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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

January 31, 2020

Council Update

Interested in Running for Council?

Packets to file for the May 2020 City Council election are now available in the City Secretary's office at Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road, Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm. The last day to file is on Friday, February 14 at 5pm.

Council Decides to In-Source Addison Airport Operations and Maintenance

Addison Airport has been managed and operated by a third-party operator since the Town purchased the airport in 1976. In January 2000, a contract with Washington/Staubach Addison Airport Joint Venture was executed for the management of the real estate portfolio and the operations and maintenance of the airport.

That contract was renegotiated in 2006 and new, separate contracts were executed for the real estate and operations and maintenance functions. The contract for real estate

services at the airport expires on September 30, 2020. The contract for airport operations and maintenance expires on September 30, 2022.

At the January 28 meeting, Town S staff recommended to Council that the revenue collection and accounting functions of the airport be in-sourced to the Town under the auspices of the Finance Department. Bringing this function into the Town will provide greater oversight of the collection and disbursement of airport revenue, full access to the Town's financial system, oversight by the Town Chief Financial Officer, and alignment with the Town's standard financial policies and practices.

Staff also recommended that the operations and maintenance functions of the airport be in-sourced to the Town as well. This will provide greater control over staffing and more closely follows the standard U.S. airport industry management practice. Staff recommended making this change effective October 1, 2020, which requires the early termination of the current operations and maintenance contract and an early termination fee of \$42,500 that will be paid from the Airport Fund. Current airport staff will be extended offers to become Town of Addison employees and continue to serve in their current capacities.

On January 14, 2020, the Council approved a contract with Landrum & Brown, Inc., for consulting services related to the renegotiation of the contract for real estate services. That action included Staff's recommendation to continue the provision of real estate services through a third-party contract.

You can [watch the Council's Airport discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Oncor Plans to Replace Transmission Towers Along Redding Trail

Addison Parks and Recreation Director Janna Tidwell briefed Council at its January 28 work session about Oncor's 1.3 mile transmission tower replacement project that will impact the cities of Carrollton, Farmers Branch and Addison. In Addison, the land upon which the Redding Trail and the Redding Trail Dog Park are constructed is owned by Oncor and included within the construction area.

Typically when Oncor embarks on a project of this scale, they attempt to bring easements into compliance with their current [Hike and Bike Trail Guidelines](#) established in 2014. This can include the removal of trees, shrubs, berms, and signage to access transmission towers.

Oncor is working closely with Town staff to balance Oncor's desire to comply with their hike and bike trail guidelines and the Town's investment into the beautification and functionality of Redding Trail. Oncor expressed to staff that trees planted within the sag zone (the low point of the wires between the poles) of the transmission lines and vegetation that exceeds the 15 feet maximum height requirement defined in the license agreement were the biggest concerns.

Oncor has heard staff and Council's concerns and offered several compromises which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Limit removal of ornamental trees to those directly around the towers and under the sag zone of transmission lines.
- Prune shrubs along park boundaries to 10' tall and the Town will agree to maintain that height moving forward.
- Allow the Town to temporarily remove light poles and signage in the path of construction, but allow the Town to re-install them once construction is complete.
- Limit removal of berms and shrubs to only those areas necessary for access.

- Repair turf damaged during construction with sod.
- Repair any damage made to the irrigation system.
- Repair any damaged concrete along the trail.
- Work with staff to allow maintenance of the area during construction.
- Allow existing spray irrigation to remain.
- Leave half of the Dog Park open for use during construction.
- Allow a seating area located directly under the transmission lines to remain.
- Allow the replacement of removed ornamental trees with new ornamental trees located within visual interest zones not to exceed 15 feet in height, per the original license agreement with Oncor.

Oncor plans to begin communicating with residents about the project in June. Vegetation removal, which will begin in July, is anticipated to take one month. Installation of the new towers is scheduled to be begin in August and be complete by the end of November.

You can [watch Council's discussion on the new transmission towers here](#) and [read the presentation here](#) .

Oaks North Drainage Project to Begin Middle of February

At its January 28 meeting, Council awarded Joe Funk Construction a not-to-exceed contract in the amount of \$494,812.70 for storm water drainage improvements in the White Rock Creek Basin along Oaks North Drive.

