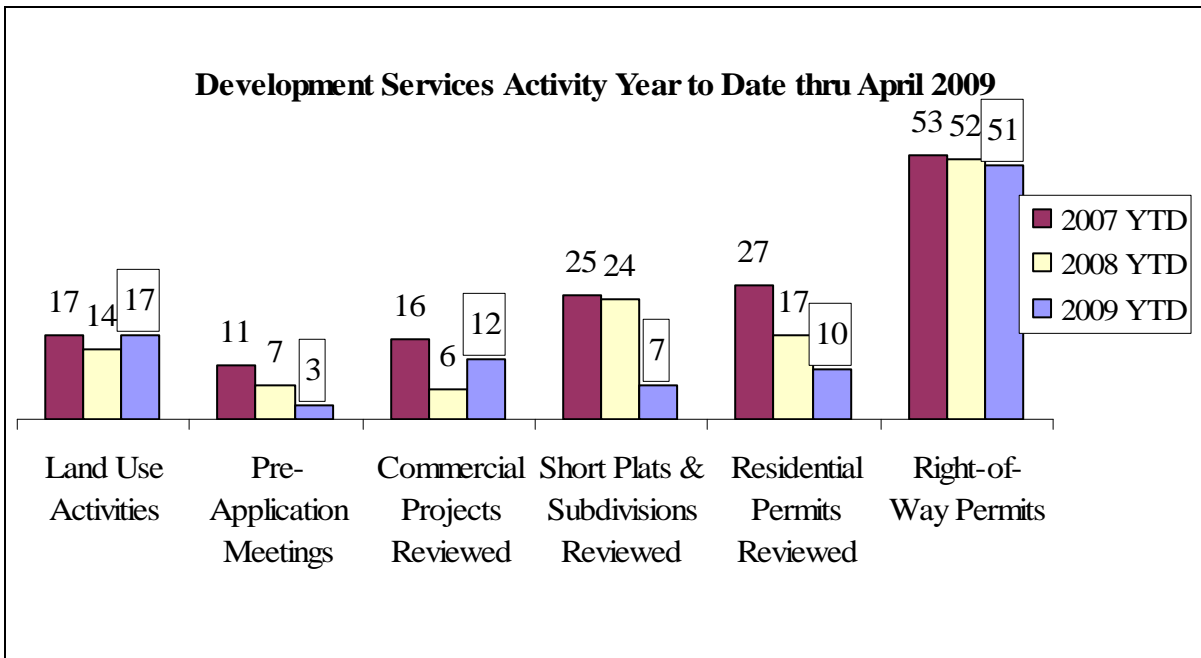
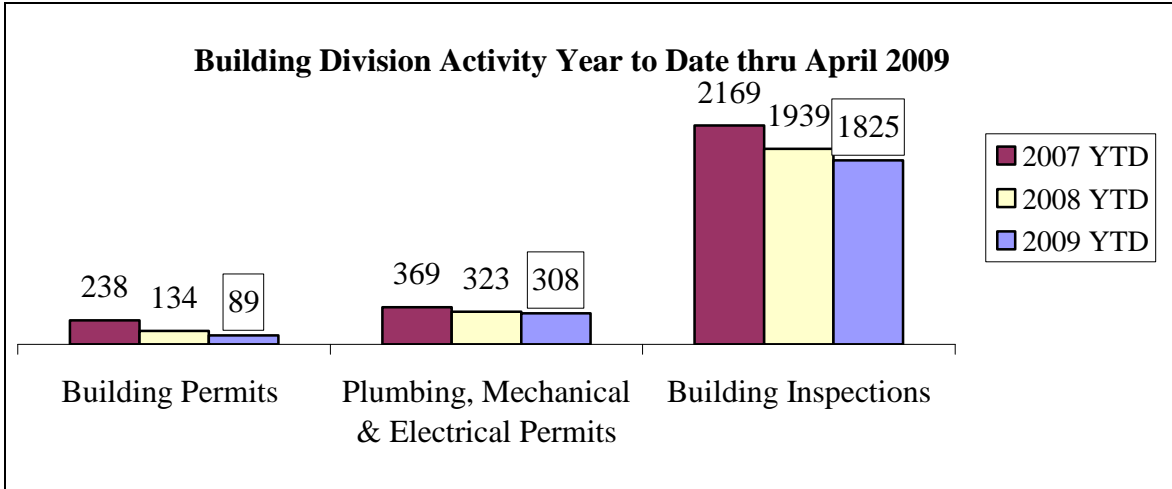
Code Enforcement

There were 33 new cases opened and 76 cases closed during April. For 2009, 153 cases were opened, 243 closed, and 410 are currently open. During April:

- Code Enforcement sent 77 compliance letters.
- The Court found four cases committed and four were continued.
- There were 57.5 volunteer administrative hours donated.



