



**City of St. Helens**  
**COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 1:00 p.m.**  
 City Council Chambers, 265 Strand Street, St. Helens

**City Council Members**

Mayor Rick Scholl  
 Council President Doug Morten  
 Councilor Keith Locke  
 Councilor Susan Conn  
 Councilor Ginny Carlson

**Welcome!**

All persons planning to address the Council, please sign-in at the back of the room. When invited to provide comment regarding items not on tonight's agenda, please raise your hand to be recognized, walk to the podium in the front of the room to the right, and state your name only. You are not required to give your address when speaking to the City Council. If you wish to address a specific item on the agenda, you should make your request known to the Mayor as soon as possible before the item comes up. The Council has the authority to grant or deny your request. Agenda times and order of items are estimated and are subject to change without notice.

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| 1.  | Visitor Comments  | 1:00 p.m. |
| 2.  | Report from Youth Librarian on Library "Makerfest" – <i>Gretchen Kolderup</i> | 1:05 p.m. |
| 3.  | Annual Report from Arts & Cultural Commission                                 | 1:15 p.m. |
| 4.  | Annual Report from Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission                            | 1:30 p.m. |
| 5.  | Discuss Municipal Court Opportunities - <i>Matt</i>                           | 1:45 p.m. |
| 6.  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Main Street Program Report – <i>Jasmine</i>           | 2:05 p.m. |
| 7.  | Discuss Potential to Invest in Equipment for Communications/Tourism           | 2:15 p.m. |
| 8.  | Discuss 2-Hour Parking in Plaza and City Hall Parking Lot Dilemma             | 2:30 p.m. |
| 9.  | Review "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest Entries                           | 2:50 p.m. |
| 10. | Department Reports  | 3:10 p.m. |
| 11. | Council Reports   | 3:30 p.m. |
| 12. | Executive Session: ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property Transactions               | 3:50 p.m. |
| 13. | Other Business  |           |
| 14. | Adjourn   |           |

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- May 3, Council Work Session, 1:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- May 3, Urban Renewal Agency Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- May 3, Council Regular Session, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- May 4, Budget Committee Meeting, Council Chambers
- May 8, Youth Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- May 9, Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- May 11, Budget Committee Meeting, Council Chambers

Future Public Hearing(s)/Forum(s):

- PH: June 7, 6:30 p.m., FY2017-18 State Revenue Sharing & Budget

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COUNCIL MEETING – 05/03/17

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**TO:** MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** MATT BROWN, FINANCE DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** COURT DEPARTMENT  
**DATED REPORT:** MAY 3, 2017  
**RE:** COURT MEETING DISCUSSIONS

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Greetings Council,

On 4/26, City staff, Council members, County staff & Commissioner, and local attorneys in the St. Helens area met with an open forum discussion about the Court Department and had discussions about processes alike & differences between County and City court departments.

During the meeting the group expressed their opinions and potential opportunities for the City to look at in moving towards the goal of being able to improve the delivery of court services in St. Helens and potential opportunities listed below are ideas that came out of that meeting for the Council to consider moving towards.

I am looking to the Council for direction on which items, if any, you may want to see take place and change for the future. Once you have chosen which items (if any) you would to see take place I will begin working with Court staff and County staff, if necessary, to put together a plan of action and timeline for the changes for you to see and approve at a future Council meeting in June.

I'm happy to further research any questions regarding these topics as well as any other topics you feel should be added to the list that are not represented here. The list below are items specifically that were discussed during the meeting.

**1. PAYMENT PLANS**

Currently the City charges a flat fee of \$25 for setting up payment plans. The County has a tiered method depending on the fine/violation. Staff proposes changing over payment plan fees to match what the County currently has in place.

The result of this action will likely increase revenues from higher fees and also may encourage people to pay off their fines faster than what has been paid in the past. This change would only affect any new payment plans.

**2. MISDEMEANOR TO VIOLATIONS**

The practice currently in place at the County is that, when possible, a misdemeanor will be charged as a violation.

This result will likely lower the amount of cases that go before the judge. This is a change in process from what is currently practiced by the City's Prosecutor and this change would be instructed to the City's Prosecutor as a direction/goal of the City Council and may also change the prosecutor's contract in terms of the number of days and amount for services.

3. **WORK PROGRAM w/ COUNTY**

The County currently does a work-program for people to pay off a majority of their fine on a work-crew. For the City to take advantage of this program would likely require an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County to work out specific details and instructions that would be approved by Council.

