



City Manager Weekly Update

July 21, 2023

7/27, Thu.	8:30 a.m.	2x2 City/RDUSD meeting
7/27, Thu.	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Rates & Utilities Committee meeting
8/1, Tue.	6:00 p.m.	City Council meeting
8/2, Wed.	11:00 a.m.	Promenade Ribbon Cutting and City Manager Meet and Greet
8/3, Thu.	5:00 p.m.	General Plan Working Group meeting
8/9, Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission meeting

Rio Vista Beacon

I was interviewed by Dennis Elliot from the Rio Vista Beacon.

Promenade Ribbon Cutting and City Manager Meet and Greet

A Promenade Ribbon Cutting and City Manager Meet and Greet is scheduled for August 2nd at 11:00 a.m. Popsicles will be distributed to the public to celebrate the shade sail improvements provided by Rio Vision and through Proposition 68 State Parks grants funding.

Weekly Update

The weekly update will be posted to the City's website, Facebook, and NextDoor. Since the Weekly Update will now be provided to a broader audience, it will include a short description of major items approved at City Council meetings.

Acting Fire Chief and Recruitment

Staff contacted three recruiting firms regarding a proposal for recruitment services for the Fire Chief position. Two proposals were received. The third recruiting firm decided not to submit a proposal due to capacity. A recommendation will be made to the City Council for consideration at the August 1st City Council meeting.

After meeting with both the Battalion Chief, Adam Pfenning, and Fire Captain, Brandon Wilson, I offered the Acting Fire Chief position to Brandon Wilson. Captain Wilson has returned from vacation and we are working together to find fair and feasible compensation and shift coverage solutions.

Social Media Policy

To facilitate more active engagement with the community, staff are developing a Social Media Policy for City Council consideration.

Patio Proposal at Alleyway adjacent to Ben's Friends of the Vine

The City Council will consider the concept of a community patio area adjacent to Ben's Friends of the Vine at its meeting on August 1. Should City Council provide their support, full details would be ironed out with the applicant; a conditional use permit would be required. Outdoor dining in public spaces has been popularized since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Housing Element

The City Council, at its meeting on July 18, adopted the 2023-2031 Housing Element (6th Cycle) based on requests made by State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Staff expect HCD to approve the Housing Element.

Community Funding Grant Program and Guidelines

Due to concern about the City's budget deficit, the City Council directed staff to hold off on funding the program just this fiscal year. The guidelines were amended to allow efficient staff administration of the program and to avoid conflict with the Veolia grant program. The City Council requested the guidelines be reviewed every year. In future years, the grant program will accept applications beginning in March with a final due date of April 30.

Pool Season Extension

The 2023 pool season has been extended for open swim as follows:

Effective July 19, through August 8:

Monday – Friday, 12:00 to 5:00 PM Open Swim

Saturday/Sunday, 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM Open Swim

Effective August 9, through September 4:

Monday – Friday, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Open Swim

Saturday/Sunday, 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM Open Swim

Business Park Land Sale

The City Council approved the sale of a 1.62 acre property (APN 0178-230-070) in the Business Park based on the appraised value of \$195,000 to Brian Spradling.

Planning Commission Appointment

The City Council appointed Richard Bradshaw to the Planning Commission.

Public Art Ordinance

The City Council discussed an ordinance relating to procedures for the review of Public Art projects. The City Council recommended a few changes to the Ordinance, including but not limited to, the addition of credentials being included in the application, an addition to grounds for denial, removal of the word “appropriate” as it is subjective, and removal of the \$100 fee for small art projects. The changes will be incorporated into the Ordinance for further City Council consideration.

Upcoming Meetings and Presentations

Next week I will be:

- providing a presentation to the Rotary on July 25th.
- attending the Solano County City Manager’s Meeting on July 26th.
- attending the 2x2 meeting with the School District on July 27th. RDUSD Superintendent Kathy Wright provided the storage space requirements they need for the land swap.
- attending the Brann Ranch Development meeting on July 27th.
- attending a Solano Transportation Authority meeting on July 27th.

Police Activity

- Since Wednesday, 7/13, police personnel have made five arrests: one robbery, one domestic violence, one DUI, and two warrant arrests.
- On Friday, July 14, officers arrested a 42-year-old Rio Vista man after the victim called to report being robbed by a man who held scissors to his throat. The victim’s description of the suspect and his clothing matched exactly with a man experiencing homelessness they had recently encountered when responding to assist Public Works with removing him from sleeping in the City’s boat launch restroom.
- On Saturday, July 15, officers attended the DES Memorial Concert on Main Street. There were no incidents or complaints during the event.



- This Tuesday, Officer Snedeker was awarded his third consecutive MADD Award for DUI arrests while assigned to the Rio Vista Police Department. His award reflects DUI arrests made while on patrol in our city as well as while working overtime in the County.



- At 8:48 PM on Wednesday, Officer Vega and Deputy Pitts (filling in for an officer on vacation) responded code-3 to Sandy Beach County Park for a fire approaching the occupied tent camping areas. After ensuring the campers were out of harm's way, they even assisted the Montezuma Fire District in putting the fire out.



Public Works/Community Development

- Denova submitted four (4) new home permits to be approved
- LGI submitted six (6) new home permits to be approved
- Storage Star (302 River Road) was finalized