

Cottonwood Heights

Weekly Update for May 6-12, 2018

Public Relations

1. Still gathering content for the June newsletter. The deadline was May 8, but with all the commotion over the budget, we are a few days behind. Not to worry, because this is a month in which the 2nd Tuesday comes early, giving us a little more time. We are missing content due to some events that are wrapping up a little later (Hogle Zoo water fair, musical auditions & other late information is on the way). As mentioned in previous staff reports and in city council meetings, we are dealing with a deluge of extra content. We are trying to parse the needs of information specific to residents with extraneous content that is more universal to make sure we can fit all of into 12 pages. It is a challenge, and we will consult with staff and council to make sure we strike the proper balance.
2. Dealt with a lot of media relations over the budget issues. Fielded several call from reporters and others related to the tentative budget. Being a sensitive matter, we were careful not to divulge any specific details to the media or public until affected parties could be notified of the proposed cuts, especially those that could eliminate programs and job positions. As directed by the city manager, we did referred all media requests to the city council, and encouraged reporters to wait for exact details until the tentative budget was made public on Tuesday, May 8. We also made sure to accommodate the anticipated large crowd and media members who attended the meeting.
3. Currently working on drafts for the Butlerville Days printed program, that will fill the middle 4 pages of the July newsletter. Also worked with Events Manager Ann Eatchel to write and edit a special events form.
4. Currently publicizing several events, including current musical auditions, the upcoming LINK Dance festival, Business Association gatherings and a District 3 town hall.

Fire

1. Battalion Chief Riley and Al Soucie (Forest Service, retired) met at the cemetery property on Thursday afternoon. BC Riley will summarize and submit their findings and recommendations. I will submit that document to Cottonwood Heights, after which we can schedule a meeting with cemetery officials and interested residents to review the recommendations and adopt a mitigation plan to create a fire break around the borders of the undeveloped field west of the cemetery. The grasses in that area are already about 3 feet tall and will dry out by July.
2. I have visited with both fire station crews, on all three platoons, in Cottonwood Heights to keep them in real time with discussions regarding possible changes in staffing.
3. The updated budget numbers for fire services were submitted to and discussed with CFO Van Tran on Thursday afternoon. The numbers reflect the update to the budget, as adopted by the UFA Finance Committee and show the cost differences for:
 - a. Keeping both stations staffed with four, vs
 - b. Reducing station 116 to a three-person crew and leaving 110 with a four-person crew, vs

- c. Reducing both stations to 3-person crews.
 - d. I attended the Butlerville Days meeting Thursday evening. UFA's part of that budget is \$175.00 for a 10 X 20 rental shade tent. The committee decided to leave that in the budget.
4. Councilmember Watson-Mikell is attending Fire School 101 on Friday, May 11. I hope the weather cooperates!

Community Development

Public Meetings

- The Planning Commission met on May 2nd to take public comment on a new medical building at 6672 S. Highland Dr. and a digital monument sign at Ridgecrest Elementary School. We also welcomed Doug Rhodes as a new commission member.
- The Architecture Review Commission met May 10th to discuss a proposed medical building at 6672 S Highland Drive.
- The department received a \$2,500 grant to promote bicycle advocacy and cycling in Cottonwood Heights.

Building Permits

- 5 Permits Received (4/27-5/3)
 - 2 over the counter
 - 2 remodels
 - 1 tenant improvement
- 10 Permits Issued (4/27-5/3)
 - 1 addition
 - 1 commercial (Canyon Centre Parking Garage)
 - 1 new home
 - 4 over the counter
 - 1 remodel
 - 1 sign
 - 1 solar
- 13 Permits Received (5/4-5/10)
 - 2 new homes
 - 3 over the counter
 - 2 signs
 - 5 solar
 - 1 tenant improvement
- 14 Permits Issued (5/4-5/10)
 - 2 additions
 - 6 new homes
 - 4 over the counter
 - 1 solar
 - 1 tenant improvement

Business Licensing (2 weeks worth)

- 63 Business License Renewals
- 15 New Business License Accepted
- 22 New Business License Completed

- Address/Owner/Business Info Updates
- 12 Businesses Closed
- 80 Business License Renewals Sent
- The first CHBA Cottonwood Connect networking event was held on Wednesday, May 9 from 8-9 a.m. The event will be held the second Wednesday of each month in order to create connections between business owners.
- Bengal Coffee (2578 E Bengal) hosted a grand opening/ribbon cutting on Monday, May 7 at 5 p.m. (See Pictures Below)
- The first Health Challenge for May will be at Curves on May 16 at 6:30 p.m. This is NOT just for women—so please attend!
- The CHBA Build a Website Day will be on Thursday, May 17. Small businesses will be able to create a website for their company.

Administrative Services

Arts- Tryouts are underway for the play “Big.”

Events- Contracts and orders are underway for Butlerville Days. We have about two months to the event. The committee is looking for ways to conserve spending.

City Council Members

Council Member Scott Bracken

CH2 meeting May 9, 2018

Butlerville Days discussion: Milo Sport will be in Skate park from 2pm-8pm on the 23rd and will be done/out before the movie in the park. Skate Park will be open on the 24th from AM to Noon. We received the sponsorship check from the CHRC Foundation for BVDays. Carnival wristbands are \$20 - but BOGO from Noon-3PM (both must be present to purchase). Blow up ride wristbands are \$7/each again.

Playground mulch for Golden Hills Park will be in this week.

Backflow testing is occurring this next week - testing includes City Hall property

Mountview Park repairs should be done this week

City was asked if we wanted the weeds killed at Golden Hills like we did last year (CHRC doesn't have equipment to go through it/mow it to keep it down. Last year spreading the weed killer seemed to fix the problem

BCC Trail has a number of dead plants and no mulch - we're looking into how much to fix and if budget is available.

Kevin Wellars is new marketing person at CHRC - he designed the new BVDays 5k logo

Meeting this week with CHRC and Staker Parsons re 2700 E resurfacing

Outdoor Pool project is 85% complete - Lap racers will be outdoors on 5/14/18. New Dive platform/tank will be open shortly after Memorial Day.

2019 potential TRCC project requests: Antczack Park post tennis courts post tension & re-applying to complete outdoor pool locker rooms (that were cut from the dive tank project due to budget shortfall).

Pictures-

Ribbon Cutting for Bengal Coffee located at 2578 East Bengal Blvd.