The result would be less potential revenue for the City, but allows individuals that may not have money to pay off the fines in the first place as well as allowing individuals to “work” most of their fines off instead of writing a check to the City. Individuals would need to pay an initial fee to be part of the work-crew and some specific portions of the fine may not be available to work off, but it at least allows them to work off some portion of their fine. It is important to note from discussions last night, the County does not allow individuals to work off restitution charges or payments of attorney fees. Specific program details would be included in the agreement that the Council would approve.

4. **NIGHT COURT**

The option was discussed and brought up by our City Court staff to possibly offer Night Court as an alternative for 1 or 2 days per month for those that want to see a judge but cannot attend because they have work or other obligations that make our current court schedule not available to them.

This option would require more research if chosen due to many factors that include staffing for normal business hours, potential union issues. More research and potential plans would need to be discussed and worked out with current staff and contractors.

5. **TRANSFERING MISDEMEANOR “CLASS A” TO COUNTY**

Currently the City processes Class A through C Misdemeanors. One option as a cost savings method, to the City, would involve sending just CLASS A Misdemeanors to the County, but keeping B, C and Unclassified. Class A misdemeanors involve items such as: DUII, Reckless Driving, Theft II, Disorderly Conduct I, and other similar classifications.

The result of this option would mean that the City Prosecutor would go from 2-days per week to only 1-day per week, which would result in less expense for the City. The City currently pays our Prosecutor \$5,896 per month for two days per week. The current Prosecutor’s contract is ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. If the Council wanted to move forward with this option, it is possible that a change could potentially take place as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. This could be done in 2 ways. 1) A renewal with the current Prosecutor and change in pay/scope to reflect the change. 2) The City can elect to go out for an official RFP for Prosecutorial services. I would expect an RFP process to take at least 2 months if not 3-4 at most. If the Council wishes to make this change, it would be my recommendation not to extend the current contract and continue month-to-month until an RFP can be completed.

6. **IGA Agreement with County for Court Services**

A question asked at this meeting was if the County could take on the case load of all Misdemeanors (leaving traffic retained by the City) or taking both Misdemeanors & Traffic.

The County was (as it has been discussed at prior Council meetings) apprehensive about taking on the additional work load. The District Attorney said even if they were to consider taking it on, would require at least a request for an additional DA and Admin Assistant as well as possibly an additional Judge. Judge Grant

was straight forward in saying there is no chance of the County receiving an additional Judge as of right now. Councilor Conn asked about a potential IGA that included possible staffing from the City working with the County.

**My Personal Recommendation -**

From my perspective, #5 (Transferring Class A) and #6 (IGA with County) cannot be done together and I would anticipate that if you do #6 there is no need to do #5 and vice versa. #1-4 are items that can be incorporated into our current program and I would not expect too long of a delay to begin #1 (Payment Plan changes) & #2 (Misdemeanor to Violations). Item #3 (County Work Crew) would involve working out an IGA with the County work program which may take an estimated 1-2 months. Item #4 (Night Court) would involve more research and may take an estimated 3-4 months to completely figure out, if possible.

It would be beneficial to staff and Court Administration for the Council to establish a specific vision, goal(s) and objective(s) for the City's Municipal Court. This information will provide direction and assist staff in Council goals.

Upcoming Contracts

One additional item to note is that both the Judge and Prosecutor contracts are ending on June 30 2017. Depending on your decision of the above items, I am looking for direction from the Council if you wish to continue the current contracts with the current Judge and Prosecutor or revisit one or both positions through the RFP process.

I am happy to discuss and research any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Matt Brown

Finance Director



# If I Were Mayor, I Would... Student Contest



**The Oregon Mayors Association and your city invite you to enter the  
"If I Were Mayor..." contest.**

Share your creative ideas about what you would do as mayor.

Local winners are entered into the state contest for a chance to win an **iPad Air 2!**

**CONTEST DEADLINE:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 4:30 p.m.

## Contest Rules:

### GENERAL RULES:

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All forms for students under age 18 must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Entry forms may be photocopied.
- Only one submission per student will be accepted at the state level.
- Previous statewide winners may participate, but are not eligible to receive a prize in the same category (grade level) they previously won in. They are eligible to receive a prize in a new category.
- State level submissions become the property of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- OMA retains the right to publish state-level entries along with the names and likenesses of each student.
- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.