Development Services



Subdivisions and Related Activity under Construction

Several large projects are approved or near approval for construction but are inactive at the current time.

- Bal 2 Lot Short Plat, 1505 South 240th Street, 6/20/08. The City is waiting on the applicant to pull the ROW permit to construct the required frontage improvements; these improvements must be completed by 6/9/09.
- Landmarque 67 Lot Plat, 262xx Pacific Highway South 4/03/06. The applicant has decided to phase site work for the subdivision over two construction seasons. The first phase will be surface water vault construction and some general clearing and

excavation on part of the site. The City is waiting on the applicant to post the required bond in order to issue the ROW permit.

Commercial Scale Projects Under Land Use Review

- Krusty Krab Building 22303 Marine View Drive, 1/27/09. Plans resubmitted on 4/15/09; Demolition of existing building is nearly complete. Comments issued to applicant regarding roof design on 4/21/09. Waiting on submittal of revised roof design.
- South Correctional Entity (SCORE) Facility South 208th Street and 18th Avenue South 4/16/09. Initial land use entitlement package submitted to the City including Unclassified Use Permit, SEPA, Environmentally Critical Areas Development Exception, Right-of-Way Vacation, Short Plat, and Grading Permit
- Bartell Drug & Blumenthal Exterior Remodel, 21615 Pacific Highway South, 5/22/08. Comments were provided on 7/7/08, and meetings with the applicant were held 9/30/08 and 4/23/09 to discuss the revised plans prior to the re-submittal. The City is currently waiting on the submittal of the Building Permit. Applicant is waiting on the City to complete its ROW design on 216th before proceeding.
- Landmark on the Sound, Master Plan Expansion, 23660 Marine View Drive South, 1/12/09. Comments were provided to the applicant on 3/10/09 and a meeting was held with the applicant's team to discuss the comments on 3/18/09. Revisions resubmitted on 4/21/09. Comments due back to Development Services on 6/2/09.

Commercial Scale Projects with Land Use Approvals Granted

- Parkside Elementary, 68,000 square foot new school (2 stories), 2104 South 247th Street, 8/14/07. City staff, the school district and the church have reached a possible compromise regarding the secondary access off of South 248th Street. This compromise would involve vacating the existing undeveloped 22nd Ave S. right-of-way, dedication of ROW along S. 248th St and creation of an access tract.

Recycling/Solid Waste

- April 20-24: Spring Curbside Clean Up. Des Moines residents in Single Family, Duplex, Triplex and Fourplex homes, on the regular pickup day for their neighborhood, were able to set out more than usual garbage, recycling and yard waste for pickup by Allied Waste.

Parks & Public Works Operations And Maintenance

Parks (4 people)

- Prep beach park for egg hunt
- Thatch, aerate & fertilize Underwood fields
- Earth Day support
- Monthly mowing and maintenance
- Install SEPA signs at the Field House
- 250th CIP project support

Road and Street Maintenance [crew of 4]

- General sign maintenance

- Repair sea wall at Redondo
- Curb and gutter work
- Graffiti removal Saltwater bridge and MVD bridge
- Button and reflector installation
- General repair and maintenance
- Tree removal 240th

Surface Water Maintenance [crew of 5]

- Project 216th and 30th
- Asphalt drain 196th & 5th
- 250th CIP project
- North Hill CIP project
- Asphalt berm 280th & 2nd
 - General maintenance and repair

Equipment Services

The City shop is up to date on maintenance. There were thirty-six (32) maintenance events in April. We have been getting all Parks ground equipment ready for the summer months. That includes all lawn mowers, weed eaters and chains saws. All maintenance sections are ready for summer.

