

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Monthly report to the Fort Collins City Council and community

January 12, 2012

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ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

January 17 Regular Meeting

Lease of Power Plant to CSURF

- Colorado State University (CSU) has leased this site for the last 17 years and it is being used as the Engines and Energy Conversion Lab (EECL).
- The new Lease Agreement would be with Colorado State University Research Foundation (CSURF) and will permit CSURF to construct a new building on the City-owned property.
- If the new building is constructed, the initial term of the lease would be 40 years, with two 20 year extensions.
- If the construction of the new building does not commence within five years, or completed within eight years, the initial term would be 10 years and this term may be extended for up to 25 years.
- The Lease Agreement would require that current improvements in the river buffer would be reduced. The amount of reduction is less if the new building is not constructed.

January 24 Work Session

Art in Public Places Program Review

- Staff will provide a comprehensive overview of the Art in Public Places program and will address questions and concerns that may be raised.

Sister City/Friendship City Relationships

- Staff will present an overview of Sister Cities International, including a comparison of Sister Cities vs. Friendship City, and a discussion of what, if any, international relationship mode Fort Collins wishes to pursue.

Planned Development Overlay District

- The Planned Development Overlay District (PDOD) is a new, optional land use tool designed to provide flexibility for infill development and redevelopment.
- As Fort Collins matures in its development pattern and infill/redevelopment becomes more of the norm, flexibility is needed from the standard prescriptive Land Use Code because of existing infrastructure, buildings, and neighborhood context.
- At the same time, the City has significant sustainability goals that are being met internally; PDOD is one tool to begin meeting the City's sustainability goals externally through private development.

- The PDOD boundary generally follows the City's targeted infill and redevelopment areas, and also aligns with the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) overlay zone.
- PDOD development will be performance based and encourage implementation of the City's broad community goals established by *City Plan*.
- Developers/applicants will benefit from design flexibility, land use flexibility, and extended vested rights. The community will benefit from high-quality, infill/redevelopment projects on otherwise difficult-to-build sites that commit to a high level of sustainability in their design and construction.
- A work session is scheduled with City Council on January 24, 2012. The Planning and Zoning Board is scheduled to make a recommendation regarding the Ordinance to adopt the PDOD on February 16. Council consideration of the PDOD Ordinance is scheduled for March 6 (First Reading) and March 20 (Second Reading).

January 31 Work Session

Traffic Safety

- Staff will present information on traffic crash trends, injury crash types, safety improvement plans, and the current and future crosswalk policy.
- Staff will request questions and/or feedback from Council on the information presented.

Jefferson Street Project

- Staff will present a project update to City Council and request input and guidance on the following topics:
 - Corridor and intersection alternatives
 - Findings from alternatives analysis process
 - Concepts and options for implementation and phasing plan
 - Feedback received to-date from project partners and the community

Convention & Visitors Bureau Update

- Staff will present an update on the following topics:
 - Overview of tourism in Fort Collins
 - Economics of tourism and the Convention & Visitors Bureau
 - Performance, accomplishments and challenges, benchmarks with other destinations
 - Plans and opportunities for the future, growing the visitor market and economic return to the City

ECONOMY

FORT COLLINS SALES AND USE TAX

Net Taxable Amounts (amount of goods sold or purchased that are subject to sales or use tax)

November 2011:

- Net taxable subject to sales tax increased 4.6%
- Net taxable subject to use tax increased 6.0%
- Total net taxable increased 4.7%

2011 YTD:

- Net taxable subject to sales tax is up 5.3%
- Net taxable subject to use tax is down 1.6%
- Total net taxable is up 4.4%

Sales & Use Tax Amounts

November 2011:

- Total sales tax increased 29.8%
- Total use tax increased 36.0%
- Combined total collections increased 30.6%

2011 YTD:

- Total sales tax is up 28.4%
- Total use tax is up 24.0%
- Combined total collections are up 27.8%

CAPITAL PROJECTS

ENGINEERING (new information noted in blue text)

I-25 / SH 392 INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION

Funding Source: CDOT, FHWA, Town of Windsor, Fort Collins

Estimated Project Budget: \$25 million

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of this project is to replace the failing interchange located at Interstate 25 and State Highway 392. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the North Front Range MPO, the Town of Windsor and the City of Fort Collins have collaborated on the planning, design and funding of this project.
- CDOT is using FASTER funding for right-of-way acquisition. The right-of-way acquisition is complete.
- The Fort Collins City Council and the Windsor Town Board approved Intergovernmental Agreements between the City of Fort Collins, Town of Windsor and CDOT defining construction, maintenance and ownership of the interchange; and an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Fort Collins and the Town of Windsor that defines the process for review of development and redevelopment proposals, and identifies cost sharing and reimbursement through development impact fees.
- The project is under construction.
- Project substantial completion is projected for August 2012.

NORTH COLLEGE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS – VINE TO CONIFER

Funding Source: Building on Basics Funds, CDOT Funds, Truck Route Funds, and URA Funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$11,190,000

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- This voter approved project will construct complete outside edge improvements along North College Avenue from Vine Drive to Conifer. Improvements will include a 2 inch overlay, the construction of various urban design elements, an eight foot on-street bike lane, a landscaped parkway, shared use paths, the definition and consolidation of accesses throughout the corridor, an updated storm system including water quality treatment ponds, and safety improvements at the Conifer/Hickory intersection. Medians and side street improvements are not included with this project.
- The overall project budget is \$11.19 million.
- The project construction bid has been awarded.
- Partnering and pre-construction meetings have been completed.
- The contractor began work on December 5, 2011, focusing on construction of the water quality ponds and storm drainage improvements on the south end of the project near the Poudre River. This phase of work is entirely outside of the roadway.
- Private utility relocation work began in late September and will continue into January 2012. This work aims to relocate private utilities in conflict with the planned project improvements. Some minor traffic impacts are expected to complete these relocations.

