

September- October 2010 Mayor Report

The 75th Anniversary Celebration of University Heights (1935-2010) was held on Sunday, August 29 with a **Parade** followed by the **Chautauqua event**, and **Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** of the Melrose Ave. Wide Sidewalk Project. It was a hot sunny day in which it was estimated several hundred residents and visitors clustered in shaded areas along the parade route. There were close to 50 parade participants with many from University Heights as well as participants from the greater Iowa City/Coralville area. It was a very special event and I heard only wonderful comments from the community. Check out the photos of the Parade, Chautauqua, Baking Contest, and Dedication and Ribbon Cutting ceremony on the city website: www.university-heights.org.

Special Thanks to Shive-Hattery for sponsoring the Celebration! Also a BIG THANKS to Ron Fort, Matt Fort, Don Strong, Brad Reinhard from the UHPD and reserve officers for their expert assistance for directing the parade & traffic control.

-Thanks to the many volunteers who made this event successful! I will attempt to name them.

Mike Haverkamp, Pat Yeggy, Jim Lane, John McLure, Harold Plate, Jeri Irvine, David Duncan, Ron Fort, Paul Moore, Kevin Perez, Laurel Haverkamp, Mike Noel, Catherine Lane, Sharyn Reitz, Melissa Torres, Dell Richard, Mary Richard, Nancy Collins, Christine Anderson, Tam Bryk, Walter Robles, Bill Gay, Bob From, Merle Puhrman, Karla Schmidt, Ken Yeggy

Sept.29- Attended the Emergency Management Meeting. Highlights: EMA will be launching a county wide **Code Red** to everyone registered on Oct. 13 at 2:00pm. University Heights PD had a Hazmat Ops Class on Sept. 19. JECC executive director interviews start soon. 30 candidates applied. Jim Malmberg, Hills Fire Chief is the new Hills rep.

JCCOG Planning staff will serve as review staff for the site plan / P.U.D. - planned unit development phase of the One University Place project.

I meet with John Yapp on Sept. 30th. John has indicated he and his staff are able to review development plan submittals, engage in dialogue with the site designers, identify any concerns or conflicts with the Zoning criteria and the Comprehensive Plan, and make reports to University Heights in written and verbal formats. John indicated JCCOG will point out any issues and concerns with the development plan, but that approval of the design plan will rest with University Heights. Because University Heights does not have planning staff of its own, this will allow for an office through which the site plan issues will be

reviewed and processed. JCCOG will also seek input from University Heights legal, engineering and housing staff. This process is consistent with how site development plans are processed in other cities.

Because University Heights pays an annual assessment to JCCOG for service, there will not be any hourly charge for JCCOG’s services. Depending on the time spent on this project, JCCOG may propose

increasing next year’s annual assessment. If this assessment is necessary, the City will bill Jeff Maxwell the increased assessment amount.

Update way finding sign funding- Last year I reported to the city council that an application was made to JCCOG for way finding signs for University Heights through local enhancement funds. Coralville made the grant application for Coralville, Iowa City, North Liberty, Tiffin and University Heights. The project total was \$19,500. Funding was approved by JCCOG board and the next step is for DOT approval and to send on to FHWA to release the funding. I was asked to sign an official endorsement and 20 year maintenance commitment for the City. The 20% match cost for University Heights signs is **\$107**. Signs will be ready to order by late Feb. The signs will be ready to install by mid-April 2011 with a project completion date of June 1, 2011. Kris Ackerson has prepared an initial map with locations and will be getting these to each city for review and feedback along with sign examples at the RTBC meeting on Oct. 12. Council member, Jim Lane, will be the University Heights rep at this meeting. A report will be ready for the Nov. 9 council meeting.

Here is a summary of the grant and each community's 20% match and total community project amount.

	Total
Community Project \$	
Dollar amount of pledged local match (Coralville)	\$ 791
\$3980	
Dollar amount of pledged local match (Iowa City)	\$ 2,493
\$12,465	
Dollar amount of pledged local match (N. Liberty)	\$ 397
\$1985	
Dollar amount of pledged local match (U. Heights)	\$ 107
\$535	
Dollar amount of pledged local match (Tiffin)	\$ 107
\$535	

Dollar amount of other funds secured

\$ _____

Dollar amount of funds anticipated

\$ _____

Dollar amount of TE funds requested
\$ 15,600

Total project cost
\$ 19,500