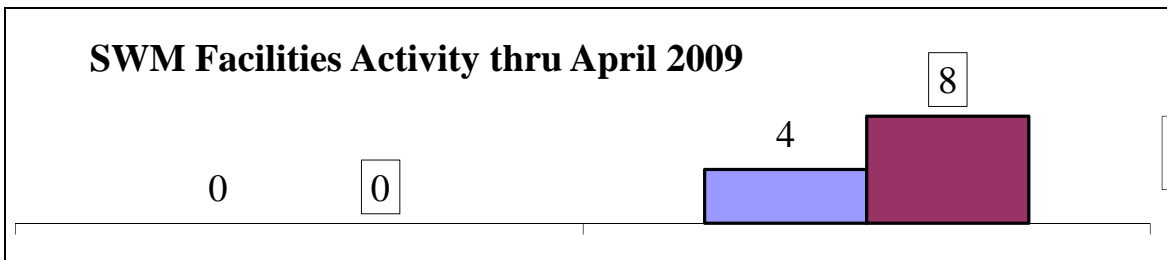
Surface Water Management (SWM)

Des Moines Creek Basin (DMCB) Projects

The stream restoration work scheduled for the summer of 2010 is presently being designed, including stream enhancements within Beach Park (upstream of the work being done by the City). The enhancements need to be coordinated with the City's dredge project.

NPDES Permit Activity

The City has operational control of 63 storm water detention and treatment facilities located in 7 Work Zones throughout the City. During April, no facilities were inspected and 4 facilities were maintained. To comply with the permit, all public facilities need to be inspected annually and brought up to maintenance standards.



The Environment Committee reviewed several proposed changes to the Code to address requirements of the NPDES permit. Such changes needed by August 15, 2009, include an illicit discharge section to address specific non-stormwater

discharges to the stormwater system, and an operations and maintenance section for private facilities. Staff is preparing a draft ordinance for the Committee’s review at its May 28 meeting.

Engineering Services - Water District #54 Assumption

On April 2nd, Council directed staff to initiate the process for the City to assume the District. The intent is to make a determination if assuming the Water District is something the City should execute. Staff prepared a request for information from the District, and the District is committed to provide this information by May 15. Staff will present a briefing for Council in July to consider the assumption.

Transportation Services

Signing Engineering

Staff completed the development of the sign inventory system that was mandated by WCIA and a test area in December. Staff began the inventory process in January and is working from the north end of the City southward. As of April 30th, the inventory is approximately 55% complete. As a part of the inventory each sign is being cleaned and adjusted if needed. This inventory process will highlight specific locations for follow-up with respect to sign standards, sheeting, and other related issues.

Multi-Year Civil Engineering Services

The following Task Orders (TO#) have been approved by the City Manager or Council in 2008 and 2009. The original contract with kpff has been increased to \$1,000,000 from the original \$500,000 with Council approval; however, the extra monies will still be subject to Task Order approval.

Task Orders Authorized and Amount Expended to Date

Consultant	City Mgr	Council	Authorized	Spent
CH2M Hill	3	-	\$19,985	\$5,834
Ham-Collier-Wade-Living	1		\$46,593	\$20,932
KPG	2	2	\$266,080	\$187,461
kpff	8	3	\$461,139	\$383,468
AMEC	1	0	\$15,500	\$15,452
Fehr & Peers/Mirai	4	1	\$380,863	\$370,759

Marina Maintenance

The maintenance staff continued working on the “D Dock Rebuild” in April. They also completed the installation of the boarding floats at the Redondo boat ramp. The staff also completed upgrading the landscaping in the Redondo parking lot. The DOC provided most of the labor for the project. The picture below shows the pedestrian entrance at the corner of Redondo Way and Redondo Beach Drive.



Over the winter, the Parks Maintenance crew replaced all of the pine trees in the Redondo parking lot with flowering pear trees. The pear trees will not get tall enough to block views and will not get wide enough to impede traffic in the lot. The Parks crew also replaced a lot of the ground cover plants with plants relocated from planters on Pacific Highway. The picture below shows one of the islands with a pear tree and ground cover.



Mt. Rainier Pool

Aquatic Management Group (AMG) provided their 2008 year end report in April that identified the pool had a positive 2008 ending fund balance.

- Overall the pool posted a profit in FY 2008 of \$9,503.05.
- \$3,531.63 in Capital Expense money was reimbursed in 2008 for work paid for in 2007. This artificially increased the 2008 profit. Actual profit for 2008 was \$5,871.42.
- These profit figures include the subsidy payment made to AMG by the cities of \$95,668.

