



City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 18, 2017

Upcoming Events:

August 22, 4:15 pm
Library Board
Library

September 4
Labor Day
City Hall Closed

September 5, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

September 5, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
City Hall

September 6, 8:00 am
EDA
City Hall

September 11, 4:30 pm
Parks Commission
City Hall

September 12, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission
City Hall

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Administration/Finance

Our new City Administrator is scheduled to start no later than 2 October! Staff has been in communication with Aaron and have been helping him get up to speed on several items affecting the City.

Staff met with the Library Board this past Wednesday evening and have narrowed the search for a new Library Director to three finalists. Staff will continue to work with the Library Board to orchestrate on-site interviews on September 15th.

There is a current opening on the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA). This is a 5 year term and expires on June 30, 2022. More information on the HRA and application can be found on the City's website under Boards and Commissions.

Public Works/Parks

The Voyageur is back! He is mounted in his new home adjacent to the Spafford Campground. Staff continues to work on a lighting plan, but he is already very visible from Highway 33 in his new location.

Staff will be submitting the City's required Water Supply Plan for preliminary DNR review this week. The plan deals primarily with our historic water use and certain conservation and monitoring efforts with are required under our water allocation permit from the State.



Community Development

Economic Development

Staff arranged a tour of a Cloquet office building that will be listed later this fall. The tour was arranged for regional economic development staff (APEX, Northspan, MN Power, City, County) so they are aware of the building as potential leads are inquiring about space. Staff also showed other available Cloquet buildings to local businesses describing space and building opportunities. Several SCDP projects progressed this week and several businesses inquired about programs the City provides. Staff met the Nooter Industrial Power Group this week. They lease space in the Dakota Systems building and several of their staff work out in the field on projects and do not report directly to the building.

Planning and Zoning

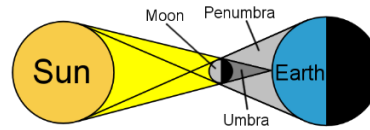
Staff coordinated a tour of the Shamrock Landfill for the City Council this week. It was educational and informative. A good discussion was had on all sides.

Building Inspections Services

Staff conducted a variety of inspections this week including the Dunlap Island picnic shelter, the Country Club Patio Homes project, improvements at Evergreen Knoll, the CMH Wound Care Facility, improvements at the Cloquet Public Schools, and a variety of other residential and commercial inspections. Staff accompanied Carlton County through the Shaw Library building with their architect noting building improvement needs.

Library

The Library will be having a solar eclipse viewing party on Monday, August 21st beginning at noon. Viewing glasses will be provided to those that attend beginning at 11:00 a.m. The moon will start to cross over the sun at approximately 11:45 a.m. People will also be able to view televised coverage of the total eclipse in the library meeting room. Light refreshments will be provided. Our thanks to NASA for providing our community with safe viewing glasses and including us as an official viewing site.



*"History will be kind to me for I intend to write it."
- Winston Churchill*

Other Information Attached:

* Boards and Commission Openings

Dave Hallback, Mayor

City Council:

Jeff Rock, Ward 1

David Bjerckness, Ward 2

Roger Maki, Ward 3

Kerry Kolodge, Ward 4

Steve Langley, Ward 5

Adam Bailey, At Large

James Barclay,

Interim City

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Boards and Commission Openings

Join us in serving your community! Cloquet is a great place to live and by working together we can make it an even better place. I strongly encourage you to become a stakeholder in our community by sharing your talents and helping build for the future.

Fulfilling your civic duty by serving on a City Board or Commission can be fun and rewarding and will make you feel good about being part of the process. The City of Cloquet currently has existing and potential future vacancies on the Boards/Commissions listed below:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Composed of seven members, this is an advisory commission to the City Council concerning comprehensive planning, zoning, platting, changes in streets, variances from the Zoning Ordinance, and other matters of a general planning nature. *3 year term - Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.*

Any questions, please contact: Al Cottingham, City Planner/Zoning Administrator; ph: 879-2507 ext 3; acottingham@ci.cloquet.mn.us

HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Composed of five (5) members, the Authority stands ready to help you find the information you need to meet your housing needs. The HRA's mission is to address housing shortages for low and moderate income residents and manage local subsidized housing units.

Five (5) year term - Typically meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 am (or as needed) at Aspen Arms.

If you have any questions about the role and responsibilities of this position, please contact: Debra Shaff, ph: (218) 879-3353; email: cloquethra2@gwestoffice.net

If you are interested, please submit an application to: City Hall, c/o City Administrator, 1307 Cloquet Avenue, Cloquet MN 55720