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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: JULY 10, 2015
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Mesa Grand Visit

We had a successful strategic planning visit with the owners of Mesa Grand (the majority of land in our Greenway Industrial Park). Wednesday was full day meeting and visiting the property, considering recent recommendations of Chabin Associates and with the support of the Chamber, GJEP and the Business Incubator. The owners were visiting from their home in New York City and we were able to make a specific game plan regarding pricing of the land, landscaping, the entryway, virtual concepts and plans and target companies. We are appreciative of their willingness to continue working on improving and moving this property. Our Economic Development Team will be busy with our list of action items in the upcoming weeks.

TID BITS:

- Rain! I am still questioning if this is really the desert or not. Unfortunately our Thursday night concert was rained out last night.
- The Drainage District is trying to move forward with the recommendations for one entity and developing three committees to focus on preparing for this change. Some meetings will begin next week.
 - We removed the old kiosk on Aspen Street this week.
 - Sorter Construction will begin next week on the construction of the downtown streetscape project.
 - Also, United Companies will begin the road overlays next week starting with Pabor.
 - We repaired and replace concrete damage near City Market on Plum in preparation for chip seal work we will do on Aspen (in front of City Market and Gopher Foods and around the Circle at the end of the month.
 - Speaking of the Circle, after the chip seal is complete we will re-stripe the circle to one lane around Circle Park.
 - We are using the remaining grant funds from the completed West Ottley project to extend utility and road improvements west to the Fruita CO-op. Ottley will be closed in this section during the construction, but it will not be as disruptive as the first phase.
 - We are in the process of hiring a new wastewater operator at our WWRF.
 - The Junior Citizen Police Academy was in full force this week.

- We survived the Fourth of July without any major incidents related to fireworks and a wonderful fireworks display. We did have an incident with a person who was flying a drone to capture footage and the drone crashed on the property of the Highway Patrol.
- The County is now working on obtaining ROW and easement acquisitions for the J.2 Road project.
- The bench purchased from artist Jeff Bates by the Seniors with funds raised from collecting cans was installed this week at the Community Center.
- Budget work continues for preparing the 2016 budget ☺.
- We are preparing a request for proposals to be released near the end of the month for banking services as part of our due diligence over time.
- Website design is progressing well. We are also adding to our collection of professional photos of the area and videos of our locals to prepare for the launch currently scheduled for August 26.
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FRUITA IN THE NEWS:

- Meet the Interim Superintendent of the Colorado National Monument: <http://www.gifreepress.com/news/17125455-113/meet-ken-mabery-colorado-national-monuments-superintendent>
- “Why I love Fruita” : <http://www.gifreepress.com/news/17125445-113/opinion-why-i-love-fruita-colorado>
- Fruita man sentenced to 25 years: <http://www.westernsloopenow.com/story/d/story/fruita-man-sentenced-to-25-years-for-wifes-murder/15620/F5S8EqallUulQMdDd9Zxug> AND <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/man-gets-25-years-for-killing-his-wife>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **July 15th** from 9 am – about 1:30 pm is the AGNC Board Meeting in Fruita at the Fruita Community Center.
- **July 14 - July 18** is the Mesa County Fair (Tuesday – Friday 11 am – 10 pm and Saturday 10 am – 11 pm).
- **July 22nd** at 7pm is a District 51 Ambassador meeting at the Fruita Community Center.
- The **June** 2015 City of Fruita Meeting Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/documents/admin/mtgcal.pdf>.
- The **2015** Events Calendar is also available online at: http://www.fruita.org/documents/rec/EVENT_CALENDAR.pdf

CC: Department Directors

