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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator JCN

RE: General Information

DATE: November 25, 2015

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **November 28 – December 4:**

Tuesday, December 1st

6:00 p.m. City Council Pre-Meeting, agenda attached

- Power Generation Update
- Discussion of Power Fund
- City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room
- Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

- City Hall – Council Chambers

Friday, December 4th

5:30 p.m. Awards Banquet, CC Senior Center

1. Attached please find the current monthly **calendar** for **December 2015**.
2. Attached please find a **letter** from **Director Thomas Forslund** regarding the **Wyoming Department of Health's current billboard advertising campaign**.
3. Attached please find the **Snow Event Report** for **November 20, 2015** provided by **Public Works Director Wilde**.
4. Attached please find **The Mayor's Art Council agenda** dated **November 18, 2015** and the **October 7, 2015 meeting minutes**.
5. Attached please find a **newsletter** from **WAM** dated **November 2015** on **local, state, and national issues**.
6. Attached please find an **update** from **WAM** dated **November 24, 2015** on **local, state, and national issues**.
7. Attached please find **two flyers** to the **2015 Engineering Feast** on **Thursday, December 10, 2015** starting at **11:30 a.m.**
8. Attached please find **three thank-you cards** from the **Senior Center**.

JCN/ale



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**Pre-Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, December 1, 2015
Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.**

Pre-Meeting Topic(s):

- Power Generation Update
- Power Fund Discussion
- Review December 1st Agenda
- Executive Session

December 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
		<p>Council Pre-Meeting 6PM-3rd Fl Power Generation Update Discussion of Power Fund</p> <p>City Council Meeting 7PM-Council Chambers</p>	<p>City/County/Town Dinner 5:30 PM - Wright City Hall</p>	3	4	<p>Awards Banquet 5:30PM - CC Senior Center</p>	5	<p>Parade of Lights 5:00 PM</p>
6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10	11	12		
		<p>City Council Special Meeting Action Item: Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3528, P.U.D. Plat of the RC Ranch Business Park I to the City of Gillette to Resubdivide Lot 6 and Tract A. (2nd Reading) Council of Community Service Update Legislative Review Emergency Response Procedures Photo Contest Proposal - Parks/ Beautification Board Executive Session - Personnel 6 PM - 2nd Floor Comm Rm</p>						
13	14 Annual Legislative Dinner 5:30PM-3rd Fl	15	16	17	18	19		
		<p>City Council Pre-Meeting Water Season Debrief Executive Session - Confidential Info 6PM - 3rd Fl City Council Meeting 7PM - Chambers</p>	<p>GALI Luncheon 12 PM - 2nd Fl Conf Rm</p>	<p>Senior Center Luncheon</p>				
20	21 Dan Barks' Birthday	22	23	24	25	26		
		<p>City Council Work Session Cancelled</p>		<p>Christmas Eve City Offices Closed at 12PM</p>		<p>Christmas Day City Offices Closed</p> 		
27	28	29	30	31				
		<p>City Council Work Session Cancelled</p>			<p>New Year's Eve Day</p>			

NOTES

Thomas O. Forslund, Director

Governor Matthew H. Mead

November 12, 2015

Ref.: F-2015-614

The Honorable Louise Carter-King
Mayor of the City of Gillette
P. O. Box 3003
Gillette, WY 82717

Dear Mayor Carter-King:

Governor Matthew Mead has referred your letter regarding concerns about the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), Public Health Division, Communicable Disease Prevention Program's current advertising campaign featuring billboards drawing attention to the public health issue of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) to the WDH for a direct response.

The Knowyo.org billboards are part of a social marketing campaign managed by an outside contractor for the Communicable Disease Prevention Program. Supporting a social marketing campaign is a recommended component of the HIV/AIDS Prevention Grant, which is federally funded by the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The campaign is a call to action that directs individuals to the Knowyo.org web site where they can generate a voucher for free or low cost testing at any of the 40 participating clinics in Wyoming. Over the years we have tried different advertising approaches and found that direct messaging drives more people to the site, results in more vouchers being utilized and, consequently, more people in Wyoming who know their status. Knowing one's status allows for proper treatment and prevention messaging, which curbs the spread of disease. The Knowyo.org testing program tests approximately 2,600 uninsured and underinsured people in Wyoming for STIs each year and provides approximately 3,500 HIV tests.

Wording for the billboards was purposefully chosen to inform people that there are STIs and HIV in the state and people are at risk of infection despite Wyoming's low population. We understand that some people may find this approach to be offensive. However, market research has clearly found direct messaging to be effective with the target audience, young adults who may be more likely to engage in behaviors that place them at risk. The priority population, ages 15-24, accounts for half of all testing vouchers redeemed annually; those aged 25-34 account for another one third.

There were six billboards in Wyoming communities with the highest STI/HIV rates: Casper, Cheyenne, Gillette, Laramie, Rawlins, and Riverton. The billboard in Gillette has since been removed. Placement of the billboards was based on the counties' disease rates. The wording of each billboard was selected based on the specific STI and/or HIV concerns in each county. For example, in 2014 Campbell County experienced a gonorrhea outbreak that accounted for almost one third of all cases in Wyoming. The number of gonorrhea cases continues to increase statewide with 114 cases reported as of September

30, 2015 compared to 99 cases total for the year in 2014. Other counties received billboards specific to their most concerning number of infections such as HIV.

Since the recent national attention, 519 testing vouchers have been generated between October 1 and October 15, 2015 compared to 379 vouchers for the same dates in 2014, a 37% increase. There has been a 25% increase this month compared to the same time period last month. Four of the top five counties that generated vouchers during this time period are counties with the billboards. The increase in site traffic and voucher generation leads us to believe our message is reaching the appropriate audience and having the intended effect.

