



Office of the City Manager

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *PUK*

DATE: October 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

OPPORTUNITY ACQUISITION. At the October 4, 2011 Special City Council Meeting, Councilman Gulley inquired about "opportunity acquisition" projects. Staff replied that there had been no new funds for opportunity acquisition in many years. Opportunity Acquisition funding is never budgeted in the operating budget; rather, it has historically been budgeted as a capital project. These funds are used for strategic purchases throughout the City, as well as for any costs associated with the purchases, such as demolitions, environmental assessments, payment of real estate taxes, etc.

During the past ten years, two Opportunity Acquisition projects have been approved:

- FY2005 (Project E05003) – All funds expended and project was closed in April 2011.
- FY2007 (Project E07005) – \$100,000 was allocated in 2007, and \$67,273 remains unspent.

Please note that "land acquisition" is often included in the budget for certain road projects. In both 2009 and 2010, the City Council approved limited budgets for the *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive* project. The \$200,000 budgeted in 2009 and the \$100,000 budgeted in 2010 were exclusively designated in the CIP sheets as "land acquisition."

PEORIA PARK DISTRICT 2011 2ND QUARTER REPORT. Included in this week's Issues Update is the Peoria Park District 2011 2nd Quarter Report. **(Electronic Copy Only)**

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP BANQUET AWARD WINNERS. Here are the winners of the awards presented during the Neighborhood Leadership Awards Banquet on October 13, 2011.

- **Mayor's Award:** A person whose tireless efforts over a number of years has resulted in a positive change physically or socially in the quality of life in their neighborhood and City of Peoria.
Bernadine Nolan – Columbia Terrace North Neighborhood Association
- **Ted Bannon "Brick" Award:** A person who engages civic leaders (i.e., City Council, businesses and community stakeholders) in the completion of specific neighborhood improvement projects.
Bobette Shrode – Olde Towne South Neighborhood Association

- **Richard “Fuzzy” Lenz Award:** A quiet, behind-the-scenes person who personally assists the needs of their neighbors with no expectation of recognition or reward. ***Terese Speck North Florence Neighborhood Association***
- **Business Award:** A business that has demonstrated a commitment to improving the community. ***Advanced Medical Transport***
- **Youth Award:** A person under the age of 18 who has worked to improve their community. ***Cordney Spinks – Columbia Terrace North Neighborhood Association***