



Office of the City Manager

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *PUK*

DATE: June 15, 2012

SUBJECT: Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

COMPLETION OF ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IHDA) TRUST FUND GRANT. The City, through its Planning and Growth Management Department, has expended the funds awarded from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) grant. The City received an additional down-payment assistance grant, in the amount of \$249,000 from IHDA in 2009. Funds and program guidelines were released by IHDA in late 2010, with a funds expenditure deadline of June 2012. The IHDA grant, in combination with the City’s HUD funds, increased the amount of grants available for individuals.

In total, 77 first time homebuyers received an IHDA and City HUD combination grant representing a total of approx. \$6 million in housing sales.

The chart below totals the properties per Council District that have been assisted with the IHDA and City HUD combination grants:

Council District 1	Council District 2	Council District 3	Council District 4	Council District 5	TOTAL
1	15	29	26	6	77

As of May 25, 2012, the Down Payment Assistance Program is closed for new applications. With the completion of the IHDA grant, only City HUD funds remain for the Program. It is anticipated that the Program will reopen in late 2012 or early 2013. Staff will continue to explore additional funding opportunities to leverage limited Federal funds.

Any individual, who would like additional information regarding the Program, should contact Nicole Frederick, Grants Coordinator at 494-8606 or nfrederick@ci.peoria.il.us.

WELLNESS PILOT PROGRAM. The City’s Health Care Committee has offered a Wellness Pilot program that was proposed and endorsed by the City’s Health Care Consultant, Jeff Scarpinato. During the pilot program, 50 slots were made available and offered to members of the Committee and each of the bargaining groups (Police, Fire, AFSCME, Crafts & Trades) as well as Management employees on a first-come, first-serve volunteer basis.

The program is run through Genesis Occupational Health Wellness of Iowa and uses Naturally Slim Healthy Lifestyles Classes to promote wellness. The classes consist of 10 web-based educational sessions designed to impact Metabolic Syndrome risk factors. Metabolic syndrome is a clustering of risk factors that increase chances of developing heart disease, diabetes, and stroke and are also key drivers of medical expense. Those factors include blood pressure greater than 130/85, triglyceride level greater than 150, fasting blood glucose above 100, HDL (good cholesterol) less than 40 in men or 50 in women, and waist measurement greater than 40" in men or 35" in women. The program focuses on not what you eat, but when and how much you eat. It stresses reduction in sugar consumption and encourages eating slowly, portion control and walking to generate weight loss. Jeff Scarpinato has used this program to target metabolic syndrome with other employers and reports that he has seen sustainable results with reduced risk factors and reduction in plan costs over a 5-year period.

The Pilot program began in May and will conclude in mid-July. The cost is \$500/per person and includes pre- and post-program blood work. At the conclusion of the Pilot, the Committee will conduct a survey of participants to gauge overall success and interest. The Committee will then explore offering this as a Wellness Initiative to our insured population. The health reimbursement and health savings accounts, which were set up for insured participants in 2012, are possible vehicles to promote wellness initiatives by increasing the money offered in these accounts for those who participate in a wellness program.

The City's Committee will also explore other viable programs to offer to employees with possible incentives for participation and completion to promote wellness in order to affect the overall medical costs for both the City and insured employees.

TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING CODE REGARDING MOBILE FOOD BUSINESSES. On May 3, 2012, the City of Peoria Zoning Commission approved a text amendment to the zoning code that would have permitted mobile food operations (both "food trucks" and "pushcarts") to operate from private property that was zoned as industrial or institutional. The text amendment made reference to the proposed revisions to Chapter 18 that would have created a license process for food trucks. Items voted upon by the Zoning Commission must be brought to the City Council within 90 days, unless the petitioner withdraws his or her request. The City Council rejected the ordinance that would permit food truck operations within the City at its June 12, 2012 meeting, rendering the zoning issue moot. Given that in this case the City itself was the petitioner for the change, the request has been officially withdrawn.