



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*

DATE: November 1, 2019

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.

Community Development-Trash or Treat

This past Saturday, October 26, 2019, the Community Development Department partnered with the Renaissance Park Community Association Park to host the City's annual Trash-or-Treat litter clean-up. RPCA invited members of Bradley's community service organization, *BradleySERVE*, to participate in beautifying Main Street.



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Through this event, Bradley students helped clean the City's streets and neighborhoods for this upcoming Halloween's trick-or-treaters. City staff volunteers were present to facilitate and assist as well.

For additional information, please visit AppreciatePeoria.com.

Community Development-Reclaiming Vacant Properties



In the beginning of October, the Community Development Department presented at the Center for Community Progress's National Vacant Property Conference. City staff members provided information on the City's innovative Code Enforcement programs to members of local governments and organizations from around the country.



Community Progress is the leading national, nonprofit resource for urban, suburban, and rural communities seeking to address the full cycle of property revitalization. The organization fulfills its mission by nurturing strong leadership and supporting systemic reforms, while working to ensure that public, private, and community leaders have the knowledge and capacity to create and sustain change. For more information on the Center for Community Progress, visit <https://www.communityprogress.net/>.

For a copy of the Community Development's presentation, contact Assistant Director Joe Dulin at jdulin@peoriagov.org.

Community Development- Community Development's Housing Action Illinois Presentation

On Friday, October 28, Community Development Assistant Director Joe Dulin, Grants Manager Kathryn Murphy, and Thomas Fulop from Salvation Army presented at the Housing Action Illinois Conference in Bloomington, IL, about the City's Rehousing Program. Started in 2018, the rehousing program provides tenants with no other means case management assistance through the Salvation Army. Tenants are relocated to another rental unit when code enforcement declares their unit uninhabitable due to landlord neglect. The landlord is then billed for these additional expenses as well as criminal housing management tickets. Any collected tickets are returned to the program budget.

This unique, proactive program was selected out of numerous entries to discuss the function of code enforcement, the creation of the partnership, and day-to-day programmatic operations. Hundreds of housing professionals across Illinois attend the conference each year. The local NPR station also attended the workshop and wrote a story about the model program, available here: <https://www.wglt.org/post/housing-matters-city-peoria-salvation-army-program-works-prevent-homelessness#stream/0>

For more information, please contact Kathryn Murphy at kmurphy@peoriagov.org.

Community Development-Engagement Opportunities

Engage with the City of Peoria

See below for information on
the different meetings and
where & when to attend!

About the Engagement Opportunities with Community Development

100 Blocks in 100 Days - Code Enforcement is taking to the streets in a new way, with inspectors walking 100 blocks in 100 days, knocking on doors to introduce themselves and their work with the City. Residents can speak directly to their inspector and share suggestions, comments, and concerns.

Questions? Contact Ashely Elias at aelias@peoriagov.org, or 309.494.8929.

Commission Meetings - The City of Peoria has a variety of commissions providing Council with input. This month, the Planning and Zoning and Historic Preservation Commissions will be meeting.

Questions? Contact Leah Allison at lallison@peoriagov.org, or 309.494.8667.

One Stop Shop - Every Monday, Community Development and various local agencies, including the Health Dept, Fire Dept, and Public Works, hold One Stop Shop, where citizens can come to seek answers for all of their development-related questions.

Questions? Contact Leah Allison at lallison@peoriagov.org, or 309.494.8667.

Trash Or Treat - Trade in a bag of litter for candy! Join the Renaissance Park Community Association as they help clean up their neighborhood for trick-or-treaters.

Questions? Contact Kaylee Drea at kdrea@peoriagov.org, or 309.494.8624.

City Hall-O-Ween - Trick or treat at City Hall! Members of the public are invited to bring their children to City Hall to pick up sweet treats, learn about city government, and meet their public servants. A welcome map will be provided upon entrance to City Hall to guide trick-or-treaters and their families to participating offices in the building.

Questions? Contact Kaylee Drea at kdrea@peoriagov.org, or 309.494.8624.

