Council, staff and representatives from the Planning Commission, CIP Committee and Sustainability Commission attended the Capstone Project presentation from the KU Urban Planning students on the Johnson Drive corridor (Lamar to Metcalf).

We will look forward to sharing their full report, observations and recommendations in the near future.

Officer Jay Fleer was joined by members of the Department and area first responders for the 2019 DARE Graduation Ceremony at Highlands Elementary School on May 9. The program had 41 students participating this year. The students held a special reception ahead of the graduation to recognize and thank our first responders. Councilmembers Davis and Rothrock were also able to join the staff and students for the event.

Don’t forget to wrap up your week by patronizing our Mission small businesses. They not only contribute to Mission’s health and vitality, but offer personalized service and individualized attention that you can’t find just anywhere. They are truly the “heart and soul” of our great city. Send me a story about your favorite Mission small business, and let’s help to spread the good word!
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- Emily and Brent attended a meeting yesterday that secured the Safe Routes to School Funding ($68,000) for the addition of bike lanes along Lamar. The project is scheduled for 2020, and will also receive CARS funding.

- Spot curb repairs are underway throughout the city to address the worst areas identified from either our inventory or those reported following the hard winter. The rain has slowed the work slightly, but crews hope to wrap up in the next week or two.

- This week we welcomed another new face in the Community Development Department. Becca Brown joined us as our new full-time Neighborhood Services Officer. Her time will be devoted almost exclusively to addressing property maintenance/code issues in the field.

- Starting next week, the Public Works facility will get a little “sprucing up for spring” with some landscape clean-up and sod. You’ll be able to check it out when they host a Council/Staff/Commission BBQ on May 23rd. Stay tuned for details.

- The Space Needs consultants spent a full day on Monday touring the City Hall and Police facilities and conducting sit down interviews with staff in each functional area. This is the first critical step in advancing the first phase of the project, and we look forward to their report in mid-June.

Thanks to John Vaughn, Aaron Cherry and Jim Pennington, the Community Center’s planters have been arranged so we can enjoy them throughout the summer! I never cease to be amazed at the talents of our staff!

The Mission McDonalds is currently getting an update and refresh. The project includes both interior and exterior renovations, and was approved by the Planning Commission last year. The dining room is closed to the public, but the drive-thru remains open throughout construction. We look forward to watching the changes over the next several weeks. Plans will also be coming forward to the May 2019 Planning Commission meeting to convert the former Taco Bell building on Johnson Drive to a Slim Chickens restaurant.

City of Mission - Employee Profile

Rob Meyers: Staff Support Sergeant
Employee since: September 4, 2003

What do you do?

I do a little of everything. Department vehicle maintenance, vendor management, training, new hire processing. As “uninteresting” as it may sound, my job actually has a direct impact on all operations of the Mission Police Department.

What do you like most about your job?

I like that everyday is different. One minute can be working on a long term project, and then an issue arises that needs immediate attention. You have to be flexible.

How does your work impact the lives of Mission residents?

I am in charge of making sure the officers have the equipment, training and anything else they need to respond to the citizens’ requests. It is my job to ensure that the Police Department is prepared to carry out not only our daily functions, but that we are also ready for whatever the future might hold.