

City Manager's Neighborhood Reps meeting
5/13/09
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Joe:

CIP budget in August- get requests to Council rep in the next 4-5 weeks/

HCD \$ decisions made

Library reno begun

IMT lease to state soon

MSP council will recommend actions on 6/10, after hearing reports

Joe looking to re-create business advisory group

Franklin Arterial meetings underway- Joe predicts it's a 10-year project. Of course money is a big issue in determining goals vs dreams.

Guest speaker was Police Chief Craig. After a few words from him we had time for a brief Q&A.

Frequent mention of community policing, along with partnerships and communication. He intends to form a "Chief's Community Police Advisory Board" consisting of members from each of the neighborhoods. He does not want only members who are pro-police- he wants critics on that board also.

He will be reorganizing the department to accomplish more community policing- including the creation of community lead officers. He wants to do more with youth. He is strong on "management oversight" to assure that his management is implementing his goals.

Another phrase that he mentioned multiple times was " quality of life issues". He had heard about the island, noting that he received letters from the schoolkids thanking one of the officers for reading to them. This he mentioned twice- he really liked that officer's actions. I of course underscored that the PIC is looking forward to hosting a visit; that we want to "show off" our island and the community policing that already occurs there and has for years.

He has been to two neighborhood's meetings already, and stated that issues won't be pushed aside. He mentioned that he does not want to get emails from residents complaining that promises were not kept- he intends to make sure promises are kept.

One of the neighborhood reps asked if he planned to continue the para-military style of policing that the past couple of chiefs have endorsed. The Chief deflected the question by elaborating on "management oversight."