*First-place statewide winners will receive their prizes during the OMA Summer Conference, to be held July 27-29 in Lebanon.*

### POSTERS:

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in grades 4 and 5 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2016-17 school year.
- Poster size must be a minimum of 17" and a maximum of 28" in height or width.
- Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (e.g., poster paints, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, three-dimensional art, etc.). The poster may be in color or black and white.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear on the back of the poster.

### ESSAYS:

- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in grades 6 through 8 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2016-17 school year.
- Essays must be 500 to 1,000 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear at the top of the essay.

### DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENTATIONS (video, PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.):

- The digital media presentation contest is open to students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2016-17 school year.
- Presentations must be one to three minutes in length and may be submitted on disk or emailed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must be written on the disk or disk sleeve.

For more information about the local contest:

Contact Deputy City Recorder Lisa Scholl at 503-366-8216 or [lisas@ci.st-helens.or.us](mailto:lisas@ci.st-helens.or.us).





Music classes.

IF I WERE



Art classes



Chess and games



Puppet shows.

MAYOR WOULD



GYMNASTICS



Dance classes



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# If I Were Mayor, I Would Improve Transportation Options By...

## Planning

I would plan out bike paths and sidewalks all across town.



## Affordable Housing

I would provide options like walking, biking and buses near houses so you won't have to own a car.



## Parks

They're a good place for people to walk and ride bikes to.



## Public Transit

Buses are a good way to get around town and take some cars off the road.



## Traffic Safety

Getting around town safely is important especially for people walking and riding bikes.



Better  
Transportation  
Options

=  
Livable  
Cities



If I were mayor, I would install a new splash pad for the city of St. Helens.

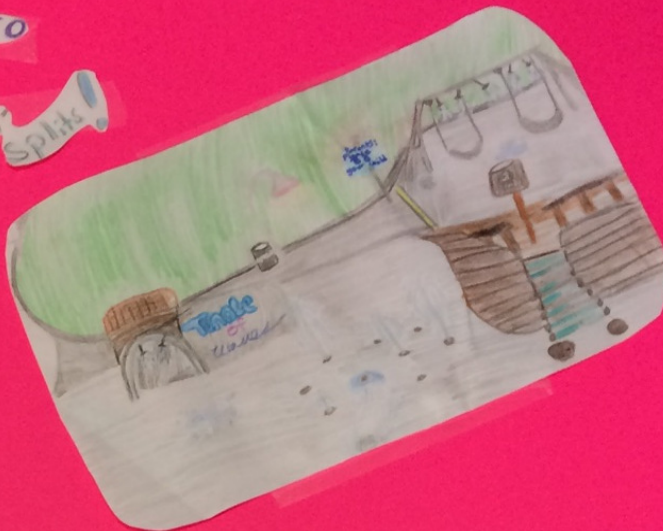
It would include a tunnel with water spouts spraying down on you as well as a swing set with the same idea. A pirate ship would be built as well.

A fundraiser would take place for the cost: a \$10 spaghetti dinner with toast and drinks.

Welcome

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Splash n' Split!



If I were mayor, I would suggest putting up bird feeders in the local parks of St. Helens.

Birds can be fun for children to watch in the spring, and sometimes have a difficult time searching for food.

Many animals die from eating litter and the pollution affects us, too.

We could help a small part if we got together a large group of St. Helens citizens to choose to come out one day to pick up road side trash and litter around the park.

As a reward for the people who participated, an ice cream 'party' would be thrown.





## If I Were Mayor

Have you ever needed just a little help from a kid to figure out what they want for their community? These are a few things I would do to make this city a better place to live. These are things I think that would make this a place that's safer and more comfortable to live in.

If I were mayor I would build a homeless shelter for people who need a place to stay, but don't have enough money to fully buy a house. It would provide three full course meals and a gathering place so people can talk to each other.

I would do more drug tests for illegal drugs and find more kids who are doing drugs because I want people to know what they are doing is really bad for their bodies. Talking about drugs, I would get a teacher to teach people what smoking does to your body for people who want to stop smoking. I would also build a rehab because there is so much drug abuse in St. Helens. I would build a juvenile hall right next to the jail so we don't have to drive the kids all the way to Washington.

I would help local businesses who need help continuing their business by doing a fundraiser and all money we get from the fundraiser would go to that business. I would also help local businesses by talking about their business to people who might need their service.

If I were mayor I would lower apartment and house payments because it seems like houses are getting harder and harder to get because the house payments keep on going up.

I would fill in more potholes in the road so that everyone is safe on the road, and so it doesn't break car parts. I would also repaint the lines on the roads because they are getting a little faded and it's just safe to do that for all the drivers on the road.

