Monthly Grants Status Report

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Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED)

- Code Enforcement

  Staff continues to work on categorizing demo and anti-blight properties.

- Zoning

  An informational meeting on Northside Zoning was held on August 29 at the NACD office. About two dozen residents came to review maps and ask questions about the proposed rezoning following the Northside Neighborhood Plan approval. The Planning Commission will begin its review of the proposed zoning changes on September 6.

- Economic Development & Community Investment

  **Shared Prosperity (SPK)**

  SPK Goal Teams meetings start in September. Teams meeting will be:

  - Strong Youth: September 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the Upjohn Institute
  - Good Jobs: September 19 at the Upjohn Institute
  - Strong Families: September 20 at the Goodwill Industries

  **Event:** Melody Barnes – “We the People" The Promise of Democracy
  
  Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. 157 Bernhard Center – Free to public.

  Ms. Barnes will also meet with the SPK Coalition earlier in the day for an in-depth discussion on SPK. The presentation will focus on how economic insecurity and the country’s changing demographics have affected public confidence in American institutions and in American democracy. The will advocate for greater involvement in civic life of our own communities by highlighting opportunities presented by Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo. Western Michigan
University and the City of Kalamazoo have agreed to collaborate in the Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo Initiative. For more information contact the Walker Institute at (269) 387-2141

Economic Development

The Kalamazoo Black Business Expo was well received by the community. Forty black businesses represented as vendors at the expo. There was a “meet the resource” section where another eight small business support organizations were in attendance as vendors. SBDC, Can-Do Kitchen, SCORE and many others connected with participants and were able to introduce them to their services. Three to four hundred people attended the event and it has received rave reviews stating that they hope that the expo becomes an annual event and that they hope the expo becomes an even bigger event next year. Staff distributed surveys for the Housing plan as well as interest forms for consideration of support from the Business Development Fund.

Housing and Urban Development

The Community Investment Team is in the process of developing the 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan describes needs, resources, priorities and proposed programs to be undertaken with respect to HUD’s Community Planning Division formula. Public engagement with community members and partner agencies/organizations are required for the development of the plan. Much of our community engagement has been done through Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 and with the emerging neighborhood plans. Staff met with partner agencies on August 23.

- Community partners were invited, via our standard interested parties list, through invites via other partners and word of mouth.
- 39 people attended representing the following partner agencies/organizations:
  - KVCC and WMU, The Kalamazoo Promise
  - Gospel Mission
  - Agencies - Disability Network, GFM Synergy, HRI, CARES, Senior Services, KYDNet, Open Doors
  - Neighborhood Associations – NACD, Edison, Stuart, Vine
  - Churches
  - Kalamazoo Free Methodist Church
  - LISC/C of C
  - ISAAC, Kalamazoo Community Foundation, United Way
  - Kalamazoo County Land Bank, Kalamazoo County Planning, Fair Housing of SW Michigan
  - Community residents

- Topics included:
  - Direction of community being set by the Strategic Vision and Master Plan
  - HUD programs with focus on Shared Prosperity goals
  - Agencies were asked to complete a survey and discuss the following questions:
    - What do we do well in Kalamazoo?
    - What gaps in service do we have in Kalamazoo?
    - What are our greatest opportunities?
  - We discussed the concept of bringing resources to our homeless and that we will come to them for support/participation after we have asked the
community what their needs are.

- Surveys will be sent to participants next week to determine effectiveness and for continued improvement.

- Engagement continues to provide information for the 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan and the Analysis to Impediments to Fair Housing Plan. Engagement activities have included but not been limited to:
  - Black Expo
  - Community Partner’s Meeting
  - Real Estate Investors Associations (includes landlords)
  - Upcoming events
    - Best Baby Zone Northside Festival
    - Entrepreneurship Day – Western Michigan University
    - Returnee Event focusing on housing – Local groups

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA)

Brownfield staff moved to the Stockbridge offices at 415 E Stockbridge Avenue to complete the merger between Community Planning & Development (CP&D) and ED.

Staff attended the Lot 9 and Lot 2 groundbreaking.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) invited the submission of an application for a Refined Petroleum Grant for the 615 W. Kalamazoo project.

The BRA Board approved the Redevelopment and Purchase Agreement regarding the northern seven acres of Davis Creek Business Park.