The AMG report also identifies the following Capital needs:

- Shower towers and mixing valves need to be replaced. Pool Owners agreed to repair the showers in 2008. Des Moines agreed to complete the project in house. The project is underway with a proposed completion date of June-July 2009 with an estimated cost of \$30,000. Shower water temperature is fluctuating and is likely to become a safety hazard if the replacement does not occur in a timely manner.
- Mt. Rainier pool would like to find a way or system that can be installed to bypass the in operational global control module and gain control of the air temperature. Estimated cost provided in 2007 is \$14,000 to \$21,000.
- As referenced in the 2007 reports, the pool main pump needs to be replaced or refurbished. The impeller is worn and when examined in August 2007 was predicted to have a usable life of 6 months to two years. Estimated costs provided in 2007 are \$8,000 to \$10,000.
- The pool needs to become compliant with the Virginia Graham act. This law requires that the pool install new drain covers that meet federal standards of water flow that will ensure that swimmers at the bottom of the 12 foot area of the pool cannot be trapped by suction at the bottom. This modification will take 3-5 days of shut down to complete and will require the pool to be completely drained. The estimated cost provided in 2009 is \$15,000.00.

The accumulative cost of the above capital items identified by AMG would range between \$67,000 to \$76,000, plus tax and the cost of permits.

2008-2009 Mt. Rainier Usage Numbers

How frequently do people use the pool (not including rentals):

Swim Lessons - Avg. 280 lessons per week (including summer lessons)

Water Exercise - Avg. 225 visits per week

Swim Team - Avg. 50 – 250 swimmers per day (Depending on Season)

Public / Family Swim- Avg. 30 – 70 per day

Lap swim - Avg. 20 - 50 per day

Demographic information

Water Exercise and Swim Lesson numbers – Total users:

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| • Des Moines | 497/48% |
| • Kent | 136/13% |
| • Normandy Park | 121/12% |
| • Burien | 69/7% |
| • SeaTac | 67/6.5% |
| • Seattle | 64/6% |
| • Federal Way | 34/3.5% |
| • Other | <u>41/4%</u> |
| Total | 1029/100% |

Numbers represent families using the pool during the past 16 month period. For example:

- *A water exercise participant who comes everyday still counts as “1”*
- *A family who has 4 children enrolled in lessons for 6 months counts as “1”*
- *Over 60% of families enrolled in lessons have more than 1 child.*

Swim Team Participants

Mt Rainier High School Total participant male and female: 123 Swimmers by city:

- Normandy Park 74/60%
- Des Moines 36/29%
- Burien 13/11%

King Aquatic Club – 450 swimmers – Various communities from Mercer Island to Fife.

Local swimmers:

- Des Moines 22/5%
- Normandy Park 24/5%

Swimmers may each use the pool up to 6 times a week for 50 weeks a year. They are still each counted as 1.

Daily admission and Lap swimmers – Avg. 40 – 120 a day

Zip code data is not recorded for daily admission transactions. Daily admissions tend to be more localized than lessons and is heavily weighted towards residents of Des Moines, Kent and Normandy Park.

Other Pool Users

Times and frequency vary with season.

- City of Des Moines Day Camps “Khaos” – Serving youth from Des Moines, Normandy Park and surrounding areas (Seasonal – weekly in the summer)
- Cami’s Day Care – (Seasonal – summer)
- Alaska Airlines – Flight Crews and Pilots (monthly)
- Underwater Sports – Scuba Training (Federal Way – monthly)
- American Red Cross
- Pacific Middle School (monthly)
- Seamount swim League
- Over 50 rentals for parties
- Federal Way Masters
- Special Olympics

Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Master Plan:

The Ad Hoc Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Master Plan Citizens Committee met on April 29th at the Activity Center. The Committee’s charge was to review outcomes from the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Survey sent out to Des Moines residents in February and discuss and prioritize park projects including park land acquisition, facilities renovation and repair, facilities development, etc. Also completed were the final edits to Section 5 of the Master Plan – Goals, Strategies & Standards, which will be

reviewed by the Planning Agency in July, followed by City Council review for inclusion as part of the Des Moines Comprehensive Plan Update. Staff expects to proceed with the draft Master Plan SEPA review process in July and complete the City Council review process by November.

Des Moines Arts Commission Highlights:

Waterland Music Series

The Des Moines Arts Commission hosted A’ cappella favorites “The Main Attraction” on Tuesday, April 21st. The group gave an energetic performance to an intimate crowd in Building 7 on the Highline Community College Campus. Concert goers were dancing, singing and clapping along with the unique arrangements of familiar Motown hits. The performance was the final concert in the 2008-09 Waterland Music Series. Other performances included jazz band Billet-Deux on Nov. 18, 2008 and Brazilian pianist Geisa Dutra on Feb. 3, 2009. Co-Sponsors for the series included the Highline Community College Music Dept., King County/4Culture, Des Moines Drug & Hallmark, Fred Meyer, Landmark on the Sound and Furney’s Nursery.

