

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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Community Outreach

Spanish-Language Livability Work Session - Last night (Jan. 11), the Spanish-language work session on livability garnered an engaged and enthusiastic audience. A total of 40 community members as well as Vice Mayor Hagele and Councilmember Naujokas attended this meeting, which was held in partnership with Corazon Healdsburg. Participants provided comments on 10 topics: Housing, Work, Public Transportation, Education, Health, Public Service, Communications, Food, Health/Mental Health, Public Services, and Recreation. Corazon Healdsburg is translating the comments in English and will provide to Council at a later date.

Community Services

Temporary Art Installation Pilot Program - On January 10, 2018 the Parks and Recreation Commission received a presentation on a temporary art installation pilot program proposal. The goal of this program is to provide artists with an authorized space to display their work through a permitting process coordinated by the City. The planned location for the pilot program is the raised planter bed in West Plaza Park, and staff anticipates that the program will be up and running in 30-60 days. More information will be available on the City's web site later in January at <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/823/Arts>.



Band and Food Vendor Submissions for Tuesdays in the Plaza - The Community Services Department is now accepting submissions for bands and food vendors to participate in the 2018 Tuesdays in the Plaza Concert Series. Interested parties can submit media kits and applications in one of two ways. Electronically, by emailing preservations@ci.healdsburg.ca.us or via hard copy by mailing or dropping off to the Healdsburg Community Center (1557 Healdsburg Ave, Attn: Tuesdays in the Plaza). Review and selection of bands and food vendors will take place between February – March. Those that are selected for the 2018 concert series will be contacted by mid-April. For more information on the series, please visit <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/335/Summer-Concert-Series>.

Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Improvements - The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District and the Conservation Corps of North Bay have completed the renovation of several sections of Nancy's Hill trail on the Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve. The Conservation Corp completed the first phase in December and the second phase the first week of January. Several armored drainages were improved and rolling dips were added. In addition, trails were reshaped to allow less water build up and adequately remove water from the trails.



Public Safety

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Tuesday was law enforcement appreciation day, and we received a visit from Local Girl Scout Troop No. 10176. They brought each officer a bag of useful gifts and snacks and visited with our staff for a while.



12th Annual Fire Department Blood Drive - Healdsburg Fire Department will be hosting the 12th annual Fire Department Blood Drive Challenge on Wednesday, January 24th from 2:00PM to 7:00PM. The event will take place in the Fire Department apparatus bay at 601 Healdsburg Avenue. To schedule your lifesaving appointment please visit www.bloodheros.com, click "Donate Blood" and enter code HFD. Donors will receive a meal prepared by the Firefighter's Association and an exclusive event T-shirt!

Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association - This week at the Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association Annual Installation luncheon, Fire Chief Boaz was sworn in for his second year as Vice President of the Chief's Association and Fire Marshal Collister was sworn in as President of the Fire Preventions Officers.

Planning

Urgency Ordinance for Firearm sales - The Planning Department continues to work with the City Attorney on creating an ordinance regarding regulating proposed firearm retailers in the City. The City Council will hold a public hearing on January 22nd to extend the 45 day moratorium for up to 10 months and 15 days and to provide direction to staff regarding potential amendments to the Municipal Code.

Design Guidelines Update - On January 23rd, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the Citywide Design Guidelines and related Land Use Code amendments. If approved, the project will be forwarded to the City Council for a public hearing on February 19th. Additionally, the consultant will be providing Design Guidelines training for staff and Planning Commission on January 16th.

Mill District - A Conditional Use Permit application and Density Bonus application have been submitted to allow for residential development to occur within the Mixed Use. Planning staff has reviewed and provided comments to the applicant, including stating the requirement for a pedestrian crossing to the future SMART depot station, consistent with the CHAP plan. Staff is researching the option of requesting approval from the reviewing authorities for the crossing to be at grade instead of an elevated crossing.

The Oaks at Foss Creek - The developer has resubmitted an entitlement package for review by the City for a reduced number of housing units in response to public and Planning Commission comments that the project as previously designed was too compact and quality of site planning and neighborhood was compromised. The project is under review by staff and is anticipated to have Planning Commission review in early 2018.

North Village Tentative Map and Area Plan - The project consultant is working on an Opportunities and Constraints analysis and a community meeting is targeted for March; to receive public input on the Area Plan proposed for the 30 acre site north of Dry Creek Road.

Public Works

Healdsburg Avenue Improvement Project - Bay Cities completed the water tie-ins on Healdsburg Avenue and East Mill Street. They are continuing with the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks throughout the project.

City Hall and West Plaza Parking Lots -These projects are on hold pending an extended period of clear weather.

Utilities

Healdsburg Avenue Improvement Project - Staggs Construction continues to work "between the rain drops" installing conduit and boxes in preparation to underground the overhead electrical and communication wires along Mill Street and Healdsburg Ave.

Floating Solar - Utility Staff continue to work with NCPA on the draft agreements necessary to facilitate a "floating solar" project on the City's recycled water pond. Expectations are that the agreement will be in front of the Council in March.

Mill District - Utility Staff met with the Replay Resorts to discuss the layout of utilities and other public facilities necessary for the development.