**Weekly Report**

February 22, 2019

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**Adopt-a-Park Application Received**

Last year, the City introduced both an Adopt-a-Street and an Adopt-a-Park program, designed to encourage volunteers in the community to feel more invested along certain roadways or within our parks. This week, we received our first Adopt-a-Park application from the scouting troops at Rushton Elementary. The groups have selected Waterworks Park for their volunteer efforts. The scouts anticipate rotating troops on a monthly basis. Staff will work through one coordinator to coordinate clean-ups and other special projects in the park. If you know of other volunteer groups who might be interested in the adoption programs, please have them contact the City for more information.

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Several familiar faces from the Mission Market participated in a Dinner Mob at KC Pinoy’s new “bricks and mortar” location (1623 Gennessee St, KCMO) in the West Bottoms. It was great to see one of our food truck vendors accomplishing a dream.

The Mission Market will celebrate it’s 5th birthday this year. If you want to help develop plans for the 2019 market, season, please plan to join our Market VIPs on Tuesday, March 5 from 6:30—8 p.m. at the Community Center for a brainstorming session!

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**The “Great Winter” of 2018 –2019**

- 37 days with snow since October 14
- Official snowfall totals from MCI reached 26.3 inches as of February 22
- Nearly 900 tons of salt have been used on Mission’s street to date (salt domes holds 1800 tons).
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- Conversations started with KCPL this week surrounding questions and concerns related to power outages in Mission. KCPL will be gathering Mission-specific data and we will schedule a meeting soon.

- The Mission PD has developed a Facebook page for the Department. We are finalizing a social media policy, so watch for the page to “go live” soon!

- A Space Needs RFQ was finalized and advertised this week. This is an important first step in collecting information about current and future needs for the City Hall and Police facilities. We anticipate awarding a contract in April.

- The auditor’s on-site visit went smoothly this week, thanks in large part to staff’s hard work to prepare. We also had a workers compensation payroll audit this week.

- Satisfy your “sweet tooth” over the next two weeks with Hy-Vee’s promotion for cookie sales. A penny from the sale of each cookie will be donated to our Department to support their community outreach efforts.

The Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center will celebrate its 20th anniversary in May. Plans are underway for a number of fun events and offers to help the City and Parks and Recreation Department recognize this important milestone.

NLC Economic Development Pilot Program

  We received word from MARC this morning that our joint application on behalf of the First Suburbs Coalition (FSC) for a regional housing summit was selected by NLC. MARC and the First Suburbs Coalition’s application was chosen from among 13 strong applicants representing all areas of the country, including 3 other applications from regional councils.

  NLC was impressed with our regional approach, the focus on housing and the availability of the event planning resources provided through MARC. The regional summit will be held in July.

  The application was aligned with the priorities of the FSC for 2019 and focused on affordable housing. The FSC subcommittee working on housing programming for the year will become the steering committee for the summit. Mission does not currently have a representative participating on this subcommittee. If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

  NLC will announce the award at the NLC First Suburbs Council meeting next month in conjunction with the Congressional City Conference.