Public Utilities Update

Utility Rate Study is on-going and to be completed by the end of May 2017 to fund utility capital improvements and sustain the operations of our existing water and wastewater capacity.

Manhole Rehab Project 64% of the scope of work completed as of the end of January 2017. Contractor has started working on manholes located in the roadways. Please drive carefully in these areas where utility work is being performed.

Public Works Department

Lakes

- Roundtable sessions were held last week with 32 property owners participating in the meetings. The Plan for Hydrilla Control was presented for comments. Many relevant and helpful recommendations and questions were received and will be incorporated into future work for all lakes. An additional 3,000 sterile carp will be added to lake Balboa when water temperatures reach a uniform 55 degrees. A comprehensive request for proposal is being developed to send to recognized commercial lake management companies to monitor the effectiveness of the carp, make recommendations for herbicide applications, and continue the monitoring of hydriilla control through the summer months.
- Dredging in Lake Maria will be complete this week. The boat ramp will be replaced to make boat access easier within the next two weeks, weather permitting.
- Lake Sophia dredging is 85 percent complete and work will resume this week in an area adjoining the golf course.
- Dredging of Lake Cortez will be continued mid-February, 2017 in selected coves.

Roadways

- Culvert repairs project on DeSoto Blvd was completed last week. Weather permitting, POA Street Department employees will begin repairing a section of the roadway that has settled within two weeks.
- A culvert at Docente & Balboa is scheduled for replacement within two weeks.
- Additional pavement markings will be completed when extended periods of warm temperatures are present.
- The 2017 Roadway Improvement plan is being developed thanks to the Public Works Committee members’ efforts in pavement evaluations.
**Administration**

**Permitting & Inspection Department Has Been Restructured:** Effective February 1, 2017, Jason Temple Director of Public Utilities will oversee the Permitting & Inspections function. Bill Staggs Director of Public Works will oversee Code Enforcement. Separating the two functions will streamline and enhance efficiency of both operations.

The Permitting & Inspections Department issues permits and conducts inspections for residential and commercial construction, alterations, fencing, walls, boat docks, propane tanks, signs, etc. and works together with the Architectural Control Committee to protect and enhance the property values and environment of Hot Springs Village. Jason Temple will be staff liaison to the Architectural Control Committee.

Code Enforcement ensures compliance with Hot Springs Village Covenants and Restrictions by researching and resolving reported infractions on both private and common properties. The department works closely with the Common Property & Forest Committee and the Administrative Fines Appeals Committee. Separating this function will allow more focus on identifying and resolving code violations. Bill Staggs will be staff liaison for the Common Property & Forest Committee and the Administrative Fines Appeals Committee.

**Annual Amenity Sales:** Sales for 2017 Annual Amenities will be available through February 28, 2017.

**Village Values – February 16:** “Live here, Play here: Community Planning for an Amenity Oriented Development”. Representatives from East Harding Construction, RPPY Architects, and Crafton Tull will be on hand, along with Director of Lifestyle and Development, Stephanie Heffer. The meeting is a first step in filtering and prioritizing individual ideas from the master plan workbook or other project-level discussions and transforming them into a comprehensive community planning process.

We will take a fresh look at projects such as the pool, pickleball, Balboa Art Center, and family park concepts and decide, as a community, those we deem as having the greatest impact on our enterprise goals. Join us to get an update on each of these projects and learn how you can help shape the final decision.

**The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department** will hold a Public Involvement Meeting on Tuesday, February 28th from 4 - 7 p.m. regarding safety improvements along Highway 7 between Bryant Road and Highway 298. Plans will be shown and comments taken from the public. If you have any questions, call Jeff Whatley Arkansas Highway & Transportation Dept. Public Involvement, Environmental Division at 501-569-2384. The meeting location is at Walnut Valley Baptist Church 1698 N. Highway 7.

**Golf**

**Cortez Golf Club New Restaurant Vendor:** HSVPOA is proud to announce the opening of Raffiaella Rose at Cortez Golf Club. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. For daily reservations, or to book a special event, please call 501.915.0855.

**Golf & Recreation Expo:** The Golf and Recreation Expo will be held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at the Coronado Community Center. Come and learn about the golf and recreation options in the Village.