



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 

DATE: June 15, 2023

SUBJECT: Issues Update

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



Freedom & Remembrance Memorial Park Officially Named



The City of Peoria held a program on Flag Day, Wednesday, June 14 at 10:00 AM to acknowledge the naming of a parcel located at 3917 S.W. Adams Street as Freedom & Remembrance Memorial Park. Guests included Mayor Ali, Council Member Denise Jackson, Project Founder Bob Hoffer, Lincoln Historian Carl Adams, Vocal Artist Sherry Carter-Allen, and Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, who delivered the

keynote address.

In 1836, this parcel was part of a larger tract of land granted to Aquilla Moffatt and subsequently became known as Moffatt Cemetery. Between the 1850s and 1905, more than 2,700 persons were buried there as well as remains of unknown persons placed in a mass grave after being removed from another Peoria cemetery. In 1905, the Peoria City Board of Health ordered the cemetery's closure, which was then abandoned. Records show that by the 1950s the property



was untended and overgrown, many gravestones had been removed or damaged, and the cemetery records were said to be lost.

The area was then prepared for commercial development and street expansion. Around 100 individuals are known to have been removed to other cemeteries from 1887-1936,

including nine members of the Moffatt family. However, more than 2,600 Peoria residents remain buried at the site. Included are 52 veterans, 49 of whom are Union Civil War veterans, and Nance Legins-Costly, the first enslaved person that Abraham Lincoln helped free when he won her case before the Illinois Supreme Court in 1841. Several buried there have links to the American Revolution.

A group of local volunteers has led the effort to create Peoria Freedom & Remembrance Memorial, which includes three large Illinois State Historical Society markers, a lighted flagpole, and an information storyboard. The mission of these volunteers was to establish a “fitting tribute to these forgotten citizens of



Peoria.” Their efforts have received national recognition from the Illinois State Historical Society, the Abraham Lincoln Association, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation of New York.

The memorial site was donated by the United Union of Roofers Local #69 for a nominal amount and approved for purchase by the City Council at the February 22, 2023, meeting.

Community Development - Community Cleanup at Bannon Neighborhood Park on Thursday, June 8th



The Community Development Department hosted a Community Cleanup ‘Pop-Up’ event in the neighborhood surrounding Bannon Neighborhood Park at 1302 N Sheridan Rd on Thursday, June 8th. Community Development staff picked up over 15 bags of trash.

For more information on future community cleanup events, please contact Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea at 309-494-8624 or [by email](#).



Peoria Police - CHEERS TO YOU, Saturday June 10, 2023

Peoria Police Officers were invited to Coach Bre Cottage, Cheerleading & Dance Company at 2390 W. Nebraska over the weekend, for their Peace, Love

, and Cheer event. Officers were able to interact with the Wildcat Cheerleaders and learn how to do flips and several cool stunts. The officers showed-off their squad cars and answered any questions the young ladies had regarding day-to-day police work.

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Peoria Public Schools Update

Peoria Public Schools is excited to roll out a new and improved website and mobile app. Visit peoriapublicschools.org or download the app “PPS 150” to stay up to date on the remarkable happenings at Peoria Public Schools.



With gratitude,

Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Ed.D

Community Development Weekly Report

- Please see attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 06/14/2023

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	1	26
Development Center Permits Issued	87	1481
Total Value of Development	\$ 2,667,721	\$ 90,714,430

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 inquires.

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
COM-9076-2023	4608 N University St	Commercial Alteration	Int. & Ext. Alt. – Gordon Food Service	3	KW
COM-9081-2023	401 SW Water St Suite 106	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. – Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhamer, Rodick, & Kohn LLP	2	JN
COM-9095-2023	2606 W Altorfer Dr	Commercial Alteration	Ext. Alt. – CMS Cepor Americas	5	BE
PZ-1426-2023	9601 N Allen Rd	Planning and Zoning Commission	Special Use - Carpet Cleaning Business	5	BE

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Additional Activity

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

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
RES-9096-2023	7622 N Walnutbend Dr	New Single-Family Home	NSFD	5	BE
SIGN-9088-2023	1917 N Wisconsin Ave	Permanent Sign	2 Wall Signs – The King House	3	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
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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
14-33-176-001	334 W Hanssler Pl	1	Judicial Deed

Properties Transferred to New Owner			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Transferred Through
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Properties Demolished			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Ownership Type and Reason
18-17-308-006	1503 S Greenlawn Ave	1	City - Planned
14-35-302-034	634 Vine St	3	City - Planned
18-08-404-017	1209 W McBean St	1	City - Planned
18-07-454-011	2330 W Howett St	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.

Address	Business Name	Description	Council District
Food Truck	Los Medranos Tacos	Plans Received	-
319 Main Street	The Station Commissary	Plans Received	2
3033 N Sterling Ave	Jerk Hut	Plans Received	1

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