The purpose of the proposed construction is to address possible flooding issues in the area. The Town's 2017 Storm Water Master Drainage Study showed that in the event of a 100-year flood, a flood that has a 1% probability of happening, the depth of the flood could be as high as 1.2 feet. At this depth, several residential structures could be flooded. The 2017 Storm Water Master Drainage Study ranked this project as the second priority in the Town.

In order to alleviate possible flooding, the Town will install 1,000 linear feet of underground storm drain pipe that will carry storm water on Oaks North Drive downstream to the White Rock Creek Tributary. The project will include the installation of five standard curb inlets, storm water manholes, and related improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Construction is anticipated to begin in mid-February and will take roughly 90 days to complete. During much of the construction, Oaks North Drive will be narrowed to one lane. The contractor is required to maintain access for residents and public service vehicles at all times, as well as residents' access to driveways and mailboxes.

You can [watch the Council's Oaks North Drainage Project discussion here](#) .

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Presents Annual Report

In accordance with the Code of Ordinances, the Planning and Zoning Commission must submit an annual progress report to the City Council. Commission Chair Kathryn Wheeler presented the 2019 report to Council at its January 28 meeting.

During 2019, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed 20 cases including eight Zoning Changes, nine Special Use Permits, and three Plats. This is slightly below the average case load heard by the Commission over the past five years. Chair Wheeler shared that the three notable cases for the Commission were the Addison Circle Special

Area Study, the Prestonwood Place shopping center redevelopment, and the request by Village on the Parkway for several improvements to their property including the addition of residential units.

You can [watch Mrs. Wheeler's presentation here](#) and read the [Planning and Zoning Commission's report here](#).

Business Pulse

2020 Japan Currents Symposium



The 2020 Japan Currents Symposium, which is sponsored in part by Addison's Economic Development Department, will take place on Thursday, February 13 from 11:30am - 3pm at the Dallas/Addison Marriott Quorum (14901 Dallas Parkway). Join us for a conversation with two expert panels of executives, players, and historians on the economic and diplomatic importance of baseball within U.S.-Japan relations. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Meet and Greet at the Colonnade



Council Member Ivan Hughes joined Deputy City Manager John Crawford, Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos, and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr on Thursday, January 30 at the Economic Development Department's monthly Meet and Greet event. There were also representatives from

Metrocrest Services, Brookhaven College, DART, Town of Addison Census Committee, and Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce. Over 120 pounds of bananas and granola bars were given to employees as they arrived to work at the various companies inside the Colonnade Office Complex. With over one million square feet of space, the Colonnade is Addison's largest office complex and home to some of Addison's largest private companies including Hilton Worldwide, United Surgical Partners International, Google, and Zurich.

Public Safety

Police Records Office Has New Hours

Effective January 27, the Police Records Office has launched updated hours to better serve our citizens. The new hours are 7am – 6pm, Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed to the public on Fridays. We hope these hours will allow you to stop by before or after work, school, or whatever you have going on!

REACT and AFD Receive Lifesaving Awards



At the January 28 Council Meeting, Fire Chief David Jones presented Exemplary Action Awards to members of Addison-based REACT for their response to an emergency situation that occurred on December 20, 2019. When a REACT client suffered a life-threatening cardiac event, Ryan Bachik, Aaron Akeman, Emma Repass, Crystal Moses, and Jose Martinez sprung into action. They called 911, attached an AED to administer a shock, and performed CPR until the Addison Fire Department (AFD) responded.

Lieutenant Keith Davis, Fire Equipment Operator JJ Kaiser, Firefighter/Paramedic Cliff Shepard, Firefighter/Paramedic Deb Schwartz and Paramedic Peter Molitor took over quickly when they arrived, continuing CPR and beginning Advanced Life Support treatment. The patient improved during transport and was talking to crew members at the hospital. Chief Jones presented these dedicated AFD members with the department's life saving "Phoenix Award."

Doctors credit the patient's survival to the quick response of the REACT team and AFD's continued efforts. Much improved and feeling better, the patient was able to attend the

January 28 meeting and personally thank all those involved in his lifesaving efforts.

