



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP *JLB*
DATE: MARCH 29, 2013

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

Meeting with Students at Woodson School:

Mayor Strack and I met with Mrs. Jones' Third Grade Class on Thursday morning. They had invited us to present some letters they compiled regarding recreational activities and programs. Each student had prepared a letter to the City expressing their desires for additional activities like paintball, skateboard park, laser tag, a longer season for the City Pool, and additional equipment like rock climbing walls, swing sets and slides at the existing parks. A number of students read their letters to us while we were there. They did a great job with the assignment. In the end we provided each student with a copy of the plan for Phase 1 of the new park and then described the features it would include. Mrs. Jones gave us the letters which we intend to forward to the Recreation Commission and the Council.

Park Pre-Construction Meetings:

On Monday we held our own "staff pre-construction" meeting to discuss the expected order of development of Phase 1 of the Park and identified some issues that need immediate attention. Terry Hoofard, Steve Lindeman, John Stoufer, Pat Walker and I attended. There are some special concrete mixes that will be used, and some complicated curving slopes in the Skateboard Park that'll require special attention. It happens that Steve Lindeman has experience with bridge building that make him the ideal person for those complicated inspections. So, both Steve and Terry will be doing inspections in the Park.

Ed Anderson, John Stoufer, Pat Walker, Landscape Architect Tom Phelps, and Surveyor Herb Votaw joined contractor Kendel Trent to discuss some details of the Skate Park plans on Thursday afternoon. We've issued the Notice to Proceed on the Park Construction-pending submittal of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Pat Walker is currently checking the SWPPP before submittal to the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Lunch Meeting in Red Bluff:

I met with County Administrator Bill Goodwin, Red Bluff City Manager Rick Crabtree and County Superintendent of Schools Larry Champion for a lunch meeting in Red Bluff on Thursday. We try to meet every month for lunch, but sometimes that is interrupted.

City Manager's Vacation Schedule:

I'm scheduled to take a week's vacation the third week of April. I'll be out of town from the 13th thru the 16th, then around the house the remainder of the week and returning to work on April 22nd.

Also, my Wife and I normally take our annual vacations in late September. We use this schedule to avoid the crowds that usually affect summer travel. This year, we'll modify our plans in order to attend my Stepson's wedding in Colorado Springs in September (21st), and some accompanying time off. For that, I'll ask the Council's authorization to be absent from the second September City Council meeting (9/24).

CITY CLERK:

April 19th League of CA Cities, Sacramento Valley Division Membership Meeting in Truckee, CA:

Meeting will take place on Friday, April 19, 2013 in Truckee, CA from 3-7 p.m. beginning with a tour of the Town of Truckee Public Service Center. A shortened membership meeting will start at 5 p.m. and include a guest speaker. Dinner is \$30 per person. Please RSVP to Lisa prior to April 14th if you wish to attend so that she can make the necessary arrangements.

April 23, 2013, 6th Annual Seeds of Opportunity:

"The Future of Rural Communities; A Tehama Economic Forecast Event": 7:30 a.m. to Noon on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at Rolling Hills Casino – Carlino's Event Center (Breakfast provided). Cost to attend is \$25 per person, please let Lisa know as soon as possible if you wish to attend so that she can make a consolidated reservation for the City, she can be reached at 530/824-7033 or by email at llinnet@corning.org.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

New Park:

Trent Construction has hired Kristi Rose from Santos Excavating to develop the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. This will take around a month or so to get in place. We just need to see what the weather brings, but it looks like early May to possibly break ground.

Potholes:

The City's Public Works Crew continues work on filling potholes throughout town.

Senior Center:

Public Works is working on installing a new grease trap at the Senior Center. The existing grease trap was ineffective and calls from the Senior Center to address problems were increasing. This should eliminate the problems.

Airport:

Public Works was called to the Airport about a directional sign that was hit by a plane on the taxiway. We are currently working with the responsible party to obtain restitution for the damaged sign and get it repaired. Parts have been ordered and the sign should be repaired this week.

On another note, the City received a report of the precision approach path indicator (PAPI) lights out at the Airport. We now have all the PAPI lights working.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 163 calls for service, a total of 31 officer reports were taken and there were 102 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 8 misdemeanor and 2 felony arrests, 56 traffic stops and issued 23 citations of which 10 were misdemeanors, 6 were infractions, 4 were parking and 2 were animal-related and 1 was unclassified during the period of March 20 – March 27, 2013.

Personnel:

Oral interviews were conducted on March 22, 2013 and the top applicant will begin the background portion of the selection process.

Animal Shelter:

Inmates from the Tehama County Jail Work Release Program have been working to improve the appearance of the Animal Shelter. Inmates have been painting the interior/exterior of the Shelter, raking, cleaning the ditches and creekbed, removing unneeded debris, etc.