The BRA Board approved the Brownfield Grant contract with MDEQ for the Lot 2 project.

I.T.

Staff closed 379 helpdesk tickets in August.

Staff replaced all of the perimeter network switches in City Hall. Other locations are scheduled for later September and early October with the core switches in City Hall in October.

Equipment and most licenses for the 311 department have been ordered with staff working with the contractor, DewPoint and Grand Rapids to set them up.

Human Resources (HR)

Staff completed the changeover of the flexible spending account vendor and transferred 186 employee accounts.

Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS)

KDPS cadets are taking classes at Lansing Community College’s Police Academy and have
temporary housing in Lansing as well. Staff have indicated all are doing well.

Of the 207 applicants that were invited to fill-out background packets for PSO positions, 106 packets were received. Background packet review was completed and 86 applicants were asked to schedule a first interview and agility testing to be held the first week in September.

Service Division has kept active assisting with various renovations at Headquarters by readying new patrol vehicles for use and bidding with vendors.

CID detectives have been busy investigating the numerous property crimes and shootings occurring in the city.

Patrol continues to address neighborhood traffic concerns, perform property checks and work on the issue of panhandling in the city.

The Kalamazoo Valley Enforcement Team (KVET) continued the battle against drug trafficking in and about the City of Kalamazoo. Investigations were performed and related guns were seized. They have not discovered any labs to-date.

Management Services

➢ Accounting & Budgeting

Staff attended the Priority Based Budget conference and will be working with Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) to update the City’s online tool to utilize for 2020 budget planning.

➢ Purchasing

Staff attended Kalamazoo’s first Black Business Expo on August 11.

➢ Treasury

Staff attended the Smart Meter Pilot Program meeting and will be using the new meters for lead service replacements, change outs and new meter service. Staff collaborated with Public Services and the Opioid task force to print Redbox information on utility bills beginning September 1 through December 31.

Parks and Recreation

➢ Recreation Division

The Recreation Division wrapped up many of the summer programs in August. The nine-week summer camp, Supervised Playground, and All Things Possible programs all came to a close on August 17. Following the conclusion of those programs is the beginning of Field Trip Fest, a one-week program taking kids on various trips throughout the week capped by a trip to Michigan’s Adventure. Field Trip Fest has continued to be very popular and both one-week camps filled to capacity of 60 participants and seven staff this year.

Staff have been busy planning for fall events and continuing to run Lunchtime Live! and Movies in the Park. We had one well attended movie in Frays Park on August 17 and look
forward to wrapping up the series in Bronson Park on September 7.

Kik Pool closed for the season on August 18, one week later than the pool has closed historically. Staff enjoyed a very successful season growing aquatic programs, adding the opportunities for families to host birthday parties at the pool, and lending a hand to local schools/clubs in need of a pool during the summer. The pool was host to five swim lesson classes, Aqua Fitness, swim club practices, a swim meet, public parties, and 320.5 hours of open swim.

Staff are focusing on wrapping up summer program reports and fall programs. After School and youth sport programs begin September 17.

➢ Communication/Outreach

Recreation staff attended the First Day Shoe Fund at Millwood Elementary School as hundreds of Kalamazoo families attended the event to receive a free pair of shoes and gain knowledge on community services. The event attendance was down with a change in location but staff were still able to engage in numerous meaningful conversations with the attendees about services and programs that are available.

Staff attended Bronco Bash to help represent the City of Kalamazoo. This event is always very well attended and is a great opportunity to engage with the Western Michigan University population and let them know about programs and services the City has to offer.

Staff attended a Youth Focus Group meeting at Oakwood Neighborhood Association. This meeting was to start conversations with the neighborhood about how they can better meet the needs of today’s youth and provide programs and services that can serve the neighborhood.

The MyCity end of year celebration was held at the Radisson to celebrate the youth earning certificates from the CareerNOW Training Pathway program. Staff attended this event to show support for the program that has helped so many youth and families in the community.

➢ Parks Division

August continued to be a busy month for the Parks Division. Kik Pool closed for the season on August 18. This was one week later than the past few years in effort to give the pool users and public more time to enjoy the pool. Work continues to be done to winterize the pool.