Dates, Times, and Locations of Engagement Opportunities

100 BLOCKS IN 100 DAYS

Starts Tues, 9/3/2019, continues for 100 days
Citywide

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Thurs, 10/3/2019 - 1pm
City Hall, Rm. 400 - 419 Fulton St, Fourth Flr.
Rm. 400

ONE STOP SHOP

Every Monday - 1:30pm
City Hall, Rm. 400 - 419 Fulton St, Fourth Flr.
Rm. 404

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Weds, 10/23/2019 - 8:30am
City Hall, Rm. 400 - 419 Fulton St, Fourth Flr.
Rm. 400

Trash or Treat

Sat, 10/26/2019 - 8am to 12pm
622 W Main St

CITY HALL-O-WEEN

Thurs, 10/31/2019 - 3 to 5pm
City Hall - 419 Fulton St

For additional information or for persons with disabilities who may need additional assistance, contact the person listed under each heading or go to www.appreciatepeoria.com!

Community Development-Agencies Partner for South Side Market

Southside Farmers Market

Fresh, affordable food and much, much more!

When:

Saturday, November 9
Saturday, November 16
Saturday, November 23

Time:

9am - 1pm

Where:

Old Aldi / Save-A-Lot
parking lot,
210 S. Western Ave.



Local health agencies
will be at the market
with tasty recipes,
nutrition activities,
and more for
shoppers and visitors!

Contributors include: SCUC, Intangible Mindz, Peoria City/County Health Department, OSF Healthcare, Saint Francis Medical Center, Greater Peoria EDC, Peoria Public Schools, South Side Mission, and City of Peoria

Peoria Public Schools – Update from Superintendent Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat

Peoria Public Schools shows progress with four schools moving up a designation, two-thirds of schools experiencing growth

PPS continues to invest in re-imagining its schools by improving literacy, providing technology to every student and personalizing education

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) today released the annual Illinois Report Card, which provides a detailed look at each school's progress on academics, student success, school culture and climate, and financial investments. Peoria Public Schools has prioritized student growth and has shown progress with two-thirds of all schools in the district experiencing growth in ELA or Math in the last year.

As a result of those improvements, four schools in the district moved up a designation on the Illinois Report Card, including one school – Kellar Primary – receiving Exemplary status. Three other designation improvements also occurred, with Whittier Primary and Thomas Jefferson Primary moving to Commendable status and Calvin Coolidge Middle moving from Lowest Performing to Underperforming. No schools in the district experienced a downgraded designation.

“We are committed to all students growing academically and growing in strength of character as a result of attending our schools,” said Superintendent Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat.

Peoria Public Schools continues to invest in new ways to serve our students in order to educate the whole child and to prepare students for careers in the 21st Century. To emphasize a district-wide focus on literacy and reading at or above grade level by third grade, a re-designed literacy framework was implemented at the K-5 level that is supported by new reading resources and bolstered by an influx of reading books to schools and classrooms. Through the generous donations from our community and through our own investment, the addition of these books is aiding us in our goal of eliminating barriers to daily reading and positioning our students to stay on track in the early stages of their education.

At the high school level, numerous dual-credit career pathways and internship opportunities have been established in order to provide experiential learning for students.

A select group of students are currently accelerating their learning by participating in the D² Program, which will allow them to graduate high school with a diploma and an Associate's Degree at no cost to the student. This year, grant-funded programs totaling up to \$7 million, such as the **21st Century program, Lights On, Peoria** and the **Full Service Community grant**, will target students in need of more support with meaningful learning experiences outside of the traditional school day.

“Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) is filling a variety of needs in Peoria Public Schools, including expanding technology, hiring teacher aides and helping to cushion the impact of negotiated salary raises for the district's teachers,” said Desmoulin-Kherat.

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Harnessing the power of modern technology should be the bedrock of a quality education in the 21st Century, and Peoria Public Schools has a goal of being one-to-one, where a computer or tablet is provided for every student. Thanks to the Evidence-Based Funding stream, Desmoulin-Kherat said, the district is much closer to that goal after purchasing about 1,400 tablets in the past year to ensure students have the technology to access the modern world.

Providing more academic and social-emotional supports in the classroom for students was also a top priority for Peoria Public Schools. Desmoulin-Kherat said the district invested EBF dollars into adding additional SEL supports at the elementary and middle schools, including aides and specialists in the field.

“As we continue to boldly address an outdated educational framework, we are exploring ways to re-imagine learning in our schools,” she said.

To take the 27 schools in the district into the next five years, a diverse group of staff, working side by side with a cross section of stakeholders, have embarked on the process of crafting a Strategic Plan that will chart the course of Peoria Public Schools’ future. In the coming months, community meetings will be held to engage in a dialogue and collect feedback on how to re-imagine education in Peoria Public Schools. Community input will be highly valued as the district transforms learning experiences to reflect students’ mastery of the 21st Century skills: creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration.

The evolution of Peoria Public Schools in the coming years will continue to build on the progress and growth demonstrated by the district’s students.

View the complete Peoria Public Schools Report Card data at www.illinoisreportcard.com.

Serve passionately,



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

Development Review Board Agenda

Please see attached.

Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda

Please see attached.



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD AGENDA

Plans Distributed: **October 30, 2019**

Comments Due: **November 6, 2019**

Building/Projects this Week

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description
19-1708	5805 N KNOXVILLE 14-16-376-003	COMMERCIAL ALTERATION	Exterior Alteration – Cyd’s – CD 3 – WS/KW
19-1734	4216 N KNOLLRIDGE 14-28-202-006	RESIDENTIAL ALTERATION	Solar Panels – Power Home Solar – CD 3 – RM/KW

Building Permits Issued

Commercial		Residential	
New Commercial	-	New Single-Family Dwelling	1
Commercial Alteration/Addition	5	Residential Alteration/Repairs/Additions	6
Commercial Demolition	-	New Garage	1
Electrical	1	Electrical	15
HVAC	3	HVAC	3
Plumbing	2	Plumbing	-

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY

The following information was provided by the **Community Development Department** and the **Peoria City/County Health Department**. This section is not intended for your review; the intent is to provide additional information.

Community Development Department

Total Construction Value for 2019	\$ 78,353,210.00
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Certificates of Occupancy Issued

Address/Location	Business Name	Date Issued	CD
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Community Development Department

Address/Location	Project Type	Information Update	CD
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Peoria City/County Health Department

Address/Location	Business Name	Information Update	CD
311 Main St.	Jai’s Multicultural Cuisine	10/27/19	
619 S Water St.	Mack’s	10/27/19	

Planning Inspector	Leah Allison	Kimberly Smith	Kerilyn Weick	Josh Naven
Phone	494-8667	494-8612	494-8606	494-8657
E-mail	lallison@peoriagov.org	kismith@peoriagov.org	kweick@peoriagov.org	jnaven@peoriagov.org
Building Inspector	Roberto Medina	Wesley Stickelmaier	Rich Storm	Matt Ziller
Phone	494-8623	494-8608	494-8632	494-8628
E-mail	rmedina@peoriagov.org	wstickelmaier@peoriagov.org	rstorm@peoriagov.org	mziller@peoriagov.org



**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019
CITY HALL, ROOM 400 – 1:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF JUNE 13, 2019 MINUTES**

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

Deliberations will be held at the end of each case after public comment has been closed. No public comment is allowed during deliberations.

CASE NO. Public Hearing on the request of Michael Seghetti of Elias, Meghinnes & Seghetti, P.C. to obtain a variance from the City of Peoria Unified Development Code Section 4.3.4. Building Envelope Standards, to reduce the width of the front building façade from a required 86.82 feet to 21.08 feet in a Class C-G (General Commercial) District, for the property located at 1605 N. Knoxville Avenue (Parcel Identification Numbers 18-04-178-055 and 18-04-178-032), Peoria, IL. (Council District 2)

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- 5. CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**