



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 20, 2021

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Community Development Department Report for August 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Community Development Department Report for August 2021

DISCUSSION

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES – Staff has started the Caltrans' Encroachment Permit Application process for the Sonora Christmas Parade. It takes between 6 to 8 weeks to complete the process and they have added an additional step due to COVID. The parade is scheduled for Friday, November 26th starting at 6 p.m. from the Red Church. Staff is also planning to bring Santa back to Courthouse Park this year along with the Sonora Chambers' planned Christmas tree display. With the loss of the City's Christmas decorations in the Washington fire, staff has also been reaching out to supply companies in an effort to replace both the banners and wreaths by November.

STOCKTON-WASHINGTON TRANSIT PROJECT – Staff continued to work with Caltrans and the Tuolumne County Transportation Council on the documentation needed to secure the CMAQ construction funds to move forward with bidding and awarding the project.

STEWART STREET SHELTER PROJECT – In coordination with the Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency (ATCAA), staff planned a Community Conversation for the Stewart Street Shelter Project. This public meeting was originally scheduled for August 30th but due to the Washington Fire it has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 12th at 5 p.m. This is the first public meeting to discuss the project and will include presentations by both City and ATCAA staff. Staff has also coordinated vegetation removal and continuous signage replacement to deal with vagrancy at the site.

ENCROACHMENT PERMIT – Staff has reviewed the City's current requirements and policies for Encroachment Permits along with the use of the City's sidewalks under the Municipal Code. Staff has also searched related policies of other cities. Staff will be preparing a draft ordinance for consideration by the City Council pertaining to the use of City sidewalks through an annual encroachment permit process.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) MONITORING – Staff received notification from the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that they would be conducting a monitoring of the City's CDBG activities in August. Staff submitted all of the required documentation to HCD for review prior to the first meeting. Originally, HCD had scheduled 5 meetings with staff for this monitoring but due to the City's accurate record keeping and compliance with CDBG requirements the monitoring was completed in three meetings with no issues or findings by HCD.

FISCAL IMPACT - None