

Coffee with the Mayor Recap

Date: September 21, 2017

Policy Issues	
Topic	Resolution/Action/Notes

Operational Issues	
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Glass recycling	Does glass have to be separated by color at the two city sponsored collection sites? No—the color tags have been removed from the bins.
Brownfield Road cul de sac	The old cul-de-sac site on East Brownfield collects a lot of trash. Can it be blocked off with eco blocks? It does. Public Works cleans it up regularly. Public Works will provide more frequent visits to the area. The old cul-de-sac is useful for staging equipment and we don't want to block it off. No further action will be taken at this time.
Miller Road weight limits	Can weight limits be put on Miller Road as the heavy trucks that use it are headed for the County and they beat up the roadway? We are looking at the standard criteria used for setting weight limits.
Dumpsters at apartment house behind J.C. Penney	Dumpsters at an apartment house behind Penney's are always overflowing. Agreed. The city has hauled away a lot of old mattresses, etc. from this site. We will talk with Waste Connections about more bins.
North 7 th	Can the radar speed signs be brought back to North 7 th Avenue? Yes—they have been on Maple for well over a month and will be moved to 7th for at least a month. Then they may be moved depending on requests from other neighborhoods. Doug Wright thanked the Public Works crew for the new lines on 7th Ave.

Issues around Carrie Blake Park such as speeding and people coming into the Haller Field area from Rhodefer Road	
New entrance to Carrie Blake Park	The new entrance to the skateboard park is open and the old one blocked off. Work continues on a few items such as landscaping.
DM Disposal	DM Disposal does not let the customers know when they are not going to pick up and then charges for the pick-up. Citizen has called Public Works (PW) and states they get no support. David Garlington, Public Works Director, asked the citizen to contact him and he would talk with DM.
Street improvements	Question was posed about where the City can get funds to make continued street improvements. David talked a great deal about the funding of the improvements for Fir street in 2018 and then talked about the area from the Simdars interchange to Happy Valley interchange to Palo Alto. Many in attendance were not aware of the on-going efforts for State funds. They were encouraged to contact their State Representatives asking for state funding for these areas.
Speed / noise complaints	One citizen was concerned that there was so little speed enforcement and also about noise enforcement. People should contact the PD about speeding if it is a continual problem and if there is an issue with a neighbor having a "party"
	A citizen made a presentation for an organization called "Sequim Community Makerspace." They intend to "capture" the many very talented citizens of Sequim and ask them to share their expertise and knowledge with those who are interested.
	There was a concern about how Sequim is handling homelessness. This is a priority of the Sequim City Council however, there were many differing rules/laws etc out of the US and State that make it very difficult to nail down a specific way to deal with it. This question was not about helping the homeless but more about controlling where they are and more specifically where they sleep (Carrie Blake Park for one). Is there a Sequim City ordinance regarding the pan-handlers and homeless that are roaming the streets. One citizen made reference to the City of Mt Vernon that had developed a successful ordinance to deal with this issue.

	<p>A citizen complained that they had seen a panhandler that they thought was in distress on a bus stop bench near Safeway and called 911. They said the dispatcher had asked them to touch the person to see if they responded. (They did not do it). Our citizen felt that they had no right nor reason to be asked to touch a person who was on a bench in possibly a distressed situation; Is this a normal procedure for the Pencom dispatcher to ask someone to "touch" a person who is either sleeping or passed-out on a bench when they do their duty to call 911 about the situation. What if the person were in the doorway of a business etc?</p>
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