If I were mayor I would make sure that the public parks were clear of garbage and trash. Litter bugs are everywhere and if I was a kid that liked to still play at the park, I would not want to play in a trashed park. I would also make sure the play structures at the park are safe to play on because I would want to have a safe park for my child to play on. Talking about parks, I would have a night guard at the parks so we make sure that there is no graffiti and bad people at the park doing drugs and hanging out at night.

In conclusion, I hope some of my ideas go into consideration and I hope you enjoyed reading my essay. Again, these are some of my ideas of what I would do if I were mayor. I want everyone to feel safe in the city they live in. Thank you for having this contest for giving kids a chance to speak their minds.

## If I Were Mayor...

If I were mayor, I would do many things. Being a mayor is a really important job. They help guide city resources to make the city a better place. Some of the things I would do are allow people to have a few farm animals if they live in the city limits, build a sidewalk and bike lane all the way across Sykes and Gable and other parts of the city, have volunteers to help around the city, and provide homeless shelters for the homeless.

First, I would allow people to have farm animals in the city limits because then many kids could do 4-H animal projects. This would not only help them learn how to take care of an animal but also help a child learn to speak out. Raising farm animals help families be more self sustainable. For example, families could raise chickens which lay eggs so they would not need to go get eggs at a grocery store. I would let each family who lives in the city have at least two Pygmy Goats (those are the smaller ones), six chickens, and three rabbits. I chose these animals because they are smaller and easier to take care of instead of horses and cows. Plus, the goats, rabbits, and chickens would fit in a city house backyard.

Next, I would build a sidewalk and bike lane all the way across Sykes, Gable, and other parts of the city where there is no bike lane or sidewalks. Then lots of people would be able to be safe when they walk and bike outside. This would prevent pedestrians and bikers getting hurt by cars. Also, people would be able to get more exercise by walking, running, and biking. Kids could walk or bike to school safely. Families could walk to the grocery store instead of driving. People who work in the city could walk or bike to their job. More exercise creates more of a healthy community. More people would be outside which means people would get to know others better.

Another one of my ideas is to have more people to volunteer around the city. Students could volunteer at the library, senior center, for the homeless, tutor other students, and work to keep the parks clean. Adults could help tutor the students who need it. People who are in the health profession could volunteer at public health. Also, some people could be volunteer firefighters and volunteer safety patrol people. I would get people to volunteer by offering lower city taxes for those who help out. For students who volunteer I would offer them school credit. I think people who volunteer have strong sense of community which makes our city one-hundred percent better.

Finally, I would provide homeless shelters for the homeless. This would really help the people of our city who do not have a home. It would provide a roof over the person's head. These homeless shelters would be open year-round to provide heat for cold nights and air conditioning for hot nights. I would connect the homeless shelters with the food bank to provide those who are hungry with a good meal. This would also be a safe place for homeless people in case there are extreme weather conditions such as hail and snow.

There are so many things I would do if I were mayor. Building bike lanes, having people own farm animals in the city limits, have volunteers help around the city, and provide homeless shelters are all the things I would do to make my city a better place. This would be important to everyone including the kids. Making a fabulous city is really important. Being a mayor is the most important job in the city.



# If I were Mayor



BY ELSIE ELSTOEN



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# What is the Role of a mayor?



- **Role of the mayor.** As the head of the city, the **mayor** officially speaks for both the government and the community as a whole.
- In all statutory cities, the **mayor** is the presiding officer and a regular member of the city council.





# What I Would focus on



- My First Priority as a mayor would be to increase the overall funds that the city has to spend on public needs/services.
- With more money would come better funding for schools, which are making educated children who are our future.
- Tourism and community events to unify and gain money
- Homeless reduction





## 1<sup>st</sup> priority

Of course wanting to increase the amount of money St. Helens has, and actually doing it are 2 very different things. I would also like to make a disclaimer and apologize if I offend anyone who reads this because though I have researched this topic I'm sure I do not have a full understanding.



## In order to increase the money flow I would:

- Create partnerships with our local businesses along with our corporate businesses.
- Hold marathon races as a fundraiser and make the minimum entry fee like 15\$.
- Hold more charity events to make money for the city and also fundraise for the low income.
  - By fundraising for the low income, we could relieve the stress of poverty and encourage our community to be more kind and develop a sense of unity.
- Invite more corporate companies to build here by offering them tax breaks.
  - This would also create more jobs, and we could still benefit from the taxes.
  - This idea is kind of based off of what Portland does for Nike.



