

## CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

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This week we met with the team of local officials who worked together to develop a proposal for the NOAA project. The group discussed a number of concerns with NOAA's decision to select Newport, Oregon. A decision was made to contact other cities that were involved in the process as well as Senator Cantwell's Office and then make a decision on whether or not to file a formal protest. I will keep you posted as we continue to consider our position.

This week the Port Authority held a public information meeting on the Airport Master Plan. City staff members met with Jeff Robb prior to this meeting to review the information that was to be presented at the meeting. The Airport Master Plan includes an assessment of the runway length requirements and how improvements to the instrument approach will impact Lincoln Park. City staff expressed the importance of creating a new Master Plan for Lincoln Park before proceeding with any tree removal. The Port will hold a second public information meeting, planned for October 27, before the final plan is presented in mid-December.

On another airport-related issue, Kenmore Air is planning on applying for a federal DOT grant for \$360,000 to conduct a comprehensive 2-year marketing program. It appears that they will be very competitive for this grant which they believe is critical in order to build their passenger levels to a point where they can generate a positive return. This grant will require a 10% local grant and the City will be requested to help cover this local match. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Next week Yvonne Ziomkowski, Bob Coons, and I will be meeting with representatives of our employee unions to discuss the possibility of reopening the current labor contracts to eliminate the COLA scheduled for next year. The elimination of COLA increases will be a very important factor in our ability to balance the 2010 Budget without having to layoff any City employees.

Have a good weekend!

***-Kent Myers***