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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Planning Director, Mac Corthell

Date: August 11, 2021

Re: Monthly Planning Report

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council,

As always the Planning Department has been hard at work over the last month, below are some of the highlights separated out by department areas of responsibility.

Land Use and Permitting

New Applications 7/1/21 - 8/10/21

- Type I BP Apps – 3
- Type I Other Apps – 9
- Type II Apps – 0
- Type III Apps New– 2
- Type III Apps Resubmit- 2
- Type IV Apps – 1
- Final Plat - 0

Approvals 7/1/21 – 8/10/21

- Type I BP Apps – 4
- Type I Other Apps – 5
- Type II Apps – 0
- Type III Apps – 3
- Type IV Apps – 1
- Final Plat - 0

Open Apps

- Type I BP Apps – 2
- Type I Other Apps – 4
- Type II Apps – 0
- Type III Apps – 4
- Type IV Apps – 2
- Final Plat - 3

Organizational Development

- Completed and implemented cloud-based project tracker with performance metrics and reporting data points integrated. In process backfitting one calendar year starting 1/1/2020.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement 6/1/21 - 8/10/21

- New Complaints - 29
- Open Cases - 18

Code Enforcement 6/1/21 - 8/10/21

- Cases Closed – 29
 - No Violation – 9
 - Compliance – 19
 - Referred Other Agency – 1
 - Referred Prosecution – 0

- Negotiated and entered settlement agreement with Columbia Hemp Trading Company (CHTC) to end litigation and ensure local planning processes are followed **prior to operation**. This will enable the city to place appropriate conditions on the applicant to mitigate noise and smell concerns in the community. The DEQ Air Contaminant Discharge permit administrative enforcement process is ongoing.
- Processed site design review/change of use application regarding the property at 525/535 W Main St to mitigate several historic code violation issues on the site. The new property owner, Scandia Midwest LLC was a willing and cooperative partner in helping get the site into compliance. Construction should be completed within 12-18 months, subject to allowed extensions if needed.
- After protracted dialogue with Union Pacific Railroad, the noxious weeds and trash on the right of way were cleared without Court involvement. This mitigates a substantial fire danger, removes the vision barriers for police to more effectively monitor the area, enhances safety for walkers along the commonly used pathway, and exposes any illegal activity based here.



Community Development

- **The Molalla Current** – Currently under development, expected “Go Live” date 9/18/21 in conjunction with Celebrate Molalla. This is the City’s newly acquired community engagement platform. It provides a space to inform and engage with citizens digitally so the conversation occurs off of social media and is grounded in accurate, factual information. It also enhances the opportunities for community participation in city projects and initiatives. Finally, it contains an SMS push notification system to help keep citizens informed in emergencies and other information that requires immediate dissemination.

Preview: Fact or Fiction Forum

Just the Facts - Open Question & Answer Forum

Register using the link in the top right corner of the page and submit questions about any City-related topic.

In a growing community, information can travel fast – sometimes too fast to be accurate! Have you heard something that made you raise an eyebrow in disbelief? Have a question you just can't seem to get an answer on? Are you just doing your part to make sure information you pass along is true? Then this is your space to cut through the misconceptions and sort out the facts: what's real, and what's rumor.

To view some frequently asked questions and answers, see the sidebar (below on mobile).

We will route your question to the relevant City Department and respond as quickly as possible (usually within a few days). If your question is about something the City doesn't directly manage or work on, we will provide you with information on the agency or organization that does.

You will receive an email notification when we've posted a response. Your question and our answer will also be posted on this page for all to see, so please leave any personal information out of the question.

REGISTER to get involved!

Inform
there's what you need to know.

FAQs

- Why is the City of Molalla engaging online?
- How do I submit my feedback?
- What happens to my feedback/comments?
- Can I use this site anonymously?
- Why do I need to register to this site to make a comment?
- Is my privacy protected?
- How are discussion forums moderated?

Questions

Ask Away!

Ask a specific question...

SUBMIT

- **Beautification & Culture Committee** – Staff will bring a resolution to the City Council on 8/25/21 to disband the ED Steering Committee, Arts and Culture Committee, and seat the Beautification and Culture Committee. The new B&C committee’s mission will encompass the Arts & Culture Committee mission and the ED Steering Committee’s mission relevant to beautification, identity, and branding. The work of this committee will effectively continue to pursue the goals of the 2030 Community Vision, with the additional work of promulgating Arts and Culture in the community.
- **Tourism Marketing** – The ED Roadmap and 2030 Community Vision emphasize promoting local tourism. Now that the Branding work is finishing up, it’s time to determine a Tourism Marketing lead. Both of the mentioned plans mention the Chamber of Commerce as the lead on this, so City Staff will solicit the Chamber to determine interest and capacity. If the chamber is willing and able, staff will facilitate their efforts; if not, a separate community group will need to be identified to take lead on this work.
- **Other Ongoing Projects (Honorable Mention)**
 - Travel Oregon Kiosk grant – Map Design and Content, QR Coded Informational Pages
 - Branding Logo & Slogan Design, Molalla Current Logo Design
 - Molalla Current Logo Design