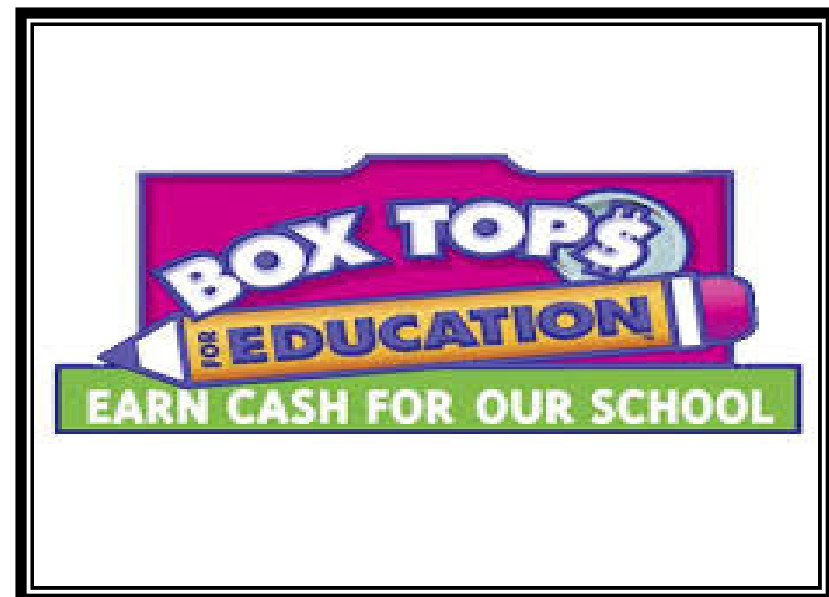


## Education

Quality education for the future generations is what I would strive to obtain. With a thriving educational background the population of St Helens would be more likely to be able to get jobs in the future. Statically speaking most people don't move out of the city they grew up in, so with more people having jobs would bring in more money from taxes. Additionally an outstanding educational system would make us more likely to gain government grants and funding.

- Promote volunteering In the schools
- Community involvement
- Fundraisers for the school
- More activities like the “Fun Run”
- Spread awareness throughout the city and request funding
- Gain additional sponsors
- Ensure the community that the money would be used towards something beneficial and not wasted.







## Roads and parks

Tourism comes with being able to offer people unique experiences that they can't get anywhere else. By Building interesting parks and amusement parks, we would could increase the amount of tourists and profit. Along with this we would need good roads because they would be being used more often, and tourists do not want to drive on a dangerous roads.

- More community events in the pre-existing parks
  - Good chance to fundraise and unify the community.
- Parks with more interesting characteristics
  - More parks like McCormick, because there are various activities to do there.
- Better sidewalks
  - People would be walking with their children and they would want them to be safe.
    - ✦ Also people are judgmental and will judge us based on one bad aspects such as a non existent sidewalk.





# BAD ROADS AND SIDEWALKS





## Homeless Reduction

Larger cities such as Portland have various programs to help homeless get off the street. By Bringing in some of those programs we could encourage the homeless to get assistance to regain their hold on life. In addition we could also hold more soup kitchens and charities to fundraise.

- With less homeless, it will make people feel safer walking through trails alone.
- With the homeless having jobs and houses that also means more revenue from taxes.
- With less homeless there would be less litter.
  - We could also put out more accessible community trash cans for them.
    - ✦ Because they are homeless they have no where to throw away their garbage.





## sources



- [www.lmc.org/page/1/duties-resp-mayor-council.jsp](http://www.lmc.org/page/1/duties-resp-mayor-council.jsp)
- <http://www.stannlafayette.org/media/1/15/j0427739.jpg>
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## Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

From: John Walsh, City Administrator

Subject: **Administration & Community Development Dept. Report**

Date: May 3, 2017

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*Planning Division Report* attached.

*Business License Reports* attached.

## **CITY OF ST. HELENS PLANNING DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT**



**To:** City Council  
**From:** Jacob A. Graichen, AICP, City Planner

**Date:** 4.24.2017

This report does not indicate all *current planning* activities over the past report period. These are tasks, processing and administration of the Development Code which are a weekly if not daily responsibility. The Planning Commission agenda, available on the City's website, is a good indicator of *current planning* activities. The number of building permits issued is another good indicator as many require Development Code review prior to Building Official review.

### **PLANNING ADMINISTRATION**

Participated in a Columbia County pre-application for potential development of vacant property (with recent grading the fence work) along Gable Road just on the west side of Rail Road Avenue.

Participated in a Columbia County pre-application for potential development at 2010 1<sup>st</sup> Street (off Railroad Avenue). There was a dilapidated dwelling at this location, which was demolished somewhat recently.

Former Police Chief Steve Salle' (now retired) was the City member of US30 safety Corridor working group (Old Portland road - Millard project). ODOT staff reached out to me to see who would be the St. Helens representative on this committee now that's its being rebooted. I said I could be the St. Helens representative, which is logical since the project is relevant to our transportation planning and economic development efforts.

See **attached** notice about adoption of the County's new Transportation Systems Plan.



A large tree fell with the high winds on April 7, 2017 at the apartment complex at 345 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street. I visited the site the same day and gave permission to remove the three "X'ed" trees without a permit (located in/by a wetland) per the imminent danger rules of the Development Code.

Note the **attached** letter from Eddie Dunton regarding the Council recent decision about the maximum building height requirement of the former Boise Veneer property (Riverfront District's Mill sub-district).





A property owner at 225 Shore Drive contacted us about a tree along Milton Creek. I visited the site on April 21, 2017 and gave permission to remove a cluster of trees with the totted base (located in/by a riparian area) per the imminent danger rules of the Development Code.

Assisted with review of the Veneer Property developer RFQ document.

### **DEVELOPMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Addressed increasing concerns about Sweet Relief signs along the highway.

Back in June 2016 I sent a letter to a property owner at 1835 Cowlitz about an illegal shed addition that projected into a public right-of-way where a public sanitary sewer main is located. Thanks to efforts by the Building Department and Public Works, that issue is finally resolved.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION (& *acting* HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION)**

April 11, 2017 meeting (outcome): The Commission held a public hearing for an annexation request for an approximate half acre property behind Les Schwab Tire Centers.

May 9, 2017 meeting (upcoming): The Commission will hold a public hearing for a 77-lot subdivision just south of Pittsburg Road and west of N. Vernonia Road. The Commission will also discuss their annual report to the Council.

### **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)**

Software renewals done for both the Planning and Engineering departments.

Routine data updates.

### **MAIN STREET PROGRAM**

Completed second quarterly RARE participant supervisor assessment as required by the RARE program for the City's Main Street Coordinator.

Submitted application to RARE for the 2017-2018 cycle.

### **URBAN RENEWAL**

Reviewed draft St. Helens Urban Renewal Plan. There are many findings necessary as they relate to official city documents pertaining to land use (e.g., the Comprehensive Plan). Also reviewed Urban Renewal Report. Edits and comments included for both.

**ASSISTANT PLANNER**—*In addition to routine tasks, the Assistant Planner has been working on:*  
See [attached](#).

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CITY OF ST. HELENS

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Adoption of a Transportation )  
System Plan and Related Amendments to the )  
Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance and )  
Comprehensive Plan )

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
(PUBLICATION)

1. The Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at or after 10:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Room 308, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, Oregon.
2. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the Adoption of the 2017 Transportation System Plan and Relates Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan.
3. You may obtain copies of the proposal by contacting the Land Development Services Department. The proposed changes may be amended at the public hearing.
4. This is a public hearing. Interested parties may appear and be heard. Columbia County does not discriminate on the basis of disability and will provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the County's ADA Policy. To request accommodations or to review the County's ADA Policy, please contact the Board of Commissioners' Office at 503-397-4322.
5. This hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Columbia County Zoning Ordinance.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:

  
Henry Heimüller, Chair

Chronicle: Please publish in your April 12 & 19, 2017 issues.

Spotlight: Please publish in your April 14 & 21, 2017 issues.

Chief: Please publish in your April 12 & 19, 2017 issues.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLICATION)



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CITY OF ST. HELENS

April 14, 2017

Saint Helens City Council

Dear members,

My name is Eddie Dunton and I am a 25 year citizen of the City of Saint Helens. I am writing you because of your recent decision concerning the ruling of building height to be built along the river. I did not attend the meeting, but I did read the local paper and have heard from those that did. My understanding of the paper was that because you only heard from Nob Hill folks that the rest of us did not care. I can assure you that many of the other 11,980 do care about that decision. I have to say I strongly disagree with your decision. I think 75 feet was a fair height.

