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"The City with a future, watch us grow!"

Groveland City Council
City Manager Report
April 21, 2014

Pending Action Items:

- The Action Item regarding the Staff Work Plan is in progress; first draft is being correlated, consolidated work plans into one document intended for the City Council and the public use is also outstanding and is anticipated to be ready within the next two city council cycles.

Report from the Desk of the City Manager:

- My "First 100 day Organizational Review and Evaluation" continues... as I have completed employee interviews, and have begun interview local businesses. My goal is to have a written draft late May or early June.
- The City Manager's Office continues to aggressively move forward with its "Premier City Campaign". The Groveland citizenry have been challenged to review the following "Most Livable Cities" for at least one program, policy, event, or initiative that they will advocate in their prospective department and/or recommend to the City Manager's Office.

1. Sharon, Massachusetts – (781) 784-1500
2. Louisville, Colorado – (303) 666-6565
3. Vienna, Virginia – (703) 255-6300
4. Chanhassen, Minnesota – (952) 227-1100
5. Sherwood, Oregon – (503) 625-5522
6. Berkeley Heights, New Jersey – (908) 464-8150
7. Mason, Ohio – (513) 229-8500
8. Papillion, Nebraska – (402) 597-2000
9. Apex, North Carolina – (919) 249-3400
10. West Goshen Township, Pennsylvania – (610) 696-0900

Citizens and City Council are asked to bring their items to the City Manager Office via e-mail, phone call, or visit with the city manager. This benchmark process will compare our services against 10 of the Top Small Communities in the Country. These communities are not only thriving economically, they maximize family friendly amenities, well ran government, and strong community involvement. There appear to be two pending stories on this initiative in the South Lake Tablet and the Orlando Sentinel.

- Goals and Objective for 2014 – 2015 Positive Orlando Sentinel Interview.
 - Mission Statement: The Mission of the City of Groveland is to Inform, Involve, and

Inspire the Citizens we serve. We understand that Groveland will have smart growth with continued focus, dedication, and discipline in providing quality services.

- The Development of Regional Impact (DRI) application process began April 11, 2014 at the Puryear Building where regional stakeholders were invited to participate in the a Pre-Application for a proposed Annexation of 2,467 acre property within the Groveland Inter local Service Area Boundary Agreement (ISBA). The meeting was well attended and well received with positive dialog to start this anticipated 18 month proposal review process.
- I met with representatives with AMEC (the engineering firm used to design the Robert A Davis Park and the Marina Del Ray Park). After reviewing the over budget and unfunded parks, I directed staff to stop progress with any activities relating these contracts until a sustainability assessment could be made by the City Manager Office. In conjunction city council goals and objectives, the Robert A Davis Park has been identified as a site better suited and sustainable for the city's amphitheater project. With the natural grade changes that made other project proposal expensive and challenging, early amphitheater concepts anticipate lower investment expectations with the potential for higher community impact. In depth, funding strategies will be brought in detail to City Council as this project progress. Please see amphitheater concepts attached.
- As I'm sure most of you have heard by now, Brian Quintus lost his daughter in a terrible vehicle accident that occurred in Orlando. Through informal communication lines news Brian's daughter funeral didn't get to everyone in a timely matter. For this I apologize, although an e-mail message went out from the fire department my office was slow and negligent in getting out this information to the City Council in an uniformed way. This will be approved upon and handled better in the future.
- I would also like to recognize and thank the efforts of Renee Walker and her staff / Volunteers in coordinating and participating in Groveland's City Clean Day this Saturday 12th.

Follow up / Reminder Items:

- None

Events:

- Town Hall Meeting locations have been identified for the following neighborhoods
 1. Puryear Building
 2. Trilogy
 3. Waterside Pointe

Times and dates are yet to be announced as we are working with community members to market and secure meeting space.

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City Manager
City of Groveland

Attachment:



