



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
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CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

Corning Community Park Project:

The park construction continues. Ed Anderson, Pat Walker and I looked at the progress on Wednesday. The concrete curbs for the parking lot are installed. We did some minor adjustments to the parking stalls and planters to provide better protection to some nice oak trees. The underground drainage system is now essentially complete. Crews were placing concrete in the vicinity of the gazebo when we were onsite. We spoke with Kendel Trent regarding some construction details and the new restroom building specifications. Kanten Russell of Stantec; the skate/bike park designers, is scheduled to visit the site next week to review the progress.

Budget Meeting:

Roy was in town on Monday to "close out" the books on the month of May activity and help put the finishing touches on the budget document and staff report. Lisa scanned and sent the budget to Norm's Printing in Red Bluff on Tuesday. Norm delivered the copies on Wednesday and we then delivered them to the Council and Department heads.

HdL (Hinderliter de Llamas) Invoice:

Jody Burgess and I are coordinating a conference call with Andy Nickerson from HdL regarding the invoice they've presented for the sales tax recovery matter. I have also been in touch with the folks at the State Board of Equalization who support our conclusion that HdL's input was minimal in this matter.

Solano Streetscape Environmental Documents:

We've scheduled a Planning Commission Public Hearing regarding the National Environmental Policy (NEPA) and CEQA documents for the Streetscape Project on June 18th, and then a Public Hearing for Council consideration on June 25th. These environmental hearings would be independent of the meeting where Staff will present the details of the plans to the public.

Woodwaste Site:

Lance McMahan of the Department of Toxics contacted me last week. He said that his group; DTSC, Cal-Recycle, Tehama County Environmental Health and Consultants had developed a "Work Plan" for their evaluation of the former disposal site at Carona Avenue and Rawson Rd. Lance said he was disappointed the plan didn't include any groundwater analysis. He's requested that the City consider taking on that task-at some expense-between \$5,000 and \$10,000. I told Lance on the phone that I'd be hard pressed to substantiate the expenditure to the Council when the experts apparently disagreed about its necessity. But I agreed to at least look at the published guidelines from which he's working.

One alternative to the expenditure for another well would be to utilize our water well at the animal shelter for sampling. I've also asked Mike Fitzpatrick to investigate our responsibility in this matter.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Corning Community Park:

Trent Construction has now finished all the drainage to the new Park and is now placing sidewalk throughout the Park. This week he has focused on offsite work which includes the storm drain connection from the Park to the west side of Toomes Ave. They have also placed conduit under Toomes Avenue for the electric service.

Kanten Russell from Stantec is making arrangement to inspect the skateboard portion of the Park. Stantec is under contract to make inspections for the skateboard park.

Safe Routes to School:

Tom Williams has now signed the agreement and is now bonded. He has been issued a "Notice to Proceed" letter to start work on June 10th. Even though he is going to start on the northeast side of Fig Lane, please be on the lookout around Marguerite and Fig Lane for traffic control.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Use Permit 2013-267 True Brew:

At the May 21, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting the Commission approved Use Permit 2013-267 allowing a business known as "True Brew" to sell beer and wine within an existing building known as the Miners Inn. Section 17.54.020 (1) of the City of Corning Zoning Code requires that a Use Permit must be obtained prior to the onsite serving or consumption of alcohol within a bar or restaurant.

Section 17.54.044 of the Corning Municipal Code provides for an appeal period of not less than 10 days from the date the Planning Commission approves the Use Permit. The appeal period ended at 12:00 PM on May 31, 2013 without an appeal being filed therefore the Use Permit has been issued subject to the following three (3) Conditions of Approval:

Condition #1:

The applicant must comply with the requirements of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and be issued a license prior to the sale or serving beer and wine at the business known as True Brew.

Condition #2:

The applicant must comply with all local, state, and federal regulations especially those imposed by the City of Corning's Building and Fire Departments as well as the Tehama County Environmental Health Department.

Condition #2:

Comply with the City of Corning Outdoor Advertising Sign Regulations.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 185 calls for service, a total of 42 officer reports were taken and there were 83 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 13 misdemeanor and 2 felony arrests, 42 traffic stops and issued 26 citations of which 2 were felony, 18 were misdemeanors, 3 were infractions, and 3 were parking-related during the period of May 29 – June 5, 2013.

Personnel:

The Police Officer and Dispatcher applicants have successfully completed the background portion of the hiring process and will now complete the psychological and medical screenings.