The 2009-10 series will begin with a November 17th performance by guitarist Michael Powers.

Recreation Program Update:

April Revenue	Year-To-Date	2008 YTD
\$ 70,025.36	\$268,301.15	\$263,055.400
Arts Commission Revenue	Year-To-Date	2008 YTD
\$450.00	\$7,995.00	\$900.00
Farmers Market Revenue	Year-To-Date	2008 YTD
\$2,725.00	\$2,725.00	NA

Before and After School Program

We had a total of 126 registered Before and After School participants at Des Moines, Marvista, Midway, North Hill and Parkside Elementary Schools in the Highline School District and Woodmont Elementary School in the Federal Way School District. We had another 60 children participate on a drop-in basis or on an early release day. The Before School program begins at 6:30 am and goes until the start of school and the After School programs runs from the conclusion of school until 6 pm.

Spring Break Camp

Spring Break Camp for both Highline and Federal Way School Districts took place between March 30th and April 3rd with a total of 87 kids who participated during the 5 days. Children enjoyed swimming at Mt. Rainier Pool and bowling at HiLine Lanes among other daily activities. Camp was offered from 6:30 am to 6 pm at the Des Moines Field House.

Spring Egg Hunt

Our annual Spring Easter Egg Hunt took place on Saturday, April 11th at Des Moines Beach Park and we had 427 paid participants enjoy the activities this year. This year's Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by Leslie Newman, RE/MAX Real Estate, and featured photos with the Easter Bunny, lots of eggs and lots of prizes. Egg hunters were split into three different hunt areas and searched for prize eggs that were redeemed for prizes at our prize table. Prizes included candy, scooters, a CD player, tricycle and many other assorted toys and Easter specific items. Starbucks returned this year and provided free coffee at the event.

Spring Teen Dance

Staff hosted a Spring Teen Dance in conjunction with the Des Moines Youth Council on April 17th at the Field House which attracted 155 paid teenage participants. Teens enjoyed music, photo opportunities, refreshments and socializing in a fun and safe environment. Dances are held for teenage students from local schools only and are staffed by Recreation staff. Additional security is provided by the Des Moines Police Department.

Fields

We are very pleased to welcome back the Puget Sound Senior Softball Association League to Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park beginning May 4th! This 55 and over Men's Softball League will be bringing 32 teams and approximately 200 games to Des Moines between May and July. Games are played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park and the Des Moines Field House.

Activity Afternoons at Pacific Middle School

Activity Afternoons at Pacific Middle School continued with three successful programs on April 10th, 17th, and 24th. The Activity Afternoons are an After School Program at Pacific Middle School on Fridays throughout the school year. The program is funded by the Des Moines Rotary Club and Des Moines Legacy Foundation and is done in conjunction with the Highline School District and Destination Des Moines. There are 180 teens registered for the program and April attendance was 50, 39, and 26 participants respectively. Kids enjoy snacks, arts and crafts, gym activities and have access to the computer lab as well.

Miscellaneous Recreation Activity

- We received sponsorship funding from Land O'Frost Lunchmeats for \$11,700 for 85 youth sports teams in our various leagues
- We received \$9,000 from Des Moines Rotary Club to continue the After School Program at Pacific Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year.
- We had 11 children participate in the May session of Pre-School Playhouse.

Senior Center Division Statistics – April 2009

	2008	2009
Number of Meals Served	1,335	1,189
Fee Program Participants	413	970
Drop In Participants	1,730	816
Volunteer Hours	1,242.25	1,059.5
Revenue for April	\$7,444	\$3,346

Golf Outings

Our annual golfing program for players 50 and older began with an outing on April 6th. This program is coordinated entirely by senior volunteers who plan the outings, reserve the tee times, create the marketing flyers, drive the vans, etc. The first outing took thirteen golfers. Golf outings begin in April and run every other Monday through October. The weather has been perfect for both of the April outings. Staff reports that the golfers tell them that the heavens smile on our golfers!

Senior Softball Season

Our annual senior softball season began with practices in early April. This year we have two recreational co-ed teams returning and one competitive men's team. Home games will be played on the fields at Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays through early August. Staff hopes for another winning season for our teams. The weather has NOT smiled upon our softball practices and games as of this month.

