



City of Loveland

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: March 11, 2022

Administration

Monday, City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, Zoning and Economic Development Specialist, Eva Wisby, and I met with city resident Kim Lukens to discuss the ongoing traffic issues at the West Loveland bike trail crossing. We greatly appreciate Kim's insight and taking the time to meet with staff. We will continue working towards securing funding for signalizing the bike trail crossing, an effort we feel will help ease this traffic issue in the downtown district.

Tuesday, I attended the 2022 Project Prioritization Funding Workshop at the offices of Ohio Kentucky Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments in downtown Cincinnati. OKI funding is a potential resource for the proposed pedestrian improvements along the Loveland Madeira Road Business District, which were outlined in the comprehensive master plan.

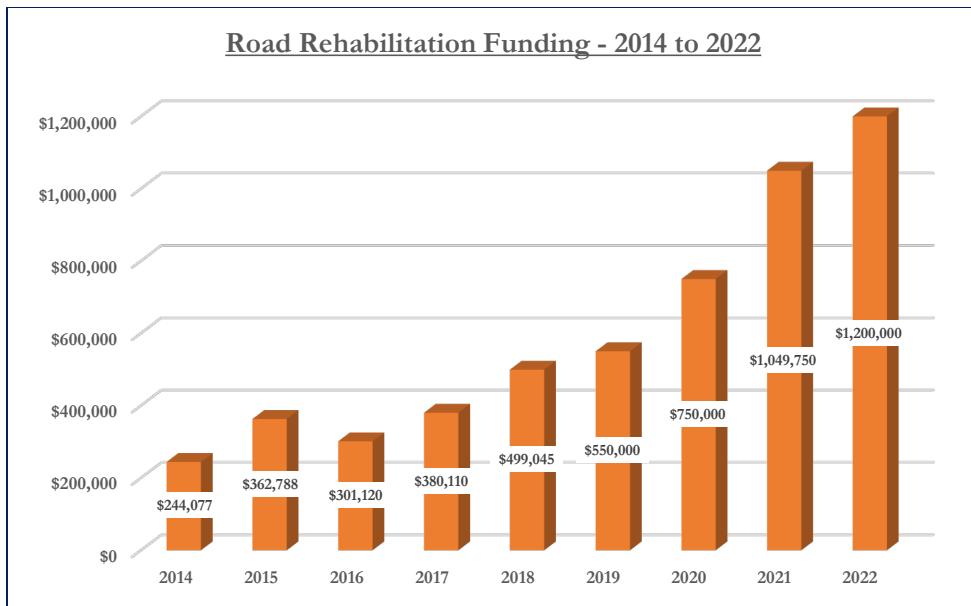
Wednesday, I had the opportunity to meet with two residents regarding the new dog park at Kiwanis. In the morning, I met with a resident from Harper Avenue to discuss how the rear portion of Kiwanis is a popular sled riding spots for local kids and also the importance in maintaining access to the river. Later in the morning, I met with another resident who has visited numerous area dog parks and had some recommended improvements for the city. Based on this meeting, two park benches are being ordered. Thanks to both residents for their insight and time.

Wednesday evening, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met to review signage and façade improvements at 118 Karl Brown Way, the future site of the Hops and Berry Taproom. The HPPC approved the signage and façade improvements. Designs and materials for the fencing along the outdoor patio area are being revised and will be resubmitted to the commission.

Also on Wednesday evening, the Law and Ordinance Committee met for the first time this year. All of the committee members, including newly appointed, John Arnold and Brian Goodyear, were sworn in by City Solicitor Joe Braun. The agenda included a review, and ultimately approval of proposed amendments to Chapter 926, "Storm Water Management", of the city's Codified Ordinances. To review the proposed amendments to Chapter 926 [Click Here](#). The amendments will be presented to City Council for legislative action at an upcoming meeting.

Public Works

Thursday, I had the opportunity to meet with two residents of the Woodford subdivision to discuss the city's annual road program. City Council has greatly increased the appropriation to our road program (see chart), and with that, we are looking for avenues to assure we receive the highest quality repairs. Thanks to these residents for their time and recommendations.



Also on Thursday, City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, and I reviewed the layout and updated design of the Nisbet Park gazebo. The city has secured the services of KZF Design and a local landscape architect to assure that the new gazebo will be a signature feature of Nisbet Park. We are hopeful that the size of the gazebo, and its proximity to the bike trail, will allow it to be the perfect venue for small concerts, weddings, and other gathering. Following some updated modifications, the project will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Board for review, and then on to City Council.

Thursday evening, the Parks and Recreation Board held their monthly meeting. Among the agenda item was a modification of the city's park rules allowing leashed dogs in city parks, and unleashed dogs in our new dog park. The board is also recommending changing the name of Hidden Creek Park to the West Loveland Nature Preserve.

Building and Zoning

Quilters Studio is in the process of constructing the roof portion of their addition at 535 West Loveland Avenue.

Police

LPD's newest Officer, Brandon Asbury, was sworn in by City Council this week. Chief Rahe met with Chief Huber, Cindy Klopfenstein, and Scott Wisby to discuss the Safety Center expansion project. Chief Rahe, Chief Books, and Officer Steinkoenig attended a Saint Columban safety meeting. LPD responded to a vehicle stuck under the trestle. Officers attempted to move the vehicle by releasing the air in the tires but were unsuccessful. A tow truck had to remove the vehicle. Officer Moore had 4 drug arrests this week.

Finance

This week, the Finance Department welcomed Angie Walls as our new Assistant Finance Director. Angie has hit the ground running, helping to run payroll on her second day and learning the ins and outs of accounts payable. With her excellent experience and positive attitude, we are very pleased to have Angie join our team.

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday March 17, Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, City Hall