- Work in the roadway by the contractor is scheduled to begin in February 2012, weather permitting. Project completion is scheduled for November 2012.
- The west side of the roadway will be completed near June 2012, and then switch to the east side of the roadway.
- Extensive public outreach, including coordination with the North Fort Collins Business Association, impacted property owners and other interested groups, will continue throughout the duration of the project. A Public Information Manager from the contractor is assigned to the project, as well as our City Communications staff.
- A project open house event is tentatively scheduled for the second week in February 2012.
- Additional project information is available to the public at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/ncollege.php>.

DRAKE AND LEMAY INTERSECTION TURN LANE

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and BOB funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$325,000

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of this project is to relieve traffic congestion and vehicle wait time by constructing a right turn lane from westbound Drake to northbound Lemay.
- The reduced vehicle wait time will lead to a measurable improvement in air quality by reducing carbon emissions.
- Two right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions were required at the northeast corner of the intersection. The City will take possession of the ROW on or before September 26, 2011.
- The design calls for construction of the right turn lane and replacement of the existing bike lane and sidewalk.
- The northeast corner of the intersection is heavily landscaped. The construction will require relocating six to eight large pine trees on-site along with the replacement of bushes and shrubs.
- City staff has met with the Parkwood Homeowners Board twice in the past year, and gave a presentation update in early September regarding the tree relocations at the northeast corner of the intersection.
- Construction bids were opened on September 22, 2011. The low bidder met the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal and we obtained Concurrence to Award the project from CDOT. Construction began on October 24, 2011.
- Public outreach has been completed adjacent to the project. All residents within one-quarter mile of the intersection were notified by mail. All businesses within one-quarter mile of the intersection were notified with a hand delivered flyer.
- The Contractor completed the bike lane, turn lane and sidewalks improvements. The final landscaping phase will occur in the spring of 2012.

HARMONY AND LEMAY INTERSECTION TURN LANE

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and BOB funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$325,000

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of this project is to relieve traffic congestion and vehicle wait time by constructing a second left turn lane from westbound Harmony to southbound Lemay.
- The reduced vehicle wait time will lead to a measurable improvement in air quality by reducing carbon emissions.
- The Contractor completed the turn lane and raised median improvements. The final landscaping phase will occur in the spring of 2012.

HARMONY ROAD MAINTENANCE – COLLEGE TO TIMBERLINE

Funding Source: Harmony Maintenance Fund and BOB Intersection

Estimated Project Budget: \$2,500,000

Status: On Budget, On schedule

- The goals of this project are to rehabilitate the pavement, overlay and restripe this 1.8 mile stretch of Harmony Road from College Avenue to Timberline Road, as well as provide a pedestrian connection at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) on the north side of Harmony Road and construct three new dedicated right turn lanes.
- College to Boardwalk will be restriped similar to the existing lane configuration. Boardwalk to Timberline will be restriped to a 6-lane configuration per the Master Street Plan.
- Three right turn lanes have been identified through the findings of the Arterial Intersection Priority Study. They will be constructed as part of this project. The locations are as follows:
 - Eastbound Harmony Road to Southbound Lemay Avenue
 - Northbound Lemay Avenue to Eastbound Harmony Road
 - Eastbound Harmony Road to Southbound Timberline Road
- The project will also include the demolition and removal of an abandoned bridge under Lemay Avenue north of Harmony Road. This bridge served the former Dixon Lateral irrigation line which is no longer in service.
- The City has accepted the revised estimate from UPRR. The City will make a Public Utilities Commission (PUC) application submittal in January for the pedestrian connection crossing with Harmony Road.
- A raised median (approximately 300 feet long) will be built on the west side of the UPRR tracks as a requirement from the railroad to eliminate the unsafe condition of “U-turning” vehicles. Final landscape design for the median will be completed in January.
- Utility relocations for the proposed turn lanes will begin in February.
- The final contract documents are being prepared for an anticipated March 2012 bid opening.

TURNBERRY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS

Funding Sources: Street Oversizing Funds and Parks Department

Estimated Project Budget: \$1.8 million

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The main goal of the project is to upgrade Turnberry Road to a City standard two-lane arterial roadway from Country Club Drive to Brightwater Drive.
- Construction will include a pedestrian underpass from the Richard's Lake Subdivision to the Lind Property, a private frontage road for 19 existing residences on Turnberry Road (Country Club Heights), and a new two lane arterial roadway east of the existing roadway.
- A majority of the roadway plans have been designed and approved as part of subdivision developments in the area. These improvements will be funded by Street Oversizing at an estimated amount of \$1.2 million.
- The pedestrian underpass will be funded through the Parks Department. Construction of this improvement is estimated to be \$600,000.
- The project team began coordination with the Art in Public Places program to select an artist for the project.

LAPORTE AND WHITCOMB BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Funding Source: Colorado off system bridge program (BRO) funds and 2011 KFCG

Estimated Project Budget: \$1.27 M

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to replace the worst rated, structurally deficient bridge in the City with a new bridge that meets the current standards.
- The new bridge will also allow a full pavement section over the bridge. Currently, there are only two inches of pavement over the existing bridge.
- The project scope will include the replacement of concrete pavement at the intersection of Laporte and Whitcomb.
- This project will be bid together with the South Shields bridge to achieve overall project savings.
- The project will be advertised in January and construction will be complete by June.

SOUTH SHIELDS STREET BRIDGE OVER LARIMER CANAL NO. 2

Funding Source: Colorado off system bridge program (BRO) funds and 2011 KFCG

Estimated Project Budget: \$1.5 M

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- This is the second worst rated, structurally deficient bridge in the City.
- The new replacement bridge will be similar in size to the existing bridge and will include urban design features.
- During construction, traffic lanes will be reduced to one lane each direction.
- This project will be bid together with the Laporte/Whitcomb bridge to achieve overall project savings.
- Construction will commence fall of 2012 and be complete in summer 2013.

