

WEEKLY MEMO

Date: August 10, 2012

To: Mayor Lynn Stauss. Council President Craig Buckalew, Vice President Wayne Gregoire, Council Members Marc Demers, Ron Vonasek, Henry Tweten, Greg Leigh, and Mike Pokrzywinski.

From: Scott Huizenga

RE: Weekly Update

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

August 21, 2012 – 5:00 pm – Council Meeting – Council Chambers

August 28, 2012 – 5:00 pm – Work Session – Training Room

September 4, 2012 – 5:00 pm – Council Meeting – Council Chambers

September 11, 2012 – 5:00 pm – Work Session – Training Room

WEEKLY UPDATE:

125th Anniversary Celebration

East Grand Forks 125th Anniversary celebration is in full swing as we head into the weekend. The wagon train from Fisher's Landing kicked off the event on Tuesday. Great crowds were in attendance Thursday evening for the Shriner parade and The Roosters at the Boardwalk. We expect crowds to swell for the weekend with continuous activity. Full schedule of events can be found through various media outlets and via the City's web site at <http://egf.mn/index.aspx?nid=365>. This event has also received great social media coverage from individuals, the Conventions and Visitors Bureau (@visitgrandforks), the North Valley Arts Council (@novac), the Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.facebook.com/THECHAMBERGFEGF>).

Pool

The internal swimming pool working group met on Tuesday to discuss options with the City Council upholding the Mayor's veto of the renovation project. Representatives from Save Our Pool were in attendance. The committee discussed timing for a potential rebidding of the project. The committee also was able to see an architect's rendering of a *hypothetical* redesigned pool (attached). This rendering is conceptual only. The scope of the proposal was to fit in a project budget of approximately \$2.5 million construction. Demolition, design, and contingency would be extra. Therefore, I anticipate such a project would cost at least \$3 million total. Obviously, that is significantly higher than the \$1.9 million total cost for the proposed renovation. The difference is a completely new pool with all new amenities. The renovation proposal stripped many amenities from the project scope to reduce the budget. New amenities conservatively would add \$300,000-\$400,000 to the renovation project. The committee expects

to recommend a proposal to the City Council as part of the 2013 budget process. The preliminary budget and levy is due to Polk County no later than September 15.

Green Choices Challenge

The Green Choices Challenge by Recyclebank recently posted its city standings after the first month of the competition. East Grand Forks currently stands at a respectable rank of 19th. I am confident we can do better. Please spread the word about the program. Get everyone you know to register and report each recycling day at www.recyclebank.com/greenchoices. There is also a link from the City home page. Residents can earn rewards just for reporting their recycling. And, East Grand Forks has an opportunity for a \$100,000 grant. Our recycling numbers indicate that East Grand Forks has a large percentage of recyclers already. Now, we just need to prove it. Residents can retrieve their PIN numbers on the web site if they are lost their original registration codes. Administration and Public Works staff can also assist residents in registration for the program.

No Work Session August 14th

August 14th is the state primary election day. Therefore, the City Council will not hold its regularly scheduled work session. The Council will hold a combined work session and regular meeting on Tuesday, August 21st.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Library, Charlotte Helgeson

The Library has completed its data migration to Evergreen. We are pleased with our choice and with the support received from PALS in Mankato. The IS staff within the EGF Water & Light Department has been excellent support and have been appreciative of the expertise and professionalism of PALS also. The online catalog is up and running. Numerous policies are being reviewed by staff and the Library Board due to more efficient handling of data. Patrons and staff will be learning new strategies for circulation and cataloguing. In the future, acquisitions and room reserves will be items to consider adding to our new software.

With Roof Reconstruction bids approved by Council on August 7, Kraus Anderson will be setting a pre-construction meeting at the library with the plan to begin work before the end of August with completion before the end of September.

The Summer Children programming “Imagine That at the Library” completed today with the Campbell picnic. The events were successful with excellent attendance and exceptional presenters. The programming was held with sponsorship from the NW MN Arts Council grant funding and numerous finances and goods being donated by many of our local businesses. Many hours of volunteers helped to create a safe and fun environment for the children.

Public Works, Jason Stordahl

The East Grand Forks 125th Anniversary Celebration is under way, and will proceed through Sunday August 12th. During the duration of the Celebration residents can expect minor traffic interruptions on Demers and in the Downtown area, do to multiple parades, fireworks displays, and other Celebration events. We ask that everyone drives safe, and uses extra caution downtown during the Celebration.

ZERO-DEPTH ENTRY w/
SPRAY & CANYONS (±\$3,000#)

(2) WATER SLIDES;
25FT. PLATFORM

INTERACTIVE
PLAY STRUCTURE

PASSIVE ZONE
FOUNTAINES

LINE OF EXISTG FACILITY

8FT. WIDE SIDEWALK

6LN / 25 YD. PROGRAM/COMPETITION POOL
w/ INTEGRAL DIVING BOB. (±\$4,000#)

DROP SLIDE

UNDERWATER BENCH w/ JETS

SHADE STRUCTURE

SOD/ SUNNING

FENCE LINE

BATHHOUSE (±2,800#) w/ ASSIST'D CHANGING

BIKES

NEW ENTRY CURB

FLASH DOWN

VORTEX

SHADE UMBRELLAS

COVERED PATIO

CONCESSIONS/
RETAIL

LIFEGUARDY/
FIRST-AID

ENTRY PLAZA

PROPOFF

SIGNAGE

PARKING

EXISTG STRUCTURE

CONCEPT POOL PLAN

EAST GRAND FORKS

1" = 40'-0"