When I came here 25 yrs. ago I was struck with what a lovely community this could be, I saw so much potential. I attended city meetings that hired consultants with wonderful plans only to have a few longtime residents complain they didn't want St. Helens to become like Portland or anything to block their view. I can understand loving your view, but it is not a guarantee. Certainly anyone who bought or live on the hill knew when they moved in the view could change. The City has listened to these same folks for 25 yrs. and St. Helens has stayed stagnant or many have said gone backwards.

I drive to Clackamas and have for nearly 13 years to have good wage job. That's an hour in and on a good day an hour 15 minutes home. It makes for a long day, it also makes it easier for me to spend my money in Portland than Saint Helens, and there are thousands of us making that journey. If your children want a good job they must also make the drive or move, which we all know they do. What other choice do they have?

In my job I drive thru many small communities in and around Portland. Many of these communities are beautiful little jewels throughout the city. Each has its' own flavor and brand. The Mississippi district with its foodie cafés, to Oregon City and its' covered wagon murals, to the Hollywood district with its old trees and funky shops. I could go on and on. I personally would like us to be more like one of those small towns in Portland. They are vibrant, cheerful and offer so much more potential than Saint Helens. We are dying compared to them.

I believe we all want the same things. A safe place to live, a living wage job and opportunities for our children. The City Council has a lifetime opportunity to make rules and changes to benefit all citizens of Saint Helens. I urge you to consider all your constituents' needs, not just those who squawk the loudest. We all are important and we all matter.

Sincerely,

Eddie Dunton

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Saint Helens

## Jacob Graichen

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**From:** Jennifer Dimsho  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 9:04 AM  
**To:** Jacob Graichen  
**Subject:** April Planning Department Report

Jacob, here are my additions for the April Planning Department Report.

### GRANTS

1. Received OPRD Veterans Memorial Grant for \$46,770! Total project is \$68,400. Project to be completed by April 30, 2019. Signed and mailed contract.
2. McCormick Picnic Shelter Grant (16k grant, 30k project) – Project reporting/tracking. Site visit.
3. Travel Oregon Grant –Branding & Wayfinding Master Plan: Attended April 4 Open House. Reviewed and published survey online. Began reviewing compiled data and outcomes from Open House. Prepared for 2nd Open House on May 10 (material review, venue, catering). Reviewed revised signage design. Slight change of scope to include removal/replacement signage plan along Highway 30 to reduce clutter.
4. PSU MURP Columbia View Park Project – Attended Parks Commission and Youth Council Meetings April 10 where students gathered input. Planned for and reviewed press release, FB post, community outreach plan, and preliminary site designs for April 26 “Recommendations Forum”. Reviewed 3 site plans with staff and made recommended changes. Attended and provided support on April 26 at Meriwether Place (venue, catering). Planned for “site audits” to the park with stakeholders.
5. Oregon Cultural Trust’s Cultural Development Grant: Submitted 10k grant application for Gateway Sculpture Project: Phase 2 (Deadline: April 21) Included compiling narrative, budget, and supplemental documents.
6. Oregon Parks & Recreation – Recreational Trails Program (RTP): Submitted 100k (budget not final) grant application for Grey Cliffs Park restroom/non-motorized boat launch project for “water trails” project. Included narrative, working with staff on budget, parks commission letter of support, 5 other state agencies review, a LUCS, an ADA review, an environmental assessment, and other supplemental documentation.
7. Received Local Government (CLG) Historic Preservation Grant. Award \$12,500 to help cover City Hall façade cleaning and repairs. Worked with PW and State Historic Preservation Office to ensure project would follow Secretary of the Interior’s Rehabilitation Standards. Signed and mailed contract. Tracked time.

### URBAN RENEWAL

8. Weekly check-ins – Discussed notice mailing requirements. Planned, attended, and did short presentation at the Advisory Committee Meeting #3 (April 18). Reviewed Draft UR Plan & Report. Met with CRFR a few times to discuss concerns and potential impacts. Presented to Council on April 19 about impacts. Discussed URA management with staff and consultants.
9. Reviewed draft Waterfront Redevelopment RFQ and discussed timing and next steps.

