



City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 2017

Upcoming Events:

June 13, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission
City Hall

June 20, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

June 20, 7:00 pm
Council Meeting
City Hall

June 21, 6:00 pm
CAFD Board Meeting

June 27, 4:15 pm
Library Board
Library

Dave Hallback, Mayor

City Council Members:

Jeff Rock, Ward 1
David Bjerkness, Ward 2
Roger Maki, Ward 3
Kerry Kolodge, Ward 4
Steve Langley, Ward 5
Adam Bailey, At Large

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Administration/Finance

Community Event

We are still in need of volunteers for the City's 4th of July Celebration. It takes a lot of work by many people to put on this family fun filled event. Help is needed on July 3rd to set up tents beginning at 5:00 PM; the 4th all day in various capacities; and clean-up on the 5th. If you feel motivated to lend the "Committee" a hand, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Alyson Leno, at 879-1551 or send a message on the Cloquet 4th of July Festival Facebook page. You will find a listing of volunteer opportunities attached.

Finance

Auditors were busy at City Hall all week finishing up the 2016 audit.

Commission Openings

The City still has a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to volunteer and apply for this important opening!

Public Works/Parks

Summer is officially here! The Beach at Pinehurst opened for business on Monday. With the warm weather we've been having, season pass sales are already ahead of last year's sales at this time.

Staff held a meeting with various agencies regarding the ongoing Big Lake Area Sanitary Sewer District Project. The Legislature provided partial funding for the project in this year's bonding bill prompting the District to move forward with the preparation of final design plans to put out for bid this fall. The Council will likely be asked to consider a Joint Powers Agreement with the District at some point in the coming months.

Concrete work is expected to be completed this week on the ongoing overlay project with pavement to follow Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Work on Broadway Avenue and the Riverfront Improvements is scheduled to begin Monday June 12th.

The new natural gas fired generator for the Dunlap Island Lift station was delivered this week. City crews had previously prepped the site. With the generator now in place, this critical piece of infrastructure should be up and running soon, greatly reducing the risk of sewer overflows during power failures.

The last of our winter water leak road repairs will be completed next week. Crews were out pouring concrete this week with blacktop to follow after a week cure time. Kudos to the crew for meeting this goal well ahead of previous years' efforts.

Community Development

Economic Development

Staff has been asked to prepare a detailed letter of support for the Cloquet Middle School housing project which is due for finance submission next week to the state.

Staff is aware many companies are examining the Jarden site however there are no details available as there are non-disclosure agreements in place by those touring.

As a follow up to the City of Wood Industries story on the closure of Jarden, NPR is coming to town Friday for a tour of Sappi and other local business to learn about the City's forest products history and will also meet with City staff.

The Cloquet Economic Development Authority met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday. The City Attorney explained the new Ordinance and Project Labor Agreement with EDA members. Discussion was had concerning how project labor agreements apply to City assisted private economic development projects. Two developers participated in the meeting and three other developers provided feedback. The EDA plans to request a joint Work Session meeting with the City Council to share their recommendations.

Staff engaged in discussions with DEED as both the redevelopment and demolition programs were not funded by the state. This directly impacts what staff would otherwise have applied for related to two potential development projects.

Planning & Zoning

Staff reports were prepared for next week's Planning Commission meeting. Staff participated in the Council Work Session meeting to gain feedback on zoning ordinance guidance related to incineration cremation systems and temporary signage.

Building Inspections Services

Staff remained busy with inspections on residential, commercial and public building projects as well as enforcement cases. Matt is attending the Arrowhead Chapter of Building Officials meeting today. Staff also prepared several notifications for long grass nuisances.

Library

The *Knock Summer Reading Out of the Park* event with the Duluth Huskies and Cloquet Public Library will take place on Thursday, June 15th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Washington Elementary School in Cloquet. The schedule is as follows:

- 10:00 am Stories and Stretches with Huskies
- 10:30 am Questions with the Huskies
- 10:45 am Photos and Autographs with the Huskies
- 11:30 am Free snacks with the Huskies

Other Information Attached:

***July 4th Celebration Volunteer Opportunities**

*** Potlatch Land Acquisition Letter**



A lot of parents pack up their troubles and send them off to summer camp.

