

MEMORANDUM
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

To: Mayor and City Commission
From: Pam Brangaccio, City Manager *POB*
Re: **City Manager's Report – April 23, 2013**
Date: April 15, 2013

As a reminder, the Esther Street Park Opening is this Saturday morning, April 20th at 9am-12 noon, with volleyball and surfing activities underway all morning.

Stetson University students recently worked in conjunction with Donna Gray-Banks, Community Resource Coordinator on the NSB US 1 CRA project. The students conducted an assessment of US 1 to determine the needs of current business owners. A special presentation of the results is scheduled as part of their class completion ceremony for Monday, May 6th, 2013, 5:00 pm at Stetson University. In addition, we have asked the students to attend a future Commission Meeting as well to thank them for their efforts.

The City's consultant's Kimley-Horn will be presenting the Formal Blight Study for the US 1 CRA at a May 14th City Commission Special Meeting. As you are aware the County will be hearing their Resolution governing new CRAs on June 6th.

The County Council, during their April 9th workshop, extended the deadline for the ECHO program from May to December. Workshops are to be held through-out the County on the future intent of the program. The City had submitted for the development of both Otter Lake Park, as well as South Atlantic Beach Park.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on April 16th discussed their key recommendations for SR 44 (see below) during a public workshop at City Hall. Of special note, a new signal at Sugar Mill is expected to be operational by the end of this year.

- SR 44 Corridor Management
- Near term improvements
- Multimodal Improvements
- Long-term Improvements
- Roundabout on Canal Street
- Future Network Connections

The City has received approval from FDOT and the Federal Highway Association; as well as the permit from the SJWRMD and a certificate of concurrence from the State Historic Preservation office with regards to the Cultural Resource Study for the Multi-use Pedestrian Trail (Parking Lot and Trail at Sugar Mill Drive), all without any amendments or necessary revisions to the plans. Final contract documents will now be issued and the project can go out to bid.

On April 15th, 2013 the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, CRA Director and Commissioner McGuirk escorted Volusia County Chairman Jason Davis on the NSB Vision Tour. We visited proposed ECHO grant sites, as well as current projects that are in partnership with Volusia County, as well as discussed US 1.

Upcoming workshops in May 2013, besides the May 14th presentation on the Blight Study, also include the North Causeway Workshop Report, as well as a formal resolution for the Neighborhood Council. The City staff would propose to utilize the Neighborhood Council to assist with the planning, and to provide volunteers for a City-wide Visioning Event in the fall of 2013. At the Alliance for Innovation Conference in Atlanta, last week, we gathered a number of examples of processes, from Cities, similar in size to NSB to utilize for our Vision processing.

Budget Meetings are being held with the Assistant Finance Director, the City Manager and the Departments on their FY 13-14 Budget Requests. The Commission will receive the proposed budget on June 25th.

The City staff is meeting with the engineering consultants on the Central Beach Flood Mitigation (Stormwater) Phase III project to review the 90% plans and establish the dates for at least two public meetings to be held in May 2013.

A scope for the design of the Babe James Center addition has been received from the CRA contractual architect J. Pendergast, which is under review by City staff. It is anticipated that a contract for design will move forward at the May CRA meeting. The CRA Plan amendments are on the April 23rd Agenda for approval.

We are waiting for a schedule for the paving contractor for the work on North Peninsula from Flagler to Normandy, as well as Otter Blvd.

Notices to proceed with construction work have been issued by City staff, and building permits attained for both the Swoope Boat-ramp, as well as SR 44 Fire Station. In addition, demolition has occurred of the old tot lot at Mary Street in preparation for construction to begin there on the new park.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please feel free to contact me.