WEST MULBERRY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN

Funding Source: KFCG 2011

Estimated Project Budget: \$250,000 (Design only)

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge with a new bridge that meets the current standards.
- The posted weight limit on this bridge precludes the passage of emergency vehicles from the nearby fire station.
- This month the City received a grant for \$700,000 in Colorado off system bridge program (BRO) funds to cover the cost of 80% of the construction.
- Design efforts are underway and will be complete by this fall. Construction is planned for 2013.

WEST PROSPECT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN

Funding Source: KFCG 2011

Estimated Project Budget: \$250,000 (Design only)

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge with a new bridge that meets the current standards.
- The State of Colorado inspected this bridge in March 2011 and found significant structural issues resulting in a temporary plate being installed and load posting restricted to 15 tons.
- Design efforts are underway and will be complete by this fall.

TROUTMAN UNDERPASS

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and BOB funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$1.5 M

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to construct a new pedestrian/bike underpass that will link the Mason Bike Trail to Troutman Road.
- The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) process is complete.
- This project will be advertised for bid in January and construction will be complete by December 2012.

NRRC/WHOLE FOODS OVERPASS

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and BOB funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$2.75 million

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to construct a new pedestrian/bike overpass that will link the Mason Bike Trail and the federal campus on the west side of the railroad tracks to the Mason Corridor Bus Rapid Transit MAX station on the east side of the tracks.
- All approvals and clearances have been obtained.
- This project will be advertised for bid in January and construction will be complete by December 2012.

MASON CORRIDOR MAX BRT PROJECT

Funding Source: FTA 80%, Local Match 20% (CDOT SB-1 and FASTER, City, Downtown Development Authority, BOB, BCC and 292 Funds)

Estimate Project Budget: \$87 M

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- A draft application to enter into the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Project Construction Grant Agreement (PCGA) has been formally submitted. Once the City staff and the FTA have reached consensus on the Agreement, we intend to process the Agreement through City Council similar to an Intergovernmental Agreement. [At the conclusion of this application process, we expect to receive the remainder of the project funding from the FTA roughly in March 2012.](#)
- The FTA's Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC) has reviewed the current project budgets, plans, risk potentials and various project management plans. The purpose of the oversight review is to provide the FTA with recommendations as to whether or not the project is ready to enter into the PCGA and subsequently the Construction Phase of the project. In late July, the PMOC provided comments regarding the PCGA, Project Management Plan and the Safety and Security Management Plan. Per the PCGA review process, the PMOC and FTA have recommended an overall Project Budget increase from \$82 million to \$87 million for additional contingency and additional budget allocations. The City has available Project Funds to cover the 20% match for the additional \$5 million project budget increase.
- As a function of recent budget planning with the FTA and the overall processing of the PCGA, the Project Schedule has been revised. [We now expect the Award of the PCGA in March 2012, which reestablishes the overall Project Schedule baseline as the Award of PCGA initiates Construction Phase.](#)
- The design team is finalizing the design of the BRT System-wide Infrastructure based on final Stakeholder comments. [The Design Team anticipates a complete guideway and ancillary support infrastructure design to be finished in December 2011 or early January 2012.](#)
- Real estate acquisitions, including appraisals and negotiations for Phases 1 through 4 of the private properties, which include 56 of the total 73 properties, are being continued. The final negotiation process for Phase 4 properties (8 Private Parcels and 2 CSU) has begun. The remaining parcels will be categorized into a new Phase (Phase 5) parcels. These new 17 parcels are required due to design evolution and the understood need for additional property rights to be acquired, including the shared parking lot facilities. The acquisition process for the new Phase 5 property acquisition is underway.
- Coordination continues with City Utilities on the relocation of water, wastewater and electric lines to accommodate the Project. Early utility work is underway near the

Capstone Project for sewer connections and electric duct bank modifications that will serve both Capstone and the BRT.

- Preliminary activities associated with the two-way conversion of Mason Street began in September 2011. The design team combined the intersection improvements, primarily conduit and boring, with the expected BNSF signal conduit work to minimize street impacts and realize cost savings to the project. The installation of conduit for traffic and railroad signals and electric and fiber-optic systems are being constructed via underground borings. [The Downtown boring activities are scheduled for completion in December 2011.](#) The two-way Mason Street conversion and rail work is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2012.
- The FTA authorized the City to begin early tree transplant activities, as this needs to occur in the winter months, and allowed the BNSF to order the necessary railroad signal materials for the grade crossing improvements south of University Avenue.
- The BRT Team is actively working on preparing the Bid/RFP documents for the construction of the BRT Guideway (Stops, Stations, support infrastructure), the South Transit Center, the Maintenance Facility Expansion and the Construction Management contracts. [We anticipate advertising the construction contracts at the conclusion of the FTA review, which should be in early 2012.](#)
- [The MAX BRT Team has had many public presentations through the month of December to keep the public and stakeholders up to date on the project activities.](#)

UTILITIES

CANAL IMPORTATION PONDS AND OUTFALL (CIPO)

Project Description: Joint Stormwater and Natural Areas Restoration project in the Canal Importation Basin and Red Fox Meadows Natural Area.

Project Budget: \$21,500,000

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: On Schedule

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2011

Highlights:

- [Production excavation and off-site hauling activities of approximately 45,000 cubic yards in the Glenmoor Detention Basin is complete. Fine grading and seeding to be completed as weather permits. Final landscaping to be completed in the spring.](#)
- [Final restoration of Red Fox Meadows is complete. This work includes removal of the construction trailers, removal of construction access road, construction of trail from Promenade Way to Taft Hill Road, the construction of the trailhead parking lot and planting of trees and shrubs.](#)
- [Final as-built floodplain mapping to be approved in 2012.](#)

NORTH COLLEGE WESTSIDE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Project Description: Preliminary design report completed. Design and construction of the replacement of the existing line on the west side of North College. Project will replace the existing sewer line due to age and size.

