



The Friday Update

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PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION - At the hearing on Tuesday evening, the Planning Commission approved a zone change to allow commercial uses for approximately 3 acres east of LaClair Street along Newmark Avenue with the condition that a Site Plan and Architectural Review Application be approved prior to any development on the property. The condition was the result of concern with potential traffic impacts to the area.

At a work session following the hearing on Tuesday evening, the Commission discussed the applicability of the Empire design standards and colors for development that would be acceptable for the historic time period. The design standards are scheduled to go before the City Council on March 6th at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

MINGUS PARK STAGE PLAQUES INSTALLED - The plaques for the Mingus Park stage were installed this week. The first one is the dedication of the stage in honor of former Mayor Joanne Verger for her insight to pursue a stage in the park. The second plaque lists all of the donors that gave \$100.00 or more to the construction of the stage. The two bronze plaques were installed on the electrical pedestals by the Parks crew. Additional improvements to add value for the musicians and listening public are anticipated as funds are available over the next few years. Improvements are in the planning stages now.

REMEMBER THE PERMIT RULE - Some contractors are in the habit of beginning work on projects prior to obtaining the required permits. Some contractors have forgotten that various laws or rules require that the permit be issued prior to beginning work and that the permit must be displayed on the job site. In some cases, the contractor has been referred to Building Codes Division's (BCD) Compliance Section, brought before boards for noncompliance, and required to pay penalties for beginning work without a permit being issued. **REMEMBER:** The permit is required to be issued and on the job before beginning construction or installations. Any competitor, customer, inspector or other person can file a complaint with the BCD which is required to investigate all complaints. If you have any questions on whether a permit is required or has a permit been issued for a particular project, please contact the Building Dept. at 269-8918.

ENHANCED 9-1-1 EQUIPMENT INSTALLED - New Computer equipment for the North Coos County 9-1-1 Communications Agency was installed recently, and training on the equipment by Verizon staff was completed earlier this week. The equipment was ordered last year as a result of the Joint Enhanced 9-1-1 plan filed by the S. Coos County 9-1-1 Agency housed at Coquille and the North Coos County 9-1-1 Agency housed in Coos Bay. Installation had been delayed at the North County 9-1-1 Center in order to give time for staff to review possible alternative site locations. The North County 9-1-1 Center is located at the City Hall in Coos Bay.

PLANNING SESSION SCHEDULED - The next monthly planning session for Police Department supervisory and management staff has been set for February 21, 2001. The police department holds planning sessions to deal with issues of service delivery, training issues, recruitment, debriefing of critical incidents, and other issues facing the law enforcement community. Lt. Larry Leader from the Coos County Sheriff's

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Officer will facilitate a session on “futuring” at this months meeting.

SUPPORT NON-VIOLENCE - The police department commends Doctor Dane Smith and the “Season of Non-Violence” organization. We urge your support and participation where possible in events organized during the season of non-violence, January 27, 2001 through April 4, 2001.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED TO HONOR OUR COUNTRY’S PRESIDENTS – City Hall offices will be closed Monday, February 19th for President’s Day.