



**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**



**TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager** 

**DATE: August 25, 2022**

**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- Applications for Violence Prevention Funding Now Available**

The city of Peoria has received funding through the American Rescue Plan for Violence Prevention programming. Applications are now open and will close at 2:00 PM on Friday, September 9th. This grant provides funding for programming focused on place-based efforts and supportive services to prevent crime and promote neighborhood safety.

Applications are available to not-for-profits, 501(c)3 organizations, and government agencies to provide violence prevention programs for City of Peoria residents. The minimum funding request is \$50,000 and the maximum funding request is \$250,000.

Programs must meet the criteria of one of five priority areas: Thriving Neighborhoods, Empowered Youth & Young Adult, Restorative & Resilience, Intervention, or Violence Reduction. All programs must be evidence-based and have measurable results.

The Violence Prevention Program is funded through the American Rescue Plan. Eligible applications will be reviewed by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Advisory Commission and agencies will be notified of funding decisions following City Council approval.

More information, including detailed program guidelines and a recorded application session, is available at [www.peoriagov.org/community-development](http://www.peoriagov.org/community-development).

For application questions, please contact the city of Peoria Community Development Department at [grants@peoriagov.org](mailto:grants@peoriagov.org) or by calling (309) 494-8600.

### **Community Development- 2023 CDBG Public Services Application Closes on Friday, Sept. 2**

The 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services application is now available and closes at 2:00 PM on Friday, September 2nd. This funding is available to not-for-profits, 501(c)3 organizations, and government agencies to provide services to low and moderate-income persons. Each organization will be limited to one application with a maximum award of \$30,000.

The city of Peoria receives CDBG funding each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Up to 15% of their annual funding amount can be used towards public service programs that serve low and moderate-income persons. Eligible applications will be reviewed by the CDBG Public Services Advisory Commission and agencies will be notified of funding decisions following City Council approval.

A training session was recorded and is available at <http://www.peoriagov.org/community-development/neighborhood-development-division/> under the “Applications and Forms” tab under “CDBG Public Services.”

To learn about program eligibility, access the application, or attend the online application training sessions, please visit <http://www.peoriagov.org/community-development/neighborhood-development-division/>. From the landing page, navigate to “Applications & Forms,” then to “CDBG Public Services.”

For other questions, please contact Associate Grants Coordinator Irina Riggensch at [iriggensch@peoriagov.org](mailto:iriggensch@peoriagov.org) or 309-494-8629.

### **Community Development-2022 Housing Rehabilitation Program Application Open**

On Wednesday, August 24, applications opened for the 2022 Housing Rehabilitation Program. Developed by the Community Development Department, this program provides a 50/50 matching grant with up to \$15,000 of assistance to property owners of single-family residential properties within Qualified Census Tracts (QCT) for exterior building and site improvements.

The purpose of the 2022 Housing Rehabilitation Program is to increase the owner-occupancy rate within the census tract, improve the outward appearance of homes, and increase property values.

To qualify for assistance, the homeowner must be located within a QCT and the total household income must be at or below 120% of the area median income by household size. Applicants must

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have homeowner's insurance, be current on their property taxes, cannot owe any fees or fines to the City of Peoria, and cannot have any environmental code violations.

To determine if a property is in a QCT, please visit [www.appreciatepeoria.com](http://www.appreciatepeoria.com) and select "Qualifying Census Tracts" from the dropdown menu under "Neighborhoods" on the toolbar at the top of the page.

To view income qualification requirements, please visit the "Grants Management" section on the Community Development page at [peoriagov.org](http://peoriagov.org). Go to the section titled "Applications & Forms". Alternatively, you can click on this link to apply:

<http://www.peoriagov.org/community-development/neighborhood-development-division/>

Applications, along with a brief training recording, are available at the above link. Applications will be accepted and reviewed until the funds are exhausted.

For more information, please contact Project Coordinator Lane Andrews at 309-494-8636 or [landrews@peoriagov.org](mailto:landrews@peoriagov.org).

### **Peoria Fire Department – Fire Station 4 Transitions to Western Avenue**



On Monday, August 22, 2022, Fire Station 4, located at 2711 SW Jefferson, was closed one final time. This station was built in 1952 and was considered state of the art with its two stories and triple bay. 70 years later, the Fire Department is proud to open the new Station 4 located at 509 S. Western Ave. This new station is located in the heart of the southside of Peoria and will offer greater access to the City of Peoria residents. The station is dedicated



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to Ed B. Gaines, the first African American firefighter in the city and served for several years. The Fire Department will announce an official opening at a later date.



**Peoria Police Department – Rose Event**

Everyone had a blast at Franklin Primary School's Rose Event Monday, August 22, 2022, even PPD Officers.





### **Peoria Police Department – Free Bike Giveaway**

What a turnout for the Peoria Police Department's "Free Bike Giveaway" Saturday, August 20, 2022. Community members who showed-up at PPD Headquarters were given a free (USED) bike on a first come first serve basis.



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



On August 1 and 2, Peoria Public Schools held ribbon-cutting ceremonies at five renamed schools. Three of the schools were named after prominent Peorians. Harrison Community Learning Center was renamed Annie Jo Gordon Community Learning Center.

With a career spanning nearly a half-century, Annie Jo Gordon touched the lives of many Peorians. In 1961, she became the first African American employee at the Peoria Journal Star. She served with the National Corporation of Israel and the American Red Cross Regional Blood

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Center. In 1965, she joined the Tri-County Urban League, eventually becoming Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. She retired in 2006.

Gordon moved to Peoria during the “Great Migration.” Despite the challenges of obtaining an education before the budding Civil Rights movement, she fell in love with learning. As a student, she grew to believe deeply in the transformative power of education. She was the first African-American to earn an associate degree in Business Management from Illinois Central College (ICC) and one of the first African-American women to graduate from Midstate College.

Gordon was the first African-American employee at the Peoria Journal Star and later at the National Corporation of Israel. She served as deputy administrator for the regional American Red Cross before joining the Tri-County Urban League, where she would work for 41 years. During her tenure she served as Summer Youth Employment program director, director of Employment Education and Economic Development Programming and assistant to the executive director.

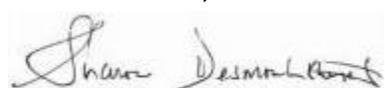
Through her work with Tri-County Urban League and her service to numerous central Illinois organizations, she cultivated a love of learning in her community. Among her community organization affiliations were Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc. (PCCEO); YWCA; American Cancer Society; League of Women Voters; District 150 School Board Advisory Committee; Easter Seals; Heart of Illinois United Way Loaned Executive Program, the Peoria Chamber of Commerce Leadership School, the ICC Adult Re-Entry Council, the Apprenticeship Advisory Group, and the Christian Education Board. She was a longtime member, deaconess and member of the trustee board of New Morning Missionary Baptist Church.

Gordon was a recipient of the Valeska S. Hinton Minority Advocacy Award; The Better Osborn Award; the YWCA Leadership Award and the Black Women’s Network Award.

Gordon was married for 40 years to Cleveland “Sonny” Gordon Sr. She and her husband raised eight children and two foster children including Illinois State Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth Deputy Majority Leader of the Illinois House. Members of Gordon’s family, Peoria community leaders and school staff and families attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Annie Jo Gordon Community Learning Center.

Gordon’s commitment to Peoria, and her love for its people were unmatched. Her passion for education guided generations of Peoria students and teachers to a bright future.

With Gratitude,



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**Community Development Weekly Report**

- Please see attached

**Planning and Zoning Agenda**

- Please see attached

# WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

## CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Date: 8/24/2022**

This summary document is produced on a weekly basis. It is used as an agenda for the City Development Review Board and as a transparency tool to allow the public to be aware of development in Peoria.

### 1. Summary Information

- **One Stop Shop** is held every Monday at 1:30 PM in City Hall. This is a free service for anyone who wants to discuss development with staff from various City departments, local utility companies, the Health Department, and CityLink.
- **Development Center Permits** can typically be issued immediately and/or do not require an extensive review period. These permits include most trade (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.) permits, repair permits, new single-family residential construction, alteration/additions, and demolitions.
- Each permit application includes a self-reported value of the project. The **Total Value of Development (YTD)** is the sum of these reported values.

	This Week	YTD
One Stop Shop Customers	2	38
Development Center Permits Issued	52	1,157
Total Value of Development	\$ 3,715,923	\$ 105,157,367

### 2. Development Review Board Projects

- The **Development Review Board** is a group of City staff, local utility representatives, and other local government agencies that review and comment on more complex development applications and cases that are required to go to a public hearing.
- Items listed below with the prefixes HPC, PZC or ZBA in the first column are considered **Plans**. **Plans** are development applications that require multiple departments to review for compliance and include a public hearing before a City Commission; in some cases, **Plans** may also require a final decision by the City Council.
- All other items listed below are **Building Permits**. **Building Permits** are development applications that require multiple departments to review for compliance but do not require a public hearing or City Council review.
- The **Staff Assigned** to each item is the primary contact person for any inquiries.

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
COM-5763-2022	701 NE Perry Ave	Commercial Alteration	Int. Ext. Alt. – Corner Market	3	KW
COM-5785-2022	8100 N University St	Commercial Alteration	Ext. Alt. – Better Business Bureau	5	BE
COM-5807-2022	1501 W Pioneer Pkwy	New Commercial	New Construction – Cook Buildings	5	BE
MULT-5762-2022	1211 W Merle Ln	Multi-Family Alteration	Int. Alt.	2	KW
RES-5777-2022	7268 N Whippoorwill Ln	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	5	BE
RES-5780-2022	6812 N Fawndale Dr	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	4	JH

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RES-5803-2022	4321 N University St	Solar Voltaic	Ground Mounted Solar	2	KW
SUBD-1047-2022	4749 N Sterling Ave	Subdivision	Survey Plat – Jiffy Lube	4	JH

**Additional Activity**

- These projects are not subject to review by the Development Review Board.

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
SIGN-5808-2022	3024 N University St	Permanent Sign	3 Wall Signs – Royal Vape	2	KW

**3. Certificates of Occupancy Issued**

- **Certificates of Occupancy** are issued after the work authorized by a permit has been inspected and substantially meets all applicable codes and regulations.

Address	Type	Business Name	Council District
None			

**4. Land Bank Activity**

- The **City Land Bank** acquires properties to hold for future development, it transfers properties to new owners when possible, and it demolishes unsafe and abandoned structures to reduce blight in the community.

Properties Acquired			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Received Through
None			

Properties Transferred to New Owner			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Transferred Through
18-18-327-012	2708 W Latrobe St	1	Quit Claim Deed

Properties Demolished			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Ownership Type and Reason
18-18-428-023	1319 S Easton Ave	1	City - Planned
18-08-357-021	1701 W Lincoln Ave	1	City - Planned
18-18-230-011	1926 W Lincoln Ave	1	City - Planned

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**5. Peoria City/County Health Department License Information**

- The **Peoria City/County Health Department** licenses multiple types of food establishments. The information in this table is provided for informational purposes only.

<b>Address</b>	<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Council District</b>
6025 N University St	Noah Market	Plans Received	2

<b>Community Development Department Contact Information</b> Staff who are typically assigned to manage development applications.	
<p><b>Leah Allison (LA)</b> <i>Asst. Director of Com. Dev.</i> 494-8667</p> <p><b>Josh Naven (JN)</b> <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8657</p> <p><b>Kerilyn Weick (KW)</b> <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8606</p> <p><b>Julia Hertaus (JH)</b> <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8649</p> <p><b>Blake Eggleston (BE)</b> <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8612</p>	<p><b>Rich Storm (RS)</b> <i>Building Safety Manager</i> 494-8632</p> <p><b>Matt Ziller (MZ)</b> <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8628</p> <p><b>Craig Reid (CR)</b> <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8925</p> <p><b>Issac Garcia (IG)</b> <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8921</p> <p><b>David Miller (DM)</b> <i>Electrical Inspector</i> 494-8923</p>



**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022  
CITY HALL, ROOM 400 – 1:00 P.M**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4, 2022 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.** PZ 1031-2022 Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of Dimitar Atanasov and Keila Sierra to obtain a Special Use in a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District for a Short Term Rental for the property located at 2305 E Grand View Ave (Parcel Identification No. 14-26-176-017), Peoria IL (Council District 3)

**CASE NO.** PZ 1032-2022 Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of Dimitar Atanasov and Keila Sierra to obtain a Special Use in a Class R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District for a Short Term Rental for the property located at 3119 N Knoxville Ave (Parcel Identification No. 14-28-377-071) and including, for access only, the property located at 3207 N Knoxville Ave (Parcel Identification No. 14-28-377-070 and 14-28-377-048) in a Class R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District and a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District, Peoria IL (Council District 2)

**CASE NO.** PZ 1037-2022 Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of Andrew Scott, of Dykema Gossett PLLC, on behalf of World of Weed Inc. to amend existing Special Use Ordinance Nos. 13,111 and 13,194, as amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District to allow for an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary, for the property located at 3929 W War Memorial Dr and commonly known as the Willow Knolls Shopping Center (Parcel Identification Nos. 13-12-300-018, 13-12-300-020, 13-12-300-021, 13-12-300-022, 13-12-300-024, 13-12-300-030, 13-12-300-031, 13-12-300-032, and 13-12-302-003), Peoria IL (Council District 4)

**5. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**6. CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**