In addition, as you are aware, a coalition of concerned Gillette residents has recently undertaken local efforts to bring a heightened awareness of STIs/HIV in your community, a constructive and welcome response to their concerns about the billboard that had been placed in Gillette. We understand that those efforts include STI awareness in the high school and community college; a radio and social media campaign to bring the public awareness and resources; print promotional materials; and possibly a billboard with a different STI awareness message. We value their commitment to helping the WDH in our efforts to curb STIs in Campbell County.

We appreciate hearing constituents' concerns and the opportunity to explain to you the rationale behind, and the success of, this campaign. Thank you for your ongoing efforts on behalf of the people of the City of Gillette and Wyoming.

Sincerely,



Thomas O. Forslund, Director
Wyoming Department of Health

TF/WB/jb/jg

c: Governor Matthew H. Mead
Molly Adami, Field Epidemiologist, Public Health Division
Wendy E. Braund, MD, MPH, MEd, FACPM, State Health Officer-Senior Administrator, Public Health Division

Snow Event Report #1

Event Start Date: 11/20/2015 Event Start Time: 2:00 a.m.
Event End Date: 11/20/2015 Event End Time: 3:30 p.m.
Duration of Event: 13.5 Hours Streets First Responder: Lonnie Meidinger

Storm Event Overview:

The night shift was called out at 2:00 a.m. on 11/20/15 due to snow and slick conditions. The night shift plowed and applied material to priority 1's, 2's and trouble areas until the day shift came in at 7:00 a.m. The day shift finished up priorities and trouble areas by 11:00 a.m. The day shift then went into subdivisions and plowed slush off trouble areas, hills, corners and major intersections until 3:30 p.m. At this time the snow had melted from priorities and trouble areas and the event was ended.

Number of Pieces of Equipment Used:

Amount of Material Used:

Snow Plows:	<u>8</u>	Blades:	<u>0</u>	Ice Slicer lbs:	<u>118,043</u>
1-Tons:	<u>2</u>	Snow Blowers:	<u>0</u>	Scoria lbs:	<u>950</u>
Loaders:	<u>1</u>	Liquid Truck:	<u>1</u>	Liquid Gallons:	<u>450</u>

Number of Miles Plowed During Event:1,321

Personnel:

Day Crew --- Leonard Taylor, Dale Harter, Mike McFarlane, Nick Scherry, Dustin Younger, Toby Fiske, Billy Little

Night Crew – Lonnie Meidinger, Shane Prentice, Jeremy Hagen, TJ Bruce, Melissa Bell, Dale Warren, Mark Webb, Josh Wright, Justin Hogan

Contractor Work Effort:

N/A

Subdivision Activities:

We plowed all subdivision roads one time during this event. We applied material to all hills, corners, trouble areas and major intersections within subdivisions one time during this event.

Parks Division Activities:

Parks staff cleaned and maintained all City owned parking lots and facilities. They also cleared 64.61 miles of city maintained pathways.

Environmental Conditions Present:

Snow: 1.5 Drifting: N/A Rain: N/A Low Temp: 11 Wind: NW 5-30
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Equipment Issues:

N/A

Incidents:

N/A

Complaints / Concerns:

N/A

Items of Interest:

During this weather event the Gillette Police Department investigated 8 vehicle crashes. Five of these crashes occurred on a City of Gillette maintained roadway and were influenced by weather conditions.

The AVL on Unit #44 (Tandem) was not working properly during this event. The miles were still tracked manually and were added to the total miles. Vehicle Maintenance is aware of the problem and will have the issue fixed before the next event.

Gillette Police Department

2015/2016 Weather Event Crash Report

IR#	Date/Time	Location	Injury	Property Damage	Citation	Cause
33625	11/20/2015 - 0546	East 4-J/West 4-J	None	Private - >\$5,000	No	Vehicle #1 slid on snow/ice, westbound. Vehicle #1 left the roadway and rolled on its top.
33630	11/20/2015 - 0805	6041 Mohan Road	None	Private >\$1,000	Yes	Vehicle #1 slid on snow/ice while turning and struck Vehicle #2.
33632	11/20/2015 - 0812	Brooks Ave./Warlow Dr.	None	Private >\$1,000 City \$100	Yes	Vehicle #1 slid on snow/ice while slowing in traffic, left the roadway and struck a concrete culvert.
33634	11/20/2015 - 0824	Harvest Moon Dr./Butler Spaeth	None	Private >\$5,000	Yes	Vehicle #1 slid on snow/ice through a controlled intersection and collided with Vehicle #2, a school bus with 32 occupants.
33638	11/20/2015 - 0906	Souther Dr./Swanson Rd.	None	Private >\$1,000	Yes	Vehicle #1 slid on slick roadway while turning and struck Vehicle #2.

November 20th, 2015 2:00 a.m. to November 20th, 2015 3:30 p.m.