### MISC

10. Gateway Sculpture Project – Finalized contract for April 19 Council authorization.

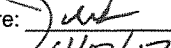
### Jenny Dimsho

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## BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT

City Department Approval: April 17, 2017

The following occupational business licenses are being presented for City approval:

Signature:   
Date: 4/17/17

### RESIDENT BUSINESS – RENEWAL 2017

|                          |                                    |                                   |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Columbia Theatre                   | Theatre                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | *Doug Wilson Remodel & Const. Inc. | Construction                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | *Holmes Heating & Cooling          | HVAC                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | *Naturalist Carpet Cleaning CO.    | Carpet/Tile Cleaning              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | *Ruben's Lawn Service              | Yard Maintenance                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | St Helens Auto Parts               | Auto Parts                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sunset Equipment                   | Farm Machinery & Related Supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | *Topmop Housecleaning Service      | Housecleaning                     |

### RESIDENT BUSINESS – NEW 2017

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | ACT 1 Essentials<br>201 Port Ave #3       | Process Essential Oils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gamepath Arcade LLC<br>1804 Columbia BLVD | Arcade                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | *Running Dogs Brewery<br>34966 Roberts LN | Brewery                |

### NON-RESIDENT BUSINESS - 2017

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | A Cut Above Concrete Cutting         | Concrete Sawing                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Arthur B Conner                      | Painting                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Broersma Plumbing LLC                | Plumbing                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cindy George Createive Interiors     | Interiro Design                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CR Contracting LLC                   | Contractor                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lifetime Windows & Doors Inc         | Lifetime Windows & Doors Inc             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Louie Family Enterprises LLC         | General Contractor                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nwestco LLC                          | Petroleum & Carwash Parts                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Roof Topers, Inc.                    | Commercial Roofing & Sheet Metal         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sarmiento's LLC                      | Roofing & Garage Door                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Shop Equipment Co Inc                | Service & Installation of Auto Equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Simplicity Homes, LLC                | Residential Construction                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Strike A Cord                        | Firewood Delivery & Cleanup              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Works Drywall Inc              | Drywall                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vanport Mechanical & Fire Sprinklers | Mechanical & Fire Sprinklers             |

\*Denotes In-Home Business



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**RENTALS - 2017**

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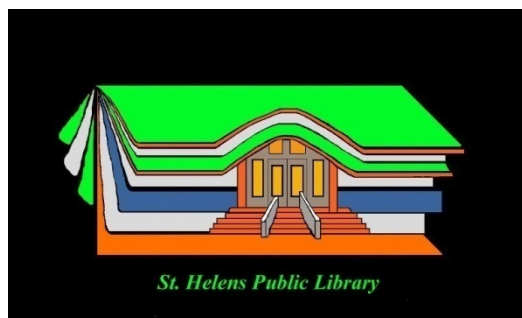
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**MISCELLANEOUS - 2017**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Coffeen Companies                      | 7-Day: Ceiling CLEANING      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | D & R Glazing DBA Don's A-1 Glass      | 7-Day: Commercial Glazing    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | NGCP, INC                              | 7-Day: Mechanical Contractor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | West Coast Construction & Equipment Co | 7-Day: Contractor            |

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**April 26, 2017**

**From:** Margaret Jeffries, Library Director

**To:** The Mayor and Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Library Department Report

**Social Media Class for Business Owners:** The Library will be an after-hours host for a class presented by Keep It Local Columbia County and SHEDCO to assist business owners who want to learn how to create a Facebook business page, a social media plan and more. Interested business owners should email [keepitlocalcc@gmail.com](mailto:keepitlocalcc@gmail.com) to register. Space is limited. **Tuesday, May 9, 7:00-8:30pm, Public Computer Area inside the Library**

**Artist Talk and Friends of the Library Quarterly Art Show:** During the month of May, mixed media artist, Bonny Wagoner will have her work on display inside the Library. Wagoner recently published a collection of artwork focusing on Timberline Lodge. She will give a talk at the Library on **Thursday, May 17 at 7:00pm**. Her talk will highlight being open to unexpected adventures within an art project.

**MakerFest! –** Come to the Library on **Saturday, May 20 from 11:00-12:30pm** for a day of making! There will be Dot and Dash robots, origami, Hour of Code activities, friendship bracelets, demonstrations by SHREC5450 (the St. Helens High School robotics club), button-making, LEGO free-build, toy car balloon races, and more! All ages are invited to come.

**Previously Reported - Make-It! Events for May:**

- LEGO – Visit the library for unstructured LEGO play time with our growing collection of donated LEGO sets. Duplo sets are also available for younger children. Come create with us! **Monday, May 1, 4:00pm in the Auditorium**

- DIY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS – Make your own finger piano, harmonica, or shaker sticks and jam with us! We'll have a bunch of different kinds of materials on hand, too, so you can even invent your own instrument. (Ages 6-12) Call the Library to register – (503) 397-4544 **Monday, May 15, 4:00pm in the Auditorium**