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SAVE THE DATE! Marina Steps Project Public Forum

On the evening of Tuesday February 13, from 6-8 p.m., at the Beach Park Auditorium, the City will be hosting a Marina Steps Project public forum. This meeting will include a presentation on the Project as well as an opportunity for public interaction with City staff and our consultant team. General information on the project can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Coffee with a Cop (CANCELLED)

The January 30th Coffee with a Cop has been cancelled. The meetup was scheduled for the Senior Activity Center however due to last week's pipe burst, the building is currently closed for repair. Stay tuned for additional dates.

Des Moines Police Host Local Religious Leaders

On Thursday, the Police Department hosted over 20 Des Moines area clergy, pastors, and church leaders to lunch at the department. The meeting was held in order to build and maintain relationships, promote community trust and enhance communication. Discussions included opportunities to collaborate on relevant issues and concerns.

Youth Soccer

Get your lil' kicker on a team! Youth Spring Soccer sign-ups are happening now with the season running from April 12th – June 8th. Information on soccer as well as the other great recreational programs the City offers can be found [here](#).

Zenith DEIS Public Meeting

A virtual public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 31, at 6 p.m. to allow public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Zenith Properties Demolition Application at the former Masonic Home/Landmark on the Sound. You can access the Draft EIS and other information by visiting the City of Des Moines project webpage [here](#). The meeting will begin with a brief presentation about the draft EIS, followed by public comments. All comments will be recorded and become part of the public record. Participants must register to receive the link and join from a computer or tablet on the Zoom platform to provide verbal comment during this event. Register [here](#).

Meetings of Interest

In addition to day-to-day administrative duties, this week I met with the Executive Director of SR3 (Sealife Response, Rehab, Research). I met with the City's Engineering staff to provide an update on City issues and to check in. I met with Mayor Buxton to discuss upcoming City issues and Council items. I met with Mayor Buxton and Deputy Mayor Steinmetz to prepare for the City Council meeting. I also met with Councilmember Harris to discuss topics of interest to him. I met with the City's Department Director's for a roundtable discussion on current and upcoming City issues. I also attended the Economic Development Committee meeting and the City Council meeting.

City Council Meeting Summary

The City Council held a regular meeting on January 25th. The full agenda and supporting materials from the 25th can be found [here](#). The Economic Development Committee met before the Council meeting, the agenda and materials can be found [here](#).

The next City Council meeting will be a Study Session on February 1. The agenda and materials for that meeting can be found [here](#). The newly created [Finance Committee](#) meets at 4 p.m. on the 25th, and the [Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee](#) meets at 5 p.m. (Agendas and materials in links).

Sports Update

The NFL scriptwriters continue to provide compelling storylines! Taylor Swift will once again be front and center this weekend as her boyfriend's team travels to Baltimore to take on the Ravens in the AFC Championship game on Sunday (Noon, CBS). That matchup is followed by the once lowly Detroit Lions heading to Santa Clara to take on the 49ers for the NFC Championship (3:30pm, Fox). The winners of these two games will meet in beautiful Las Vegas in two weeks for Superbowl LVIII (58). In season Hockey and Basketball continues this weekend if you are into that. 29 days until Spring Training.

Have a great weekend and Go Dawgs!
Tim George
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