



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: February 18, 2022

Administration

Monday, I had the opportunity to meet with Neil and Michelle Deochand who purchased the White Pillars Homestead from the city. The meeting allowed for an update on their progress and continued efforts towards the rehabilitation of the local landmark.

Tuesday evening, the Downtown Streetscape Committee met to review design concepts for the city's streetscape plan. The work session type format allowed the committee to weigh in on a preliminary concept plan prepared by KZF Design.

The Arts Commission met on Wednesday evening and revisited the mural guideline discussion and creating an art gallery in the lobby of City Hall.

Thursday, I participated in a zoom meeting for the newly formed OneOhio Committee led by Clermont County Commissioner, David Painter. The committee consists of local jurisdictions and agencies to provide input and representation regarding regional decisions and selection of projects to be funded through the State of Ohio's opioid settlement. The OneOhio program will include a distribution of 30% of the opioid settlement funds directly Ohio's township, cities, and villages.

Thursday evening, the Civil Service Commission met to review, and ultimately approve the testing process and certified list for the Public Works Maintenance Worker position.

Veterans Memorial Committee met on Thursday evening. Special guest Jack Gerber presented his Eagle Scout Project proposal that included removing moss from the memorial brinks, replacing wooden slats on the benches, removing dead trees, planting new trees, and waxing and painting the signs at the Veterans Memorial. The committee also began discussing the 2022 Memorial Day parade and ceremony which will be held on Monday, May 30. The committee also continued discussing the Veteran banner program.

Building and Zoning

Building and Zoning Clerk, Becky Noel, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose, and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith attended a Home Builders Association (HBA) meeting in preparation for Homearama 2022. Discussion centered on planning activities throughout the two-week event that would

showcase the downtown businesses and the outdoor recreation amenities of the Little Miami bike trail and the river.

The new building and zoning software is in the final stages. Building and Zoning Clerk, Becky Noel, Zoning and Economic Development Specialist, Eva Wisby, and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith are conducting tests of the software to ensure that all features and applications are in good working order. Among the tests being conducted are user and end user application submissions, GIS functionality, and payment methods. The software was anticipated to go live at the end of February, however due to the time constraints placed on this phase of the project, launch of the software has been postponed to March.

Demolition applications have been submitted for the structures located at 108 North Second Street and 103 East Loveland Avenue. An application has also been submitted for the demolition of the structure located at 220 East Loveland Avenue. The Children's Academy of Loveland has completed their interior alterations and addition.

Police

With COVID waning LPD jumped into training. Officer Michael Wright attended truth verification testing (CVSA) which the Loveland Police Department hosted at the Loveland Safety Center for 28 officers. Officer Jenna Fisher attended REID interviewing training, Lieutenant Szpak attended a leadership refresher course, and Officers Angie Smallwood, Jesse Moore, and Larry Mehn attended a fingerprint refresher class.

A vehicle drove around warning signs and into high water on Riverside Drive. LSFD had to help the driver escape. A large tree fell on State Route 48 causing the roadway closure for about an hour. Officer Jacob Steinkoenig conducted an ALICE refresher for the Children's Meeting House. Lieutenant Kevin Corbett attended an HOA meeting in Carrington to help answer questions related to safety and crime prevention. Chief Rahe participated in a webinar from a company called Guardianscore, which has developed a new way to survey our community.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

City Council will hold a Strategic Goal Setting Session on Saturday, February 19, at HCC, 1007 Cottonwood Drive. The session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and is open to the public.

The Stormwater Committee will meet on Monday, February 21, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

City Council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.