- Raymond Duncan

July Fourth

Volunteers Needed!

We need your help! It takes about 60+ volunteers to make the Cloquet Fourth of July Fest a success and we'd love your support!

Volunteer opportunities include the following:

July 3, 5:00pm

10-20 people to help set-up tents in Veterans Park (physical work)

9:30am—11:30am

2 people to help with Parade line-up and more

9:00am—11:00am

10-20 people to help with set-up at Veterans Park (physical work)

11:30am—1:30pm, 1:30pm—3:30pm, 3:30pm—5:30pm

6 people each shift to help monitor the Bouncy Castles and Climbing Wall/Slide

12:00pm—2:00pm, 2:00pm—4:00pm

2-4 people each shift to help with face painting

12:00pm—2:00, 2:00-5:00pm

2 people each shift to check the garbage cans and monitor park conditions

July 5, 8:30am

Help clean up Veterans Park after the festivities...it's always a mess!

To volunteer, contact Alyson Leno at 879.1551 or send a message to the Cloquet 4th of July Festival page on Facebook.



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June 5, 2017

Mr. Shawn Sunnarborg
Potlatch Corporation
105 Arch Street
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RE: City of Cloquet Land Acquisition

Dear Mr. Sunnarborg:

In June of 2015 the City of Cloquet completed a holistic planning and schematic design process for publicly owned lands along the St. Louis River. The resulting Waterfront Master Plan guides the City's implementation process of a series of project phases along the entire Waterfront. Investments began in 2016 with improvements to Veterans Park including a granite memorial wall and construction of key pedestrian and bike access routes from the downtown area thru the Park and into the Riverfront. 2017 Improvements include completion of the pedestrian and bicycle connection to Dunlap Island along Broadway Avenue, improvements to Voyagers Park on the east side of Dunlap Island, and trail improvements along the north riverfront.

One of the considerations the Waterfront Plan addressed was land use and the opportunity to acquire additional properties as they come available. The City of Cloquet has previously reached out to Potlatch staff inquiring about the availability of series of parcels along the north riverfront which are owned by Potlatch. Currently this property serves as an informal extension of the existing City owned trail system to the North. The corridor is highly traveled by our local residents already and would ultimately provide northern loop to another City owned trail system located in the Cloquet Business Park. Attached to this letter please find an exhibit illustrating the parcels in question.

It is our understanding from past correspondence that Potlatch would be willing to consider the donation or sale of this property to the City of Cloquet. We, the Cloquet Park Commission, would like to formally request Potlatch consider a donation of this property to the city for park purposes. It is only through your generous donations of past properties along the riverfront that our Waterfront Master Plan is possible today. As you can see, the City is committed to development of a waterfront complex that benefits both local residents and visitors from across the region.

We appreciate your willingness to consider this request and would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss this proposal in greater detail. Any questions or comments can be directed to Caleb Peterson, Director of Public Works at (218)879-6758. Again, we thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Krick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Krick".

