



July 9, 2010

TO: Council President
City Councilmembers
Council Appointees

FROM: Eric Norenberg

SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Following are updates on various topics for your information. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Recreation Division

- Follow Up on Inquiry for Electric Outlet at Park Street Park – An inquiry was shared at the Council meeting on Tuesday night regarding a request for additional electrical outlets at Park Street Park for a popcorn vendor during the City basketball tournament. Historically, the City does not provide free power or water to vendors selling food or beverages in our parks for this tournament or other events. Power and water are the responsibility of the vendors. The City has no structure in place to safely provide these utilities in the locations that make sense for vendors, nor do we have rates in place to charge vendors for the utilities. The Recreation Division has been asked to consider this matter with OMLPS and Public Works after this season.

Public Works

- Water for Community Garden Pending – On Wednesday morning, staff conferred with Zion CDC Director Judy Wright and Zion CDC Boardmember Sundance regarding filling the garden water tank from the Parks Division water truck as suggested during the City Council meeting. Alternatives were explored and staff was authorized to assist in this way until either the tap is installed and activated or it rains. Meanwhile, parts were received on Wednesday for the tap and work began on Thursday to install the water service for the garden. Staff have been in contact with Zion CDC to coordinate their portion of the installation of the water service.
- Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Receives Great Response – Approximately 300 surveys were returned to City Hall by the July 1 deadline and a few are others still straggling in. This is approximately a 9.5 percent response rate. For comparison, the 1990 recreation survey had about an 8 percent response rate. The next step is analysis of the surveys and Recreation staff will be doing youth focus groups during summer recreation programs.

City Manager's Office

- Ridership Increases on the Second Day of the Oberlin Connector Service – The number of riders and destinations increased as LCT operated the second day of the new *Oberlin Connector* service. LCT's operator, First Transit, reported that operations "went well" with a total number of rides of 16. Destinations in Oberlin were Drug Mart, Wal-Mart, Oberlin Public Library, and the IGA. Destinations outside of Oberlin were the Lorain Library, and a doctor's office in Lorain on Cooper Foster Road.
- Annual Dues for NOACA Paid – The City's 2011 dues for membership in Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) were recently paid. This [report](#) provides more information about the work of NOACA.
- "What is City Management?" – This inspiring [poem](#) written by Gary Brown, city manager, Floydada, Texas, on the differences between "City Management" and a "City Manager."