Project Budget: \$1,200,000

Budget Status: Beginning

Project Status: Design Contract Completed

Anticipated Completion: Design – summer 2011; Construction – fall and winter 2011

Highlights:

- Continue to obtain both temporary and permanent construction easements. Obtained temporary construction easements for staging areas.
- Test section (approximately 13% of total project length, 500 lineal feet) is complete. Construction on the remainder of the project began October 24, 2011.
- Construction of the new sanitary sewer main from Pinon Street north to Rocky Mountain Battery is complete. Approximately 3,500 lineal feet of existing 8” and 10” sanitary sewer line has been replaced with new 12” PVC to date. Pipe is being installed with typical trenching and by a trenchless technology called pipe reaming, allowing replacement of the existing pipe without excavation of the old pipe system. Only the sewer services have to be excavated.
- Potholing of existing utilities along alignment completed.
- Continue communication with the affected businesses and residents

CATHODIC PROTECTION OF WATER TREATMENT AND TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER LINES

Project Description: Investigation of existing systems in place used to protect water lines from corrosion, design of rehabilitation of existing and new systems to prevent corrosion, and construction of the modified and new systems.

Project Budget: \$150,000

Budget Status: Within Budget

Project Status: On schedule, this is an ongoing project

Highlights:

- Working with consultant and contractor on testing current cathodic protection levels and locations, and installing modified and new systems where needed.
- Completed the rehabilitation of an isolation coupling between the 48 inch and 42 inch portions of a major water transmission pipeline on the north side of town.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) WATER AND SEWER RELOCATES

Project Description: Relocation and protection of major water and sewer utility lines due to the construction of the BRT.

Project Budget: Unknown at this time

Budget Status: Working on design for water and sewer crossings

Project Status: Potholing complete and design underway

Anticipated Completion: Winter 2011 – Spring 2012

Highlights:

- All Utilities impacted by the BRT have been identified and initial cost estimates were developed.
- Coordination with the BRT continues.
- Contract for design services completed.

- Worked with Choice Center Development to complete relocation of an existing 21” sanitary sewer from the west side of the BNRR/BRT to the east side through the development (and upsizing the main), as well as replacing an existing brick manhole northwest of the development for the BRT project.
- Incorporating potholing details into design.

RIGDEN MUNICIPAL STORAGE POND

Project Description: Feasibility review of developing Flatiron gravel pit east of Ziegler and north of Horsetooth as a municipal storage pond below the Drake Water Reclamation. Purpose of the storage is to retime flows to meet water rights return flow obligations and meet augmentation requirements. Project is a cooperative effort with Natural Areas and Parks.

Project Budget: Unknown at this time

Budget Status: Working on Preliminary Design for Construction Cost Feasibility

Project Status: On Schedule

Anticipated Completion: Preliminary study and feasibility of site to be completed this fall

Highlights:

- Working with Flatiron property owner, and coordinating with Natural Areas and Parks on feasibility review and design.
- Consultant currently developing preliminary conceptual design for review by pertinent interested parties.

LAPORTE AVENUE WATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Project Description: Investigate and prepare master plan for the rehabilitation and replacement needs of the water transmission system in LaPorte Avenue. Study area includes reach from Overland Trail east to Loomis Street. Investigation includes the potential rehabilitation, replacement, or abandonment of all water transmission infrastructure including valves, vaults, and mains. The study will recommend and prioritize needed rehabilitation to the water system in this area.

Project Budget: \$480,000

Budget Status: \$18,000 Master Plan Design Contract

Project Status: Transmission System Master Plan Study Complete

Anticipated Completion: Final Report – September 2011

Highlights:

- Final system modeling complete.
- Draft design report review by Utilities Staff complete and final report submittal due week of December 5, 2011.

1 1/2 INCH AND 2 INCH WATER METER CONVERSION OR REPLACEMENT (AMI PROJECT)

Project Description: Conversion or replacement of 1036 1½ inch and 2 inch commercial water meters as part of the AMI Project. Project includes the preparation of meter installation standards, organization and management of meter data base, and the installation or conversion of 1036 1½ inch and 2 inch meters.

Project Budget: \$1.5 million

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: On Schedule (891 meter installations completed by December 16, 2011)

Anticipated Completion: February 2012

Highlights:

- The project will result in the conversion or replacement of 1036 commercial water meters so that all meters of this size are compliant with AMI specifications.
- Organization of database is complete. Preparation of meter installation standards is complete. Meter installation contract in place.
- Meter conversion and replacement underway as of May 9, 2011. One crew at work averaging about 50 meters per week.
- Second phase of project (119 indoor meter replacements, conversions, and resetter installations) scheduled to begin on December 12, 2011. Production rate expected to slow to about 20 meter replacements per week.

42 INCH SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND 12 INCH WATER MAIN RELOCATION AT MULBERRY BRIDGE

Project Description: In order to accommodate the construction of the new bridge over the Poudre River on Mulberry Street by CDOT, conflicting utility lines must be relocated. At CDOT expense the 42 inch sanitary sewer main and the 12 inch water main will be relocated to the north to a location that will not conflict with the new wider bridge. The project will include the relocation design, permitting, and relocation construction necessary to remove the utility lines from conflict with the new bridge.

Project Status: Preparation of scope of work for the project design and permitting underway with Stantec Engineering Consultants.

Design Schedule: January 2012 through July 2012

Construction Schedule: December 2012 through February 2013

Project Status: On Schedule.

Highlights:

- Project design and construction using Utilities Alternative Product Delivery System approved by CDOT.
- Relocation of large utility mains under the Poudre River presents numerous engineering and construction challenges.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Designing Edible Landscapes

Location: Gardens on Spring Creek, Evelyn Clark classroom

Date/Time: Saturday, January 14, 2012 10:00 AM

Details: Learn the basics of how to establish an edible landscape by integrating veggies, fruiting shrubs and trees, vines, and berries with the rest of your plantings. Plant selection, design aspects, and cultural requirements will be covered.