APD Promotional Ceremony



On Tuesday, January 28, the Addison Police Department (APD) held a promotion ceremony at Town Hall to promote three officers. Officers Rivera and Castaneda were promoted to Sergeant and Officer Smetzer was promoted to Lieutenant.

Sergeant Rivera served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was deployed to the Middle East four times before becoming a civilian contractor teaching military students firearms and tactics. He joined the APD in October 2017.

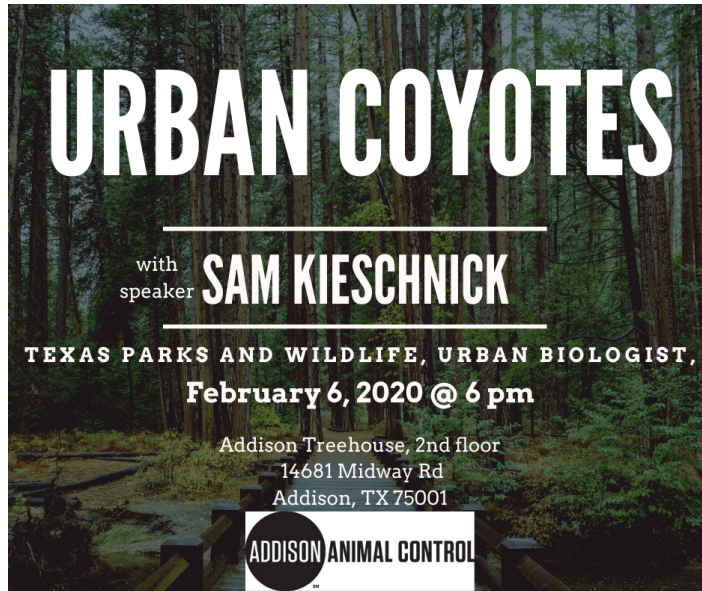
Sergeant Castaneda began his career in law enforcement with the Dallas Police Department. He was recruited to APD in September 2014.

Lieutenant Smetzer has worked for the Addison Police Department since August 2012 and currently serves as the Support Services Lieutenant. Before working for APD, he spent seven years with the Baylor Health Care System Police Department.

Congratulations to these dedicated officers and thank you for your service to the Town of Addison.

Around Town

[Learn More About Urban Coyotes](#)



The Addison Animal Control Department is hosting a presentation on Thursday, February 6 at 6pm at the Addison TreeHouse on Urban Coyotes. Texas Parks and Wildlife Urban Biologist Sam Kieschnick will be on hand to educate the community about the behaviors of urban coyotes and what residents can do to protect themselves and their pets. Grab your neighbors and join us for this informative community outreach program.

DART Hosts Silver Line Meeting





On Thursday, January 30, DART hosted a community meeting at the Addison Conference Centre to discuss the progress of the Silver Line. Mayor Joe Chow, Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Braun, and Council Members Ivan Hughes, Paul Walden, and Marlin Willesen were joined by more than 100 people to hear more about this exciting project.

Members of the DART team shared that the Design-BUILDER for the Silver Line Project, Archer Western Herzog, has begun field construction along the 26-mile alignment. Work will be conducted in and along the ROW, with occasional movement of workers and construction equipment at public grade crossings.

In addition to the preliminary field work, DART is also finalizing the design of the Addison Transit Center station and other improvements along the rail line in Addison and will have more to share in the near future.

DART has two more community meetings planned in February. You can find the details [here](#). In addition to attending community meetings, there are several other ways to stay informed about the project:

- Visit [DART.org/SilverLine](https://www.dart.org/silverline)
- Email CottonBelt@DART.org
- Sign up for project alerts at [DART.org/SilverLine](https://www.dart.org/silverline)
- Call the DART Hotline at 972-833-8256



Wednesday, February 5
Coffee with the Mayor
 10am
 Dunn Brothers Coffee
 3725 Belt Line Road

Thursday, February 6
Urban Coyotes
 6pm - 8pm
 Addison TreeHouse
 14681 Midway Road

**Thursday, February 6 -
 Saturday, February 22**
WTT presents: Harvey
 Addison Theatre Centre
 15650 Addison Road
[Tickets and showtimes available here.](#)

Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall:
 972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
 972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
 972-392-9300 , Option 2

Athletic Club:
 972-450-7048

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