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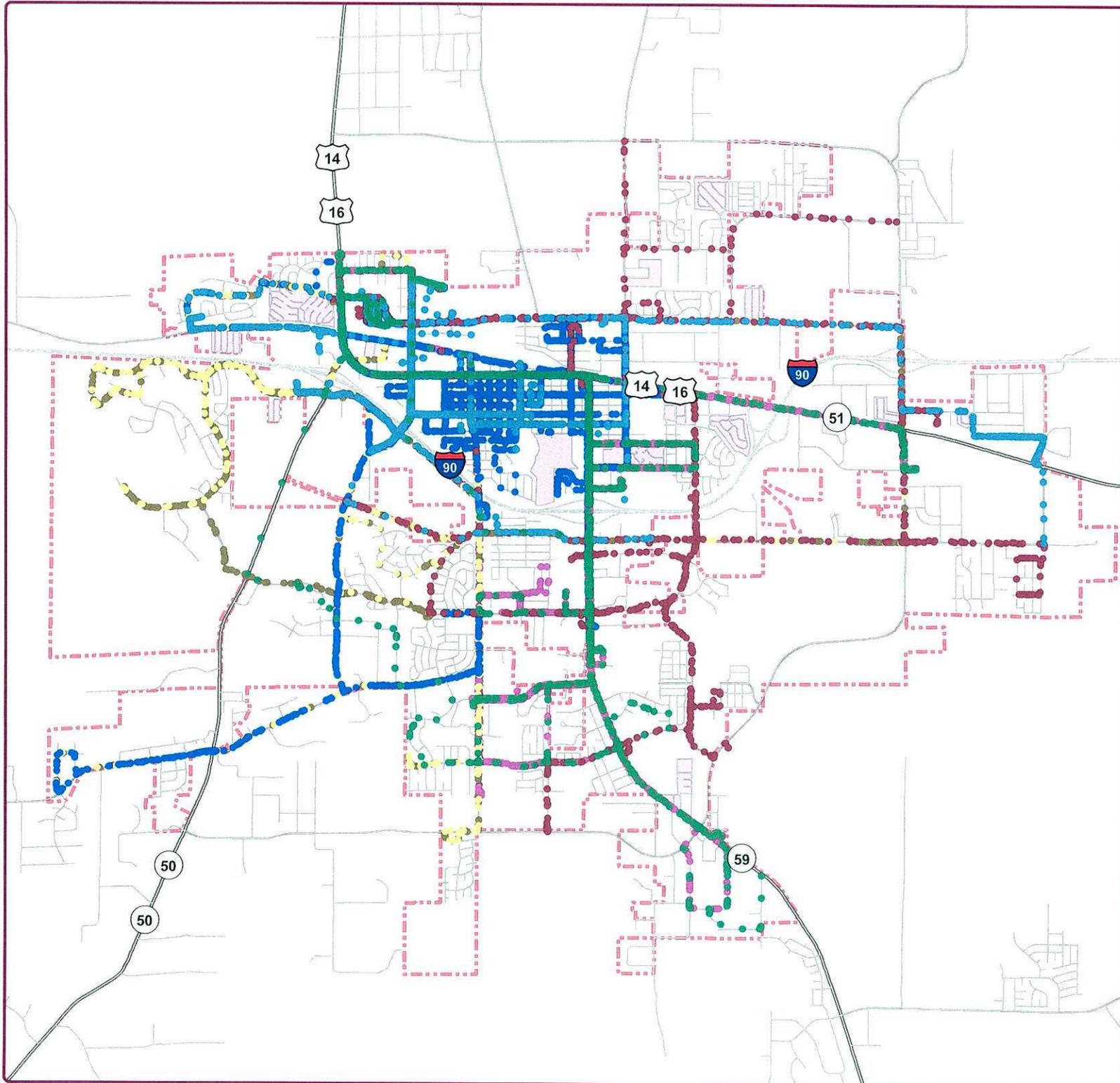
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Legend

Large Snow Plows

Unit # & Description

- Unit 25 Snow Plow
- Unit 28 Snow Plow
- Unit 31 Snow Plow
- Unit 40 Snow Plow
- Unit 99 Snow Plow
- Unit 100 Snow Plow
- Unit 157 Snow Plow

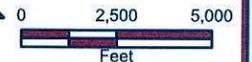


According to the AVL system,
Our snowplows drove a total
of 800 miles during this event.

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Snowplow AVL
11/20/2015 2:00 am to
11/20/2015 3:30 pm
November 20, 2015

Service With P.R.I.D.E.
Productivity Responsibility Integrity Dedication Enthusiasm