Contact Information: Gardens on Spring Creek
Phone: 416-2486; E-mail address: jkroeger@fcgov.com

Historical Café: Molly Brown

Location: Fort Collins Senior Center

Date/Time: Wednesday January 25, 2012 11:30 AM

Details: Margaret “Molly” Brown’s story has been so muddled with myth and romantic notion that she wouldn’t recognize some of the depictions of her life. Margaret Brown was a feminist and reformer who spent a great deal of her life working for social and labor reform. She had no idea that the ocean liner Titanic was going to sink and that her part in the tragedy would make her famous. She used that notoriety to further her other work. Margaret Brown was indeed unsinkable in so many ways. Performer Mary Jane Bradbury notes “My portrayals of women in history combine my passion for history, teaching and speaking.” Titanic lunch included. Age: 50 years and up. Fee: \$16 member/\$20 non-member.

Contact Information: Recreation
Phone: 970-221-6655; E-mail address: recreation@fcgov.com

eTown Live Radio Show Taping with The Jayhawks & Justin Townes Earle

Location: Lincoln Center Performance Hall

Date/Time: Thursday, January 26, 2012 7:00 PM

Web address: <http://www.fcgov.com/ltix/>

Details: Hosts Nick and Helen Forster launch eTown’s 2012 season with a return to Fort Collins’ newly-renovated Lincoln Center for a special ‘on-the-road’ live radio show taping with influential alt-country legends, The Jayhawks, and Americana darling Justin Townes Earle. This more-than-a-concert live event will feature musical performances by both guests, as well as conversation and insightful interviews, collaboration and a special E-Chievement Award winner story. Tickets: \$25

Contact Information: Purchase tickets by phone at 970-221-6730 or in person at the Lincoln Center Box Office.

To view the full calendar of events, visit <http://www.fcgov.com/events/>.

SPOTLIGHT

CABLE 14

City Cable 14 is much more than a cable channel. Our primary purpose is to provide citizens essential information to increase awareness of City services, programs and policies. This contributes to creating a transparent and accountable local government.

Services

Cable 14 services consist of four major areas:

- **Channel 14 Programming**
Programming on the channel helps connect citizens to the happenings of government and community events. City Council Meetings and Work Sessions, informative talk shows, presentations, and other original shows help to create programming which is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Generally, more than 90% of programming is original (i.e., produced by Cable 14, not an outside entity).
- **Online Video Content**
Cable 14 provides content for the City of Fort Collins' YouTube Channel and produces online video content for use by various departments.
- **Internal Video Support**
Cable 14 also spearheads the City's internal online video streaming efforts which include online training, virtual meetings, and audio/visual services.
- **County IGA**
Cable 14 has had a successful intergovernmental agreement with Larimer County for the last 10 years. This agreement has provided increased programming and has expanded availability of information for the citizens of the county.

Staff

To accomplish all this, City Cable 14 is made up of a staff of one manager with two full-time employees and three part-time hourly employees who bring expertise in video production, editing, audio/visual support and creative consultation.

Funding

Operating

The operating budget for Cable 14 is \$368,149.

Cable 14 is funded through 3 primary sources:

- General Fund: \$248,703 (67%)
- County IGA: \$50,525 (14%)
- Revenue from video services: \$68,921 (19%)

Capital and equipment

Cable 14 also manages and distributes PEG (Public, Educational, and Governmental) funds. These funds are collected from cable subscribers. Federal law dictates that PEG funds can only be used for capital equipment. The City disburses monies between Cable 14 and the other PEG entities in Fort Collins (CSU, Poudre School District and Public Access).

Total PEG Funds: \$163,000

PEG Funds for use by Cable 14: \$118,000

NATURAL AREAS QUARTERLY REPORT

Natural Areas Land Conservation Update - December 2011	Acreage	Cost
Land Protected - October - December 2011	200.00	\$ 190,672
Land Protected In 2011 - Year to Date	727.43	\$ 1,607,128
Acres Owned by Natural Areas Program	34,989	
Acres Leased by Natural Areas Program	1,128	
Acres of Conservation Easements Protected by Natural Areas Program	5,548	
Total Acres Owned/Leased/Conservation Easements - Natural Areas since program inception	41,665	\$ 79,091,839
Total Acres Managed - Natural Areas Program	34,976	
Land Conservation Funds Budgeted for 2011 (includes \$1.4M carryover)		\$ 2,550,000
Under Contract - 2011		
Acquisitions To Date - 2011		
Million Conservation Easement	99.73	\$ 600,201
Wellington Community Separator CE's - Lockman, Kraft & Matsuda,	342.95	\$ 695,703
Soapstone - Noonan Property	80	\$ 120,552
Strauss Cabin - Larimer County	1.75	\$ -
Running Deer - Sollenberger Property	3	\$ -
Soapstone - Moore Property	200	\$ 190,672
TOTALS	727.43	\$ 1,607,128
Net Land Conservation Funds Remaining for 2011		\$ 942,872

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

FORT COLLINS POLICE SERVICES

Call Load

In December, officers responded to 7,005 incidents (calls for service) which resulted in 1,490 cases.

Arrest for April 29 Assault

Raul Valentine Laureles, 21, of Fort Collins was arrested on December 27 for the April 29 assault on a 33-year-old male employee outside the main gate of Woodward, 1000 E. Drake Road. Laureles emerged as a suspect after police received a tip from a citizen who overheard two women talking about the assault in a restaurant on December 9. The citizen recognized the involved parties from school and later located a news article and composite drawing that matched the suspect. The citizen contacted police who investigated and an arrest warrant was issued. Laureles was arrested for 2nd Degree Assault.

Fatal Traffic Crash

Christine Russo from Loveland died in a four-car crash on Christmas Day that closed the intersection of Shields Street and Horsetooth Road around 4:10 p.m. Russo, a passenger in a 1994 Saturn, was trapped in the car driven by Dominick Russo after he failed to stop at a red light. Christine Russo was extricated from the car and transported to MCR where she later died.

Holiday Programs

- Santa Cops
Santa Cops toy drives continued during the month of December with officers making deliveries on Saturday, December 17. Santa Cops, a non-profit organization consisting of representatives from area law enforcement agencies in operation for nearly 25 years, delivered gifts to 1,700 underprivileged families in Larimer County, 200 more than last year.
- Shop With A Cop
Officers from several agencies volunteered on December 10 to help 23 underprivileged children, selected through the McKinney Foundation, shop for Christmas gifts for family members. The event, sponsored by private donors and the Wal-Mart store in Loveland, paired children with uniformed officers who assisted them in selecting the holiday gifts. Wal-Mart provided complimentary gift wrapping for all their purchases. The Shop with a Cop program is just for kids and allows them an opportunity to indulge in the holiday spirit as they shop for others. The annual shopping spree provides positive interaction between kids and local law enforcement.

“The Safe Ride Home”

Fort Collins City Council has approved a partnership with ASCSU, Transfort and Police Services to provide a late-night weekend bus shuttle service from Old Town to neighborhoods with large student populations. The pilot program, expected to begin February 3, would operate two busses with 15-minute headways from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Riders will be

charged \$1 each for the service. In addition to the fare box revenues, funding will be provided by ASCSU and Fort Collins Police Services.

Police Chief Hutto

John Hutto assumed the role and duties of the Fort Collins Chief of Police on December 1. Chief Hutto brings more than 25 years of law enforcement experience and formerly served as the Assistant Chief of Police in Austin, Texas. Hutto has spent his entire career with the Austin police department, working his way up from an officer in 1986 to Assistant Chief.

Bank Robbery

Fort Collins Police and the FBI are investigating the December 30 bank robbery at Chase Bank, 2000 S. College Avenue. The suspect entered the bank through the front door, approached a bank teller, and demanded money. No weapon was implied or seen. The suspect, described as a thin white male in his twenties wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and sunglasses, exited the bank through the front door with an undisclosed amount of cash. No one was injured during the robbery.

Shepardson Elementary Vandalism

Two 18-year-old Fort Collins men were arrested December 28 after breaking into Shepardson Elementary School, 1501 Springwood Drive, and damaging equipment and facilities. Matthew James Gogela and Alexandre Jean Verbest had been in the area drinking and decided to enter the building after kicking in a window on the south side of the school. Once inside, they damaged school property and activated the fire alarm. The kindergarten and library areas sustained the greatest amount of damage to computers, books, ceilings, floors, bookshelves, Smart Board, and spilled paint. Both men were arrested on suspicion of 2nd Degree Burglary, Criminal Mischief \$1,000 - \$20,000, and Underage Consumption of Alcohol. The damage to the school is estimated to be in excess of \$10,000.

Crime Prevention

During December, the Crime Prevention Specialist spoke to 100 people and handled 23 telephone calls on topics including parking lot lighting, Cub Scouts merit badges, and Neighborhood Watch.

A breakdown of the months' Crime Prevention activities follows:

Rigden Farms Senior Scams - 30 attended

RESTORE - 52 attended

Cub Scouts Crime Prevention - 18 attended

Crime Prevention Tip - "Puffers" - Easy Targets for Thieves

Leaving a car running and unattended (locked or unlocked) in the winter months is not only illegal, it's also a good way to get it stolen.

Sure, most people prefer getting into a warm car when the outside temperatures are chilly. Yet imagine the shock of returning to find your car and all its contents stolen by an opportunistic thief. It takes less than a minute to get into a car and drive off. Vehicle thefts tend to spike in cold weather months and many of those thefts could have been prevented simply by not leaving

your unattended vehicle running. The puffs of exhaust from your car may be all it takes to catch the attention of a car thief.

“Puffers,” the term given to cars left running unattended in winter months, are illegal in Colorado and in Fort Collins carry a fine of \$25. “Puffers” also add unnecessary emissions to our air.

Leaving your vehicle unattended and running, locked or unlocked, is against Colorado law and an open invitation to car thieves. Most people never think it will happen to them, yet according to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, and other officials:

- 50% of all stolen cars have the keys inside.
- 40% of Colorado residents have left their cars running unattended at some point.
- 35% of Colorado residents were unaware that “puffing” was illegal.
- 40% of Colorado residents know someone whose car was stolen.
- Cars are most often stolen for parts, not the entire vehicle.

To deter crooks:

- Lock your vehicle and take the keys with you.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended, even for a minute.
- Never hide a second set of keys in your vehicle.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Never leave valuables in plain sight.
- Consider installing an anti-theft device such as an alarm, an immobilizing device (kill switch), or a tracing device (i.e., LoJack).

POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY

Residential Fire

Firefighters were tasked heavily with this fire due to performing life searches in very unforgiving circumstances, resource delays and water delivery challenges.

Poudre Emergency Communications Center received multiple calls just after 11:30 p.m. for a house on fire somewhere in the area southeast of Horsetooth Reservoir and Larimer County Road 38E. Even though the fire was quite visible, firefighters were challenged reaching the residence as no particular road or address was given. Upon arrival they found a large, multi-story residence mostly engulfed in flames and that the one occupant had safely escaped. At some point during the fire, one dog and two cats were removed and are safe. The residence is a complete loss.

With no hydrants in the immediate area, firefighters had to use five water tenders to shuttle water more than 1.5 miles up the narrow, winding, dirt road. Winter conditions also challenged firefighters with cold weather and snow on the ground. One firefighter suffered non-life threatening injuries when he slipped on ice and fell. He was transported via ambulance to Poudre Valley Hospital where he was treated and released.

Investigators with PFA and the Larimer County Sheriff's Office are working to determine the origin and cause. No additional information is available at this time.

Assisting agencies: Berthoud Fire Protection District, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority, Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Larimer Humane Society, Poudre Valley Hospital Emergency Services and Poudre Valley REA.

PFA Employees Donate

PFA employees donated to two very worthy causes in December. In conjunction with a county-wide food drive, PFA employees donated over \$1,340 to the Larimer County Food Bank. The next recipient was the Salvation Army-Angels Among Us Program. This program netted over \$4,500 to provide gifts from money donated by PFA employees, plus a gift card for food and wrapping paper for each family provided by Poudre Fire Authority Firefighters Local 1945. These two entities are the target of fundraising for our employees every year at this time.

Ice Rescue Training

Firefighters completed almost 190 man-hours of Ice Rescue Training in December. Specialized training such as this occurs during certain times of the year to keep firefighters in practice. This year firefighters had to wait until December for the right ice conditions in order to simulate accurate training. The training was held at Sheldon Lake just east of Fire Station 2.

December Incident Statistics (by category)

Report Period: From 12/1/2011 To 12/31/2011		Property Loss	Content Loss	Total Loss
Fires	18	\$532,900.00	\$101,300.00	\$629,950.00
Rescue / EMS	934			
Hazardous Condition - no fire	31			
Service Call	68			
Good Intent Call	92			
False Alarms / False Calls	91			
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1			
Special Incident Type	1			
Total =	1,236			

Information subject to change due to updated data.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ACTIVITY

Staff received 13 Development Application/Minor Amendment submittals in December 2011. YTD, overall submittals are down 23% from 2010 (Development Applications are up 9% over 2010; however, Minor Amendment submittals are down 41% over 2010). Staff performed 9 Conceptual/Staff reviews in December 2011. YTD, these reviews are down 15% over 2010.

SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT

CONCEPTUAL REVIEWS/PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEWS/FOLLOW UP – DECEMBER 2011:

Project
<p>New restaurant with drive-through</p> <p>Mixed-use development</p> <p>Change of use from single family residence to office</p> <p>Change of use from single family residence to bed and breakfast</p> <p>Lot replat</p> <p>Redevelopment of farm property for single family, office and artisan uses</p> <p>Lot subdivision into two</p> <p>Multi-family project</p>

STAFF REVIEWS – DECEMBER 2011:

Type	Project	Process	Description
PDP	The Grove	LUC	Request for a student housing project on a total of 31.32 acres with the project improvements contained on 13.4 acres. The multi-family project would consist of 218 dwelling units in 12 three-story buildings and a mixed-use clubhouse building with 8 dwelling units on the 2nd and 3rd stories and a hospitality center, study lounge, café, game room and fitness center on the 1st floor. There will be 509 parking spaces provided along with 147 bike parking space. The realignment of the Rolland Moore Drive proposed extension is part of a request to amend the

			<p>existing ODP (Overall Development Plan); CSURF Centre for Advanced Technology ODP.</p> <p>Location: South of West Prospect Road, west of Centre Avenue, north of and bordering the Larimer County Canal #2 and east bordering Care Housing at Windtrail Park PUD.</p> <p>Zoning: The project encompasses two zoning districts: MMN - Medium Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood and E - Employment.</p>
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HEARINGS – DECEMBER 2011:

Type	Project	Hearing Type Outcome	Description
PDP	Sherwood Forts	Admin Hearing Approved	<p>Request to create a triplex dwelling. The property currently contains a single-family dwelling. This application is requesting the addition of two new dwelling units to be built on the rear of the existing structure.</p> <p>Location: 617 South Sherwood Street. West side of South Sherwood Street, approximately midway between West Laurel Street and West Myrtle Street.</p> <p>Zoning: NCB – Neighborhood Conservation Buffer.</p>
Land Use Code Update	LUC Planned Development Overlay District	P&Z Approved	<p>Request for a recommendation to City Council regarding an Ordinance which would adopt the proposed Planned Development Overlay District (PDOD). The PDOD includes several new additions and revisions to the Land Use Code in order to provide a new, optional development process and standards for infill development and redevelopment. PDOD projects will also assist in achieving the City's sustainability goals.</p>

PDP	Lind Property 2 nd Filing	P&Z Approved	<p>Request for a one year extension. The Final Plan was approved in 2007 and was granted a vested right for three years. In addition, two one-year administrative extensions were granted vesting the project to January 2012. The project consists of 153 dwelling units on 44.38 acres.</p> <p>Location: East of Turnberry Road and north of Richards Lake Road.</p> <p>Zoning: LMN – Low Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.</p>
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NEW SUBMITTALS – DECEMBER 2011:

Type	Project	Process	Description
PDP	Aspen Heights Student Housing	LUC	<p>Request to develop a student housing complex on 31 acres. The development features 221 dwelling units divided between 81 single family detached units; 62 two-family dwellings (duplexes); and 78 multi-family units ("row houses"). All single family detached dwellings would include 4-5 bedrooms and would be classified as Extra Occupancy Rental Houses. For the two-family dwellings, there would be a mix of 2 and 3-bedroom options. The multi-family row houses will have 2 and 3-bedroom options, as well. There would be a total of 712 bedrooms, each of which would be individually leased to students in Fort Collins. All buildings would be two stories. All internal drives are proposed to be private.</p> <p>Location: South of Conifer Street, west of Redwood Street and north of Old Town North subdivision.</p> <p>Zoning: CCN – Community Commercial North College.</p>
PDP	Remington Annex	LUC	Request for the development of a three-

			<p>story, multi-family building. There will be a 10,649 square foot underground parking garage, and an additional 10,830 square foot parking garage with 3,468 square feet of residential space on the first level, 13,362 square feet of residential space on the second level, and 10,410 square feet of residential space on the third level. The unit mix consists of 30 studio units, 8 one-bedroom units and 4 two-bedroom units. The building will contain 42 units and 27,146 square feet of residential space.</p> <p>Location: 705 Remington Street.</p> <p>Zoning: NCB – Neighborhood Conservation Buffer.</p>
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NEW SUBMITTALS (REVISED PLANS) – DECEMBER 2011:

Type	Project	Process	Description
Site Plan Advisory	Liberty Common High School Expansion	LUC	<p>Request for a Site Plan Advisory Review to expand the existing Poudre School District charter school, Liberty Common High School. As proposed, the expansion will include a two-story, 28,838 square foot addition consisting of an engineering lab, gymnasium and classrooms on the 4.27 acre site. Facility expansion includes a new parking lot and athletic field. The existing building is 26,333 square feet. With the proposed expansion, the total building would be 55,171 square feet.</p> <p>Location: 2745 Minnesota Drive, encompassing the entire parcel bordered by Minnesota Drive, Custer Drive, Kansas Drive and Limon Drive.</p> <p>Zoning: MMN – Medium Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.</p>
Basic Development Review	Ram's Crossing	LUC	<p>Addition of a new three-story, 36 unit apartment building to be constructed north of the existing apartment building. Parking circulation, sidewalks, and landscaping</p>

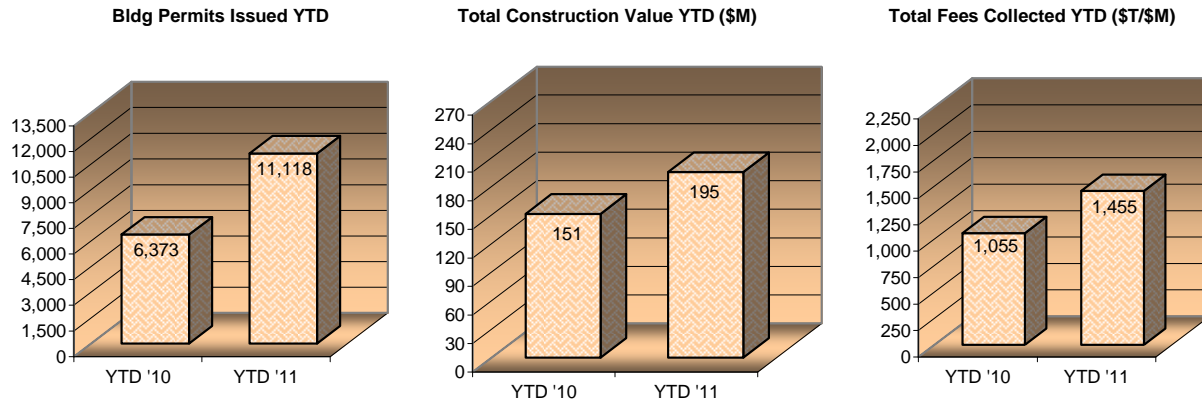
			<p>upgrades. Landscaping upgrades around existing building.</p> <p>Location: 914 West Lake Street.</p> <p>Zoning: HMN – High Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.</p>
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NEW SUBMITTALS (FINAL PLANS) – DECEMBER 2011:

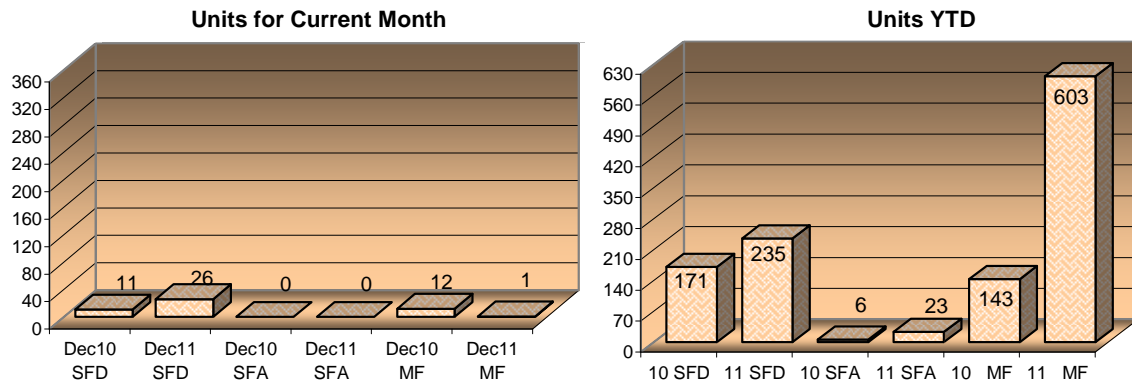
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – BUILDING PERMIT, PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION DATA

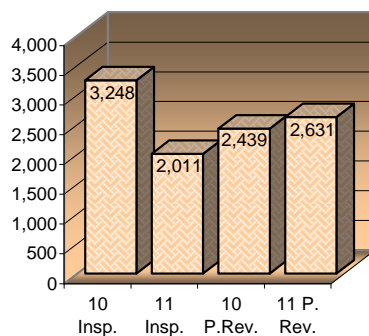
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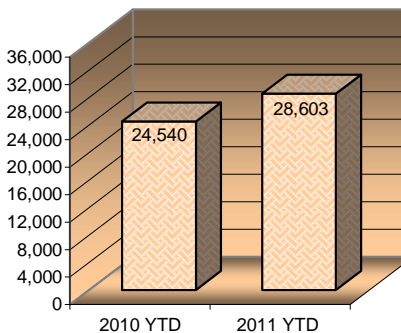
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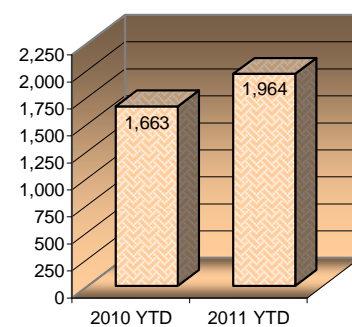
Zoning Plan Reviews/Inspections YTD



Building Inspections YTD



Building Plan Reviews YTD



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