



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Mayor and Commissioners

FROM: Clai Brown, City Manager

DATE: June 26, 2015

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY REPORT**

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- Pogo Pictures of Decatur will be filming a commercial for “Airheads” at the Aikido Center of Atlanta, located at 116 Center Street in Avondale Estates. The scene will show children practicing martial arts.
- The City, with assistance from the Atlanta Regional Commission, held an Open House meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Update. Results of the meeting will be tallied and reported. Available Comprehensive Plan materials and information are posted on the City’s website: <http://www.avondaleestates.org/comprehensive-plan-update.html>.
- The City Planner attended the required annual Main Street Manager’s Meeting in Covington, Georgia. Items discussed included upcoming program requirements, possible changes and opportunities.
- A meeting was held with Integrated Construction to discuss the agreement for the Willis Park site improvements. Once the agreement has been completed, the Board of Mayor and Commissioners will discuss it in an upcoming work session.
- Staff met to finalize Fourth of July activities for the parade and fireworks show. Two promotional banners featuring event sponsors’ logos/names have been placed by Sams Crossing and the clocktower. Read the fireworks traffic plan on the City’s website: <http://www.avondaleestates.org/resources/Events/4th-july-fireworks-traffic-plan.pdf>.
- The City received an application for a Conditional Use Permit for a dentist’s office, which is categorized as Medical and Health Services, Office and Retail Health Uses. Staff reviewed the application and requested additional information. The lot is currently vacant and the applicant would like to build a new facility. Staff is working with the applicant.

- The team from Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates met with City staff to review the project concept report prepared as part of the US 278 corridor Feasibility Study. View the draft concept report on the City website: <http://www.avondaleestates.org/resources/pdfs/us-278-corridor-draft-concept-june-2015.pdf>. In the spring of 2015, the City applied for a \$2.78 million project grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission. If the City receives the grant, the report will then be sent to the Georgia Department of Transportation. Nelson\Nygaard and City staff also discussed logical next steps.
- Staff is finalizing contract details for a new City website and expects to move forward with the preferred website development firm soon.
- Google Fiber announced they're starting construction of their metro-Atlanta network, which entails stringing and laying thousands of miles of new fiber-optic cable. Activity will begin in Atlanta's midtown area, so Avondale Estates residents will not see immediate activity. As Google Fiber gets closer to breaking ground in Avondale Estates, they will work closely with City staff to keep the community informed. For more information, read this Google Fiber pdf: <http://www.avondaleestates.org/resources/pdfs/google-fiber-construction.pdf>. Sign up for updates from Google Fiber on their website: <https://fiber.google.com/cities/atlanta/>.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- AEPD and City staff continue working with an HBO production crew to finalize an acceptable film permit for an upcoming production entitled “Confirmation” to be filmed in mid-July.
- AEPD and City staff continued preparations for the City’s Fourth of July celebration.
- Speed studies are being conducted to determine traffic speed and volume in locations where there have been reports of problem drivers.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Trimmed low-hanging limbs on Wynn Drive.
- Backfilled a hole in the verge on Lakeview Place.
- Removed dead limbs from a tree on Fairfield Plaza.
- Performed maintenance and prepped flower beds at Lake Avondale.
- Contacted an electrician to repair emergency lights at City Hall.

- Cleaned out City storm drainage area on Dartmouth Avenue.
- Followed up with DeKalb County Traffic Engineering regarding a damaged traffic light at the intersection of Clarendon Avenue and Kingstone Road.
- Site Visits-20
- Sign Violations-11
- Grass Violations-5
- Parking Violations-7
- Household Waste Removed-36 tons
- Yard Waste Removed-4 tons
- Special pick-ups-7