The City of Cloquet Park Commission
Michael Krick, Chair

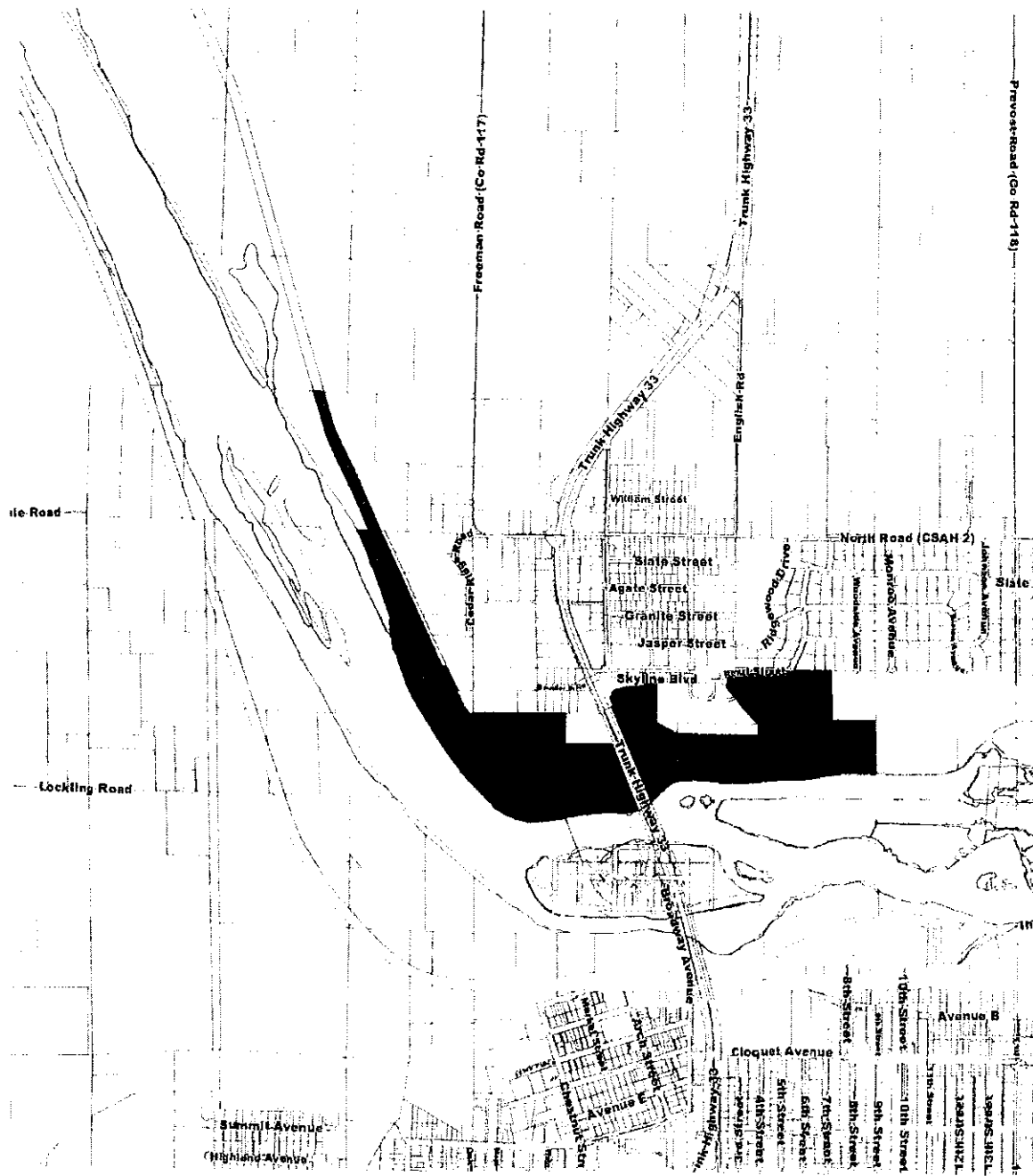
Enc. (1)

cc James Barclay
City Council

POTLATCH OWNED PARCELS



DNR TRAIL
 CITY PARK
 POTLATCH



Parcel ID	Township Range Section	Legal Description
06-315-0320	T49 R17 S15	THAT PART OF OUTLOT 1 IN GOVT LOT 2 LYING SW OF D & NE RR R/W
06-315-0330	T49 R17 S15	ALL OF OUTLOT 2 IN GOVT LOT 2 EX D & NE RR R/W
06-315-0340	T49 R17 S15	ALL OF OUTLOT 3 IN GOVT LOT 1
06-045-6720	City of Cloquet Original Plat	PART OF BLOCKS 115 116 131 133
06-315-0350	T49 R17 S15	THAT PART OF OUTLOT 4 IN GOVT LOT 1 LYING SW OF D & NE RR R/W
06-230-0620	T49 R17 S14	THAT PT OF GOVT LOT 3 LYING W OF HWY 33 EX BEG AT SE CORN OF LOT 12 ANDERSONS SUNNYSIDE ADDN 50 PT BEING ON WLY R/W OF HWY 33 TH W ALG R/W 387.90 FT TO SW CORN OF LOT 10 ANDERSONS SUNNYSIDE ADDN TH SLY 300 FT TH E 485 FT M/L TO WLY R/W OF HWY 33 TH NWLY ALG R/W 320 FT M/L TO PT OF BEG
06-045-8430	City of Cloquet Original Plat	ALL THAT PT OF BLKS 131 & 133 WHICH LIE W OF R/W OF D & N RY