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Re: Informational Update on Inspiration Neighborhood

Dear Inspiration Residents,

As you may be aware, the last few months have seen much activity in your neighborhood. In order to continually foster an effective relationship with open communication between the City and our residents, we would like to provide an informational update on a number of important issues.

Denial of DR Horton application

DR Horton applied to the City this summer to complete the final phase of Inspiration, featuring 109 single-family homes with changes to the original site layout, including the removal of the alleyways and the widening of some lots. After significant deliberation by the Planning Commission and City Council, including extensive public comments from residents, the City Council voted to deny this application. The Council was of the opinion that the proposal altered the original intent of the neighborhood too significantly and could not support it on those grounds.

As we move forward and complete the Inspiration neighborhood, any future developer would need to come before the City Council to receive approval of their proposed site layout. That process will once again provide an opportunity for staff, residents, and the City Council to work with a developer to complete your neighborhood in a high-quality manner.

Storm Siren Installation

In the coming weeks, a new storm siren will be installed near the utility buildings in the northern portion of Inspiration. Recently it became evident to the City that the current storm siren at the Bayport Fire Station is not audible in your neighborhood. Because this poses a public safety risk, the Fire Department worked with DR Horton, who developed numerous homes in Phase I and owns all 16 lots in Phase III-A, to cost-share this expense with the City. This cost-share has been discussed over the past several years with various property owners / developers within Inspiration, and with the recent increase in construction, it has been decided that the siren is now warranted. The denial of DR Horton's recent application will not change their cost-share responsibility on the storm siren.

Plowing of Private Alleys

Per the development agreement for Inspiration, the private alleyways are to be plowed by the Homeowner's Association. As a courtesy, the City has been plowing the private alleyways, however this practice is no longer advised by our legal counsel as it exposes the City to the liability of damaging private property in these areas. As such, the City will no longer be plowing the private alleyways in Inspiration. Your management company is arranging for a private contractor to plow the alleyways, and the City will ensure that cooperation occurs during snowfall events.

Signal Light

A four-way signal light is currently being installed at the intersection of Stagecoach Trail and Inspiration Parkway. The City is cost-sharing this item with Washington County and Baytown Township, and costs for this expense were paid for by the original developer of Inspiration, an agreement similar to the current arrangement involving the storm siren. Work is expected to be completed by the end of October, with site restoration done by the end of November.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider all of this important information. As you can see, it has been an active time in your neighborhood, and sharing this information is vitally important to understanding the factual basis for why decisions are made. I strongly encourage you to contact me or the City Council directly if you ever have any questions or concerns about your neighborhood or the City in general.

Thanks for helping make Bayport a great place to live, work, and play!

Sincerely,

Logan Martin
City Administrator
City of Bayport