Work continues at Frays Park. Backfill was added around the asphalt path and grass seed will be planted the beginning of September to help optimize growing. The final walk through should happen after this is complete. We have seen a large increase in the users of the park, which is a great example of the Foundation for Excellence providing inviting public places in accordance with the Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 Master Plan.

Henderson Tot Lot continues to make progress. Asphalt for the basketball and pickle ball court will be installed at the end of this month and the contractor is awaiting the delivery of the new picnic shelter to install. We hope to have the park completed by the end of September for the residents to enjoy this fall.
A contractor was selected for Crane Park improvements. They are the same contractor that is currently working on Betsy Ann. They plan to begin park improvement work after Labor Day. Construction will continue into May of 2019.

Park Improvements at Rockwell Park are underway. We hope to have this completed by the time winter begins but the timeline will be weather dependent.

Communication/Outreach

Staff volunteered to help the organizers of the Disc Golf Course at Spring Valley Park on August 25. Crushed concrete was delivered by our staff and it was taken out to various tee boxes and spread in order for the organizers to begin building concrete tees. The disc golf course has seen increased traffic this season and the new tee boxes will continue to attract those who play the sport.

Staff participated in two more Master Plan community events this month. Staff attended the National Night Out in the Millwood Neighborhood August 7 and hosted a meeting after the August Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting August 14. Both events were well attended and staff received valuable input. Our planning firm is now in the process of putting the information together to present for use before they begin organizing the plan.

Public Services

Support Services Division

Installation of real-time GPS units on City fleet has continued with Public Services staff.

There were 97 new recycling cart requests taken during August.

Public Works Division

Vine Street – Davis to Westnedge
This project is substantially complete.

Rose Street – Academy to Water
This project is on-going and moving to the north side for bump outs and ADA ramps.

Howard Street Pedestrian Improvements
Staff are continuing to work on the easement with WMU.

W. Michigan/Howard Traffic Signal Upgrades
Signal foundations are installed. Directional drilling and sidewalks are anticipated within the next two weeks.

Pitcher Street - Kalamazoo to Michigan
The pre-construction meeting has taken place. Work is scheduled to begin September 4.

Wastewater Operations Division
Wastewater Treatment staff worked with the City of Parchment staff manning transfer pumps, hoses, and backflow preventers while City of Kalamazoo water main extended to the City of Parchment.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) has sent out notices to all industries discharging PFAS compounds above the water quality standard (WQS) to submit pollution reduction plans as required by the MDEQ. KWRP staff have been creating scripts for the new 311 call center.

Wastewater Treatment staff met with Charleston Township and Gull Lake sewer and water authority (GLSWA) to discuss transitioning their sewer collections Operation and Maintenance from City of Kalamazoo to Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority.

Wastewater Treatment staff and the Graphics Packaging technical team met to discuss progress in odor control efforts and next steps. Staff toured Graphics Packaging to see new odor control technology and met with the company representative to talk about trialing the equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- **Water Operations Division**

  In August, 81 lead services were replaced. To date this year, 319 lead services have been replaced.

  Five Boil Water Advisory Media Releases/Notifications and associated Lifting Notices were completed in August associated with the three new pressure reducing stations near Parchment and a home flushing Media Release.

  Replacement well construction was completed at Water Pumping Station 4 by the Ohio Drilling Company. Afterward, final piping connections will need to be completed.

  Peerless-Midwest is scheduled to begin rehabilitation work on Production Well 1-1. City staff are also performing auto-surging on several wells.

  Water staff was in emergency response mode to address the elevated PFAS levels in the Parchment PWSS. Much reporting has been done on this top-priority project that has included a complete take-over of the Parchment water system with the City of Kalamazoo’s water system. Numerous sampling, twice daily, water quality, lead and copper, and PFAS continues between the two systems. Hard pipe connections have also been completed.

  Storm Water: Staff completed fifteen outfall inspections. Staff are wrapping up the required outfall inspections for 2018.

  Staff have completed 114 cross connection inspections since the beginning of the year. Staff will be moving to a cross connection focus starting in September. The Cross Connection Control Program has received 76% of the required backflow test reports that were required on August 1. A second notice will be sent out to facilities that have not submitted their test reports. Current staff trained new staff on Cross Connection inspection procedures, worked on 311 scripts for Cross Connection, and updated the local certified testers list.