Support Groups

Because the caregiver support group mentor is moving to Arizona, staff is looking for a qualified volunteer to continue this monthly group and until a replacement is found they will refer clients to other area caregiver support groups.

New commercial business license issued in April 2009:

NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
Annie's Attic	22021 7 th Ave S.	Children's Clothing/New Owners
Beautiful Awakenings Massage, LLC	22000 Marine View Dr. S.	Therapeutic Massage
Ceiba Acupuncture & Bodywork	22525 Marine View Dr. S.	Acupuncture & Massage
Des Moines Pressure Washing	23124 30 th Ave. S.	Home Occupation

Finance Personnel

Denis Staab, City Clerk, retired on May 15th after having been employed with the City for 34 years.

Legal Department: Civil Matters

To-date, the Legal Department has opened 73 files for civil matters, primarily advisory work to assist the City's operating departments.

In the SCORE eminent domain proceedings, both the State and Port of Seattle have been served with Summons, Petitions in Eminent Domain, and *Lis Pendens*. The *Lis Pendens* has been recorded with the King County Recorder and a Notice of Appearance has been received from the state. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Judgment Adjudicating Public Use and Necessity have been prepared by staff and forwarded to the Defendants for comment. Following response from the Port and the State, the City will move forward with the necessary steps to acquire by eminent domain the property needed for the SCORE Jail Facility Project.

The City Attorney and Prosecuting Attorney attended the Summary Judgment motion hearing in *Moore v. Des Moines*, along with outside WCIA attorney, Brenda Bannon. Motion was granted in the City's favor on April 17, 2009, with the Judge stating that there was no genuine issue of material fact with regard to the City and that the Plaintiff could not prove that the City was the proximate cause of the accident. File has now been closed.

Following unsuccessful attempts of settlement in *Richter v. Des Moines*, the trial has been scheduled for May 18, 2009. Plaintiff filed her brief on April 17, 2009. Legal staff has been involved in writing the City's response brief, which is due on May 7, 2009. The deadline for filing of Plaintiff's reply brief is May 14, 2009.

WSAMA Conference

The City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney attended the WSAMA Spring Conference at Semiahmoo. This is a continuing legal education conference, bringing legal staff up to date on legislative and municipal government issues, including the topics of ethics, criminal law, public records retention and statute of limitations, and legislative updates from the 2009 session.

Police Crime Task Force Report

During this month, the Crime Task Force Team total arrests were down due to only having two officers and a Sergeant, because of vacations and one team member being out on light duty pending a surgery.

Target Area This Month: Along with patrolling the Pacific Ridge area, the Crime Task Force Team still spends time around the area of Pacific Middle School when school is letting out to avoid gang members and/or suspected gang members from congregating and fighting. This continued presence and high visibility from the Crime Task Force Team has prevented potential problems between rival gang members.

This month the Crime Task Force Team made a total of 15 arrests:

Misdemeanor Arrests <i>Includes 2 for Possession of Marijuana, 1 for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 1 for Prostitution Loitering, and 4 other Misdemeanors</i>	8
Felony Arrests <i>VUCSA Arrest</i>	1
Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests <i>1 from Des Moines Top Offender List with \$21,000 worth of Municipal Warrants</i>	5
Felony Warrant Arrests <i>No Bail DOC Escape Warrant</i>	1

Statistical Comparison on Reported Crimes

The following is a comparison between April 2008 and April 2009 and January – April 2008 and January – April 2009.

Offense Type	April 2008	April 2009	% Difference	January – April 2008	January – April 2009	% Difference
Homicide	1	0	-100%	1	0	-100%
Rape	0	1	NC	1	7	+600%
Robbery	7	6	-14%	21	16	-24%
Assaults	16	23	+44%	71	76	+7%
Burglary	29	16	-45%	75	76	+1%
Larceny	53	51	-4%	191	174	-9%
Arson	0	2	NC	2	4	+100%
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	8	+14%	57	51	-11%
Officers Assaulted	0	1	NC	1	1	0%
Clearances Adult Arrest	30	24	-20%	101	118	+17%
Clearances Juvenile Arrest	8	7	-13%	23	20	-13%
Calls for Service	1,763	1,858	+5%	6,723	6,504	-3%

NC = Not Calculable

Contracts Awarded in April

Field House Park Grandstand Rehabilitation Project with David A. Clark Architects, PLLC

Bids, RFPs and RFQs issued in April

None

Contracts, Bids, RFP's and RFQ to be issued in the following month (May).

Contract for the Water Main Relocation Project.