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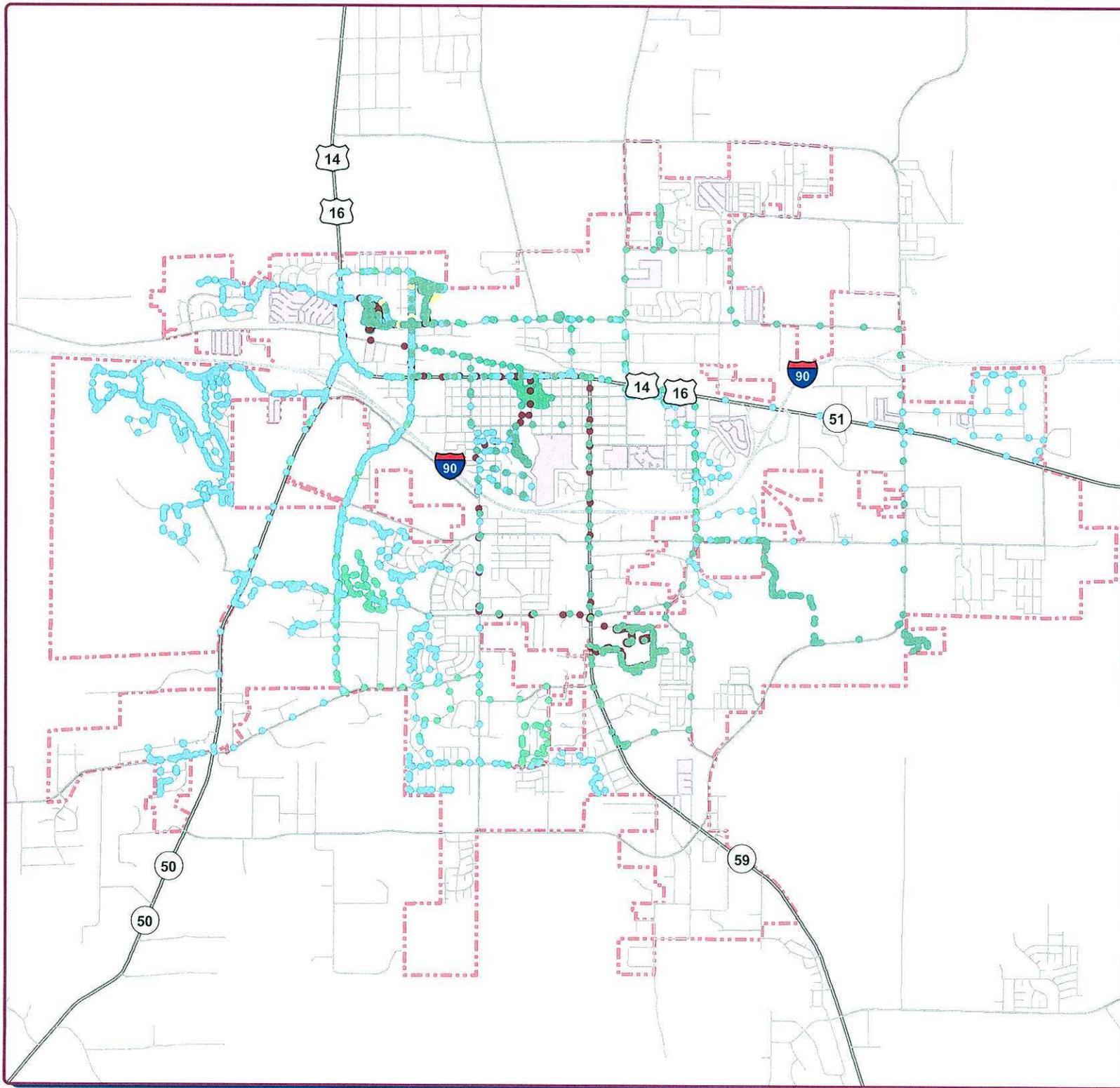
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Legend

One Tons

Unit # & Description

- Unit 126 One Ton Streets
- Unit 168 One Ton Streets
- Unit 1 One Ton Parks
- Unit 163 One Ton Parks
- Unit 184 One Ton Parks
- Unit 171 One Ton

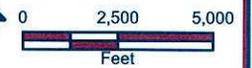


According to the AVL system, our one ton trucks drove a total of 243 miles during this event.

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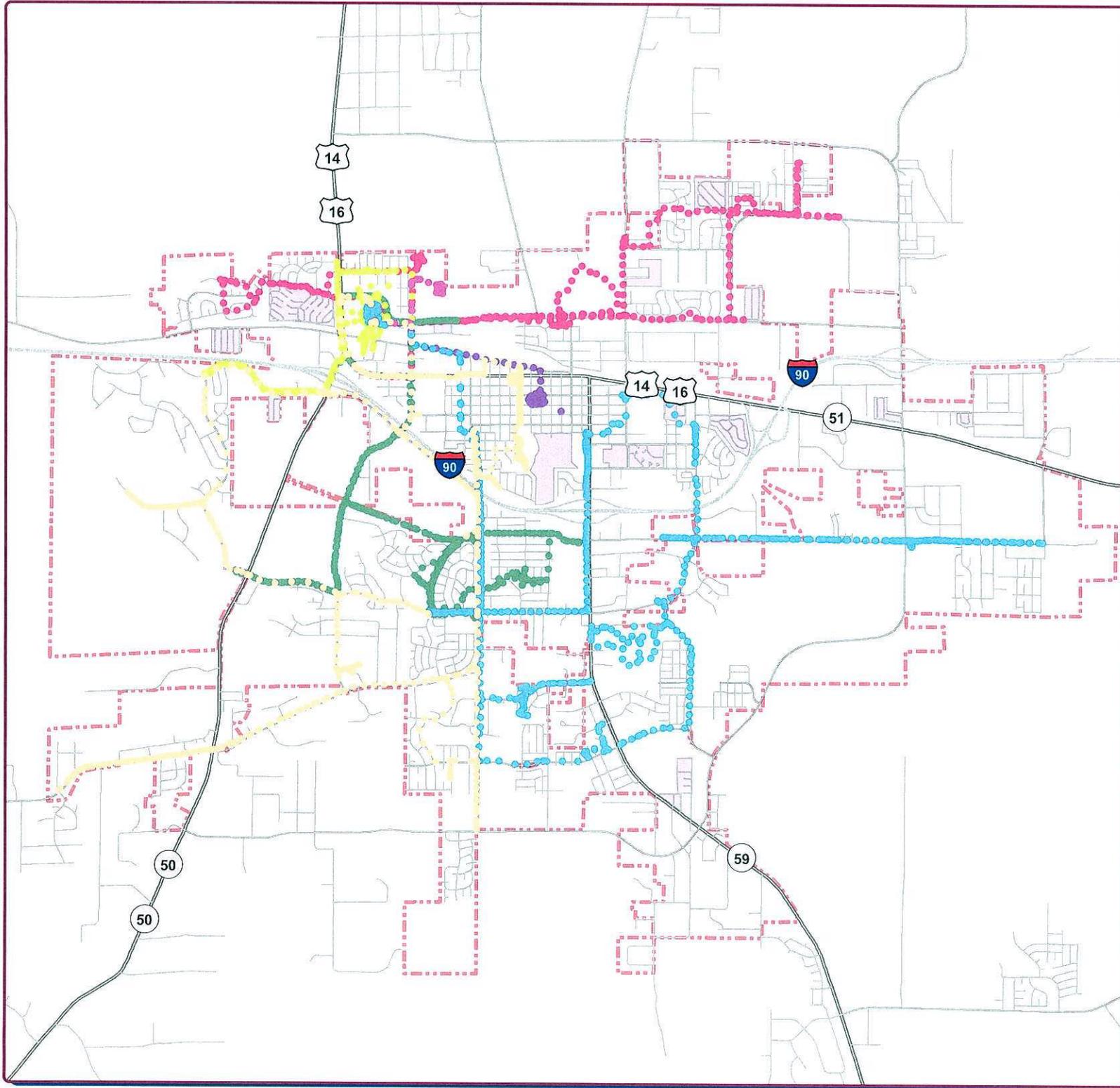
One Ton AVL
11/20/2015 2:00 am to
11/20/2015 3:30 pm
November 20, 2015

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Legend

Tractors & Others

Unit # & Description

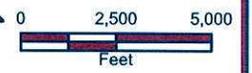
- Unit 89 Tractor Belos
- Unit 162 Tractor Tool Cat
- Unit 54 Tractor JD
- Unit 76 Tractor JD
- Unit 161 Tractor JD
- Unit 193 Loader
- Unit 199 Skidsteer

According to the AVL system,
our tractors drove a total
of 123 miles during this event.

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Tractor AVL

11/20/2015 2:00 am to
11/20/2015 3:30 pm

November 20, 2015

Service With P.R.I.D.E.
Productivity Responsibility Integrity Dedication Enthusiasm



Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Time: 5:15 PM
Location: City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Attendees:

- Tom Ford, President
- Mitch Benson, Vice President
- Jamie LaValley
- Dorie Beck
- Mary Ellen Young, Secretary
- Jessica Klym
- Myra Lacy
- Patti Davidsmeier

Meeting called to order by: President, Tom Ford

AGENDA

- I. Discussion of Ice Fest Event for February 20, 2016 – Jessica & Mary
- II. Update on Boo-Fest Event
- III. Approval of October 7, 2015 Minutes
- IV. Approval of Treasurer's Report for September
- V. Leta Tanner's Resignation – Help with Sponsors & DCF
- VI. Update on Forced Entry – Raised \$50,863.21 per Everett 11.16.15
 - Balance of \$8,636.79
- VII. Update on Artwork
 - a. Floating Notes Location – Tech Center
- VIII. Label 2016 Avenues of Art Brochure
- IX. Christmas Pin Recognition – December 1 @ 7 PM – City Council Chambers
- X. 2016 Sponsors (Three Sponsor Commitment per Board Member)
 - a. Patti - John and Dara Corkery – Yes (Dara) - \$500
 - b. Patti – Basin Electric Power Coop – Yes (Curt) - \$500
 - c. Patti – Cloud Peak – Yes (Megan) \$500
 - d. Patti – M&K Oil – Yes (Jim) \$500
 - e. Tom – Powder River Construction – Yes - \$500
 - f. Tom – Sulzer – Yes (2)
 - g. Mitch – Bearded Sinners – Yes - \$500
 - h. Mitch – Pain for Sale – Yes - \$500
 - i. Myra – Rodger Family – Yes - \$500
 - j. Myra – Tri Mountain Homes – Yes - \$250
 - k. Myra – Sign Boss, LLC – Yes - \$250
- XI. Completion of Name Badges from Westwood - Jessica

- XII. Update on Artist's Shirts Locally – Dorie
- XIII. Café Management/ 2015 AOA Application Completed
- XIV. MAC Goals for 2015-16
 - a. Donkey Creek Festival – Vendors open at noon
 - b. Luncheon – MAC Members interviews before reception (GPA)
- XV. Next Meeting – January
- XIV. Adjourn

Dates to Remember:

- Avenues of Art Reception & Donkey Creek Festival – June 24, 25 & 26, 2016

BOARD TERMS:

Myra Lacy	Appointed September 2015	Partial Term	Ends June 30, 2016
Dorie Beck	Appointed June 2013	1 st Term	Ends June 30, 2016
Jessica Klym	Appointed July 2015	Partial Term	Ends June 30, 2017
Tom Ford	Appointed August 2011	2 nd Term	Ends June 30, 2017
Mitchell Benson	Appointed June 2014	1 st Term	Ends June 30, 2017
Mary Ellen Young	Appointed December 2014	Partial Term	Ends June 30, 2017
Jamie LaValley	Appointed February 2011	2 nd Term	Ends June 30, 2017

MAC Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2015

The Mayor's Art Council Meeting was called to order by President Tom Ford at 5:25pm.

Roll call was taken, members present were:

Dorie Beck
Mitch Benson
Patti Davidsmeier
Tom Ford-President
Jessica Klym
Mary Ellen Young

Not Present:

Jamie LaValley
Leta Tanner

- I. New committee member and group photo taken.
- II. September 2 minutes: A motion was made by Jessica and seconded by Myra to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer's Reports: A motion was made by Mary Ellen and seconded by Mitch to approve the financials as presented. Motion passed.
- IV. Artwork:
 - a. Floating Notes – has not yet been moved but plan to move to the Tech Center.
 - b. Hanging – temporarily moved to CASA while the 3rd Street Plaza is being built.
- V. 2016 Sponsors:

Patti has secured-John and Dara Cokery, Basin Electric Power Coop, Cloud Peak, and M & K Oil. (4)

Tom has secured-PRC Construction, Sulzer (2)

Mitch has secured-Bearded Sinners, Pain for Sale (2)

Myra has secured-Rodger Family (1)

All nine sponsors are contributing \$500.00

- VI. Name Badges – Westwood quoted \$3.00 per name tag and Gillette Printing was \$12.00. The badges will be maroon with white letters. Mitch moved and Dorey seconded that we give Jessica approval to place the order with Westwood School.
- VII. Artists Shirts – Mary Ellen checked on the styles of shirt that Tom received while at the Sioux Falls, SD art festival. The majority of online items right now are more winter orientated, but the going rate for a long sleeve, button down men’s shirt that was light weight and breathable was \$65-\$80.00. Dorey is going to check locally for prices on this type of shirt and report at the next meeting.
- VIII. Cafe’ Management –This is a type of “Artist Headhunter” and last year was the first year they were used. The board felt that we received more interest from artist by using them. The cost is \$500.00 for the year. Jessica moved and Myra seconded that we use this company again this year. Mary Ellen had volunteered to take over the day to day coordination with Cafe’ Management from Patti.
- IX. Annual Invitation Wreath Exhibit-The deadline for entries to be delivered is November 10th. The board as a whole had no interest in entering a group wreath with such a short notice. Individuals may do so if they are interested.
- X. Boo-Fest Judges- Gillette Main Street is planning a Boo-Fest function downtown on October 31st and part of the function will be a contest for best Pumpkin carving contest. They asked the board for volunteers to judge. Jamie, Jessica and Dorie volunteered.
- XI. Gillette Clock Tower- Pictures were circulated of the proposed clock tower to be placed on Gillette Ave. This project is sponsored by The Mayor’s Art Council, Noon and Evening Rotary groups and Gillette Main Street. The tower will be 14 foot tall, 3 foot wide and have four side panels each with 24 lines that can be personalized. Any individual can put their business name, family name, family/ranch brand, or in memory of someone.
- XII. Forced Entry Fundraiser – The Gillette Fire Department is conducting various fund raisers for the purchase of the statue “Forced Entry”. They have raised \$21,730.07 so far, including the commission donated from MAC. They are selling navy blue t-shirts for \$20.00 that say “I support my local firefighters”
- XIII. Otocast Audio-Patti was contacted by a company wanting the MAC to purchase an app called Otocast. It is used to allow people access to over 1,000 points of interest across 45+ guides for public art, murals, historic landmarks, monuments and other points-of-

interest. Many of the applications offered are available via city and county departments that would be free or of a lesser expenses than what was requested by Otocast. Motion was made by Mitch and seconded by Dorie to have Patty let Otocast know that the MAC was not interested.

- XIV. MAC goals for 2015-16- The MAC has the same goals as the last meeting. Recognizing the artists and making them more visible has been talked about as a top priority. The committee would like to recommend that the vendors be able to set up at noon instead of 5:00pm. We could then possibly interview the artists at lunch and have more time to visit with the artists before the reception begins. The committee members would also like to recognize the sponsors that donate, or offer at a discount, products or services that make the Artists Reception a successful event.

- XV. Sculpture Repairs:
 - a. Summer Showers – since the water is not blown out on this sculpture, the water freezes in the winter. Tom plans on putting a plug in the hose section of the sculpture that will need to be pulled each fall to allow the water to drain. This has not been completed.
 - b. Peace Offering – Tom or Patti with talk to the land owner and request large banners be moved away from the art.

- XI. Next meeting scheduled for November 18th at 5:15pm; City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room.

- XII. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ellen Young

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November 2015 Newsletter

WAM Connection



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**Infrastructure lays
Foundation for
Economic Stability**



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City managers and administrators gathered this fall in Jackson for the annual WAM CEO Retreat and toured the town's public transportation facility, which buses almost ONE MILLION riders each year!!

NOVEMBER

November 4-7

NLC Conference, Nashville TN

November 11

Veterans Day WAM Closed

November 23

WAM & WCCA Meet with Governor Mead

November 26 - 27

*Thanksgiving Break
WAM Closed*

DECEMBER

December 7-18

*Joint Appropriations,
Cheyenne*

December 25

Christmas Day WAM Closed

JANUARY

January 1

New Year's Day WAM Closed

January 11-22

Joint Appropriations

SAVE - THE - DATE!

WAM Winter Workshop

February 17-19, 2016
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Registration Opens
December 1st

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Simonton Says.....

BY SHELLEY SIMONTON, WAM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Somewhere in the darkness Toby Keith's scratchy voice is yelling about a red solo cup. I'm at his concert and I can hear him singing, but can't see him. Then, another voice, which I don't recognize says, "Shelley. Please turn the alarm off." I open one eye to see 5:00am glowing orange on the clock radio, and I think to myself that it can't possibly be morning.

hand. I saw how success, accomplishment, satisfaction, confidence, trust and joy were achieved out of connection with others. I watched as women who were complete strangers unconditionally supported and assisted each other for a common goal, and did so in a respectful and energetic manner.

I believe that is at the heart of Wyoming communities. We are inextricably connected to one another, and to our environment. People with few resources, but great determination and optimism can accomplish just about anything. We all know this.

As we move forward into one of the more challenging economic climates we have faced as a state and as municipalities in quite a long time, I believe we must remember the connectiveness that brings us together. There is power in numbers. We are stronger together than as individuals. Collectively, we represent the great majority of Wyomingites.

Connectiveness is more than just sticking together because it's a good idea. Connectiveness is the appreciation of each other and the notion that all boats float in a rising tide. Learning and understanding each other's challenges and celebrating each other's successes will surely makes us individually stronger, and more cohesive as a group.

This is pretty tooty-fruity stuff for me to share with the leaders of Wyoming cities and towns, but I believe it. My dad always said, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." Well, it's going to get tough in the upcoming legislative session, and I know you all some of the toughest cowboys and cowgirls around. Lean times, struggles and challenges ought to draw us together and not pull us apart.

By the way, I'm happy to show you any photos of my antelope hunt if you want to see them.

But it is morning. And it's time to go antelope hunting. It's October 9th, I'm hunting in the 3rd Annual Wyoming Women's Antelope Hunt at the Ucross Ranch outside of Buffalo. Jennie Gordon of the Merlin Ranch has asked me to hunt as a part of her team, joining with Jessica Crowder of the Governor's Office and Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jillian Balow. During the day I hunt with a first time hunter; she is an engineer who works in the oil and gas permitting business in Casper and the mother of two teenage boys. She harvests her antelope at 136 yards. One shot. She's calm yet excited. Watching her and sharing her moment is more thrilling than doing it myself. Her sense of accomplishment is palpable, and I'm reminded that hunting is more fun than killing.

The Merlin Ranch Team ends the event as the winner of the Super Stalker award for having the closest average shot of the 4 teammates. We receive a huge, traveling trophy that each of us will enjoy in the room of our choice over the next year. The event is wildly successful, and women from around the United States, some having never hunted before, found camaraderie and support in an unlikely arena.

What does this have to do with WAM? Well, on the surface, nothing but I wanted to brag. Actually, in a very roundabout way there is a faint link. "Connection is why we're here; it is what gives purpose and meaning to our lives," says Brene Brown. At the antelope hunt I witnessed this first

WAM's Recap of the 2016 CREG Report

BY SCOTT BADLEY, WAM LEGISLATIVE MANAGER

The October 2015 CREG report was released Monday October 26, 2015 reporting the most recent actual revenues for FY 2015 and new forecasts for FY 2016 through FY 2020. This report is used by the Governor, Legislature and other interested groups such as special districts, cities, towns and counties to determine the path forward for state appropriations, savings, investments and local budgeting. The CREG will release an update to this forecast in early January 2016 before the legislature begins deliberating on the budget for next biennium to incorporate any developments between now and then.

As everyone knows the price for crude oil has slid from highs of only a few months ago, natural gas prices have also fallen and pressures on the use of coal, which WY is a leading producer, continue to increase resulting in significant decrease in revenues from minerals. Many locations across the state are also seeing a decline in the sales/use tax distributions due to the impact of lower mineral activity.

Here are a few highlights, or should we say "lowlights", of the recent forecast:

- Oil prices received in WY have fallen by roughly \$44/bbl since last year.
- Natural Gas prices have continued their decline to \$2.85/mcf.
- Coal production continues to decline by 6 million tons for the first 6 months of CY 2015 below the same period in CY 2014
- Statewide Sales/Use tax collections are expected to be down by 14.4% from FY 2015.

However, the news was not all bad as statewide investments have generated significant capital gains for FY 2015. These capital gains are not forecasted, only reported when received. The State General Fund and Budget Reserve Account received capital gains of \$349 Million for FY 2015.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

- The lowered revenue projections for minerals effects state accounts and not the under the cap distributions for severance taxes and federal mineral royalties to local governments.
- Projections beyond FY 2015 do not include any capital gains as they, if any, are not yet known.
- The state is facing a \$200 Million deficit for FY 2016, and a deficit of \$400 M for FY 2017 and FY 2018.
- The state has significant savings in various accounts and is still expected to have additional amounts of revenues flowing into permanent funds.
- The Governor stated recently he supports funding for over the cap distributions to local governments for the next Biennium.
- The Legislature will be interested in reducing budgets and preserving state savings in the anticipation of the mineral revenue declines lasting longer than the next two years.

As always your WAM team will be closely following the situation and will update you as we know more in the coming months. Please contact WAM if you have any questions or need additional information.

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December is National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month which focuses on raising awareness about the consequences of impaired driving. Crashes involving a driver impaired by alcohol or drugs only account for 7% of total crashes statewide but account for 42% of fatal crashes over the past 5 years. Since 2 out of 3 impaired crashes occur within urban boundaries, local safety initiatives can have a huge impact on public safety. Safety advocates are encouraging all drivers to "drive with reason" this holiday season. What is your community doing to crack down on impaired driving?

Impaired Crashes & Impaired Crashes Resulting in Fatality or Injury

City	2013				2014				2015*			
	Total Impaired Crashes		Impaired Crashes w/ Fatality or Injury		Total Impaired Crashes		Impaired Crashes w/ Fatality or Injury		Total Impaired Crashes		Impaired Crashes w/ Fatality or Injury	
CASPER	143	8%	51	36%	329	17%	49	15%	232	17%	35	15%
CHEYENNE	117	7%	50	43%	289	17%	55	19%	167	14%	33	20%
CODY	13	7%	5	38%	23	11%	4	17%	13	9%	3	23%
DOUGLAS	14	9%	6	43%	53	31%	11	21%	17	19%	2	12%
EVANSTON	5	5%	4	80%	5	7%	1	20%	19	34%	2	11%
EVANSVILLE	6	12%	2	33%	8	13%	5	63%	9	19%	1	11%
GILLETTE	60	7%	19	32%	161	18%	24	15%	93	16%	17	18%
GLENROCK	3	12%	2	67%	1	4%	0	0%	3	17%	1	33%
GREEN RIVER	15	9%	4	27%	23	15%	2	9%	25	23%	5	20%
JACKSON	21	10%	8	38%	28	10%	2	7%	20	11%	4	20%
LARAMIE	40	6%	9	23%	72	12%	17	24%	56	13%	5	9%
LOVELL	1	6%	1	100%	2	7%	0	0%	5	71%	1	20%
PINEDALE	1	4%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	14	88%	1	7%
POWELL	7	8%	2	29%	13	18%	4	31%	7	17%	2	29%
RAWLINS	15	9%	4	27%	46	32%	7	15%	12	11%	1	8%
RIVERTON	25	9%	7	28%	72	24%	10	14%	33	15%	9	27%
ROCK SPRINGS	58	10%	16	28%	121	22%	23	19%	57	15%	13	23%
SHERIDAN	33	7%	10	30%	71	17%	5	7%	40	15%	6	15%
THERMOPOLIS	5	15%	0	0%	9	30%	1	11%	0	0%	0	0%
TORRINGTON	4	5%	4	100%	17	21%	4	24%	2	4%	0	0%
WHEATLAND	6	11%	4	67%	18	35%	3	17%	4	14%	1	25%
WORLAND	6	9%	4	67%	15	23%	1	7%	3	12%	0	0%

*2015 data is preliminary and subject to change upon the completion of the Officer's investigation.

What can Highway Safety do for you? If you would like more information on your community, or information on a community not listed, please contact Andrea Jones with WYDOT - Highway Safety at andrea.jones@wyo.gov or 307-777-4452.



WAM's Fall Retreats in Jackson

In the beautiful fall foliage of Jackson Hole, WAM joined Wyoming municipal employees for two retreats last month. Each year WAM organizes a Finance Director's Retreat as well as a CEO Retreat for city administrators and managers. These retreats are excellent for attendees to share knowledge and experiences and gain new insights to common issues.



Chairman Madden

and he was interested in research new ways to distribute funding. The discussion on his proposed funding formula generated interest throughout the state and several communities came to listen.

Other speakers who came to the Finance Director's Retreat were John Aguirre, Gillette Human Resource Director, Tracy Brosius, Director of Wyoming Institute of Population



2015 Finance Director's Retreat Attendees

Michael Madden, the Chair of the House of Revenue, shared with the finance group that Wyoming is the most volatile state in the Union

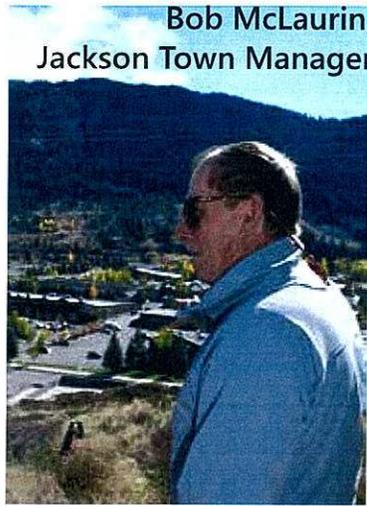


John Aguirre
Gillette H.R Director

Health and WAM's Executive Director, Shelley Simonton. These speakers spoke on best management practices, national insurance changes and legislative updates.

Wyoming's top industries were a topic of discussion at the CEO retreat. Yellowstone National Park has had a record breaking

season with over 3.7 million visitors so far this year. Jeff Golightly, the President/CEO of Jackson's Chamber of Commerce and Kate Sollitt, the Executive Director of Teton Travel and Tourism explained economic impacts Jackson faces with its tourism and how the community captures and spends its money



**Bob McLaurin,
Jackson Town Manager**



2015 CEO Retreat Attendees

Carter Napier, Gillette's City Administrator, lead a tough discussion on Wyoming's mineral industry. He said that Wyoming is the largest energy-exporting state in the United States and if it was a separate country, it would be the 3rd largest energy exporter in the world. He discussed impacts that were being felt in the North East Region of the state and some of the efforts that are being taken; one of those being the NEWY Congressional Staffer Tours.

CEO attendees enjoyed a little adventure with Bob McLaurin, Jackson's City Manager, who gave a tour of the START Bus facility and took the group to the Jackson landslide site. Wrapping the event up, Mike Reed from the Governor's Office discussed the legalization of marijuana.

WAM's mission is to advocate for cities' and towns' common interest and provide educational opportunities for its members. Both of these events are an excellent opportunity for both WAM and its members to congregate to discussion impacts of Wyoming communities. These insights give WAM ideas for what resources the association should be providing its members. The association hopes all its members take advantage of attending its retreats, workshops and conventions. They are always looking for feedback to serve their members better.



**Kate Sollitt
Executive Director
Teton Travel & Tourism**



Infrastructure lays Foundation for Economic Stability

BY SHAWN REESE, WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL CEO

The state of Wyoming's current budget belt-tightening necessitated by falling energy revenue further illustrates the need to increase the state's economic diversity by investing in public infrastructure, encouraging public-private partnerships and lining up government support of new ideas to improve the economy.

Now is not the time for retrenchment. Now is the time to Think Big.

There is plenty of reason for optimism. Today's economic downturn is incomparable to the 1990s when the state's coffers were nearly empty, prospects for a career in Wyoming were poor, youth left the state en masse and small business growth was stagnant at best.

Today, Wyoming has approximately \$16 billion in savings; billions have been invested in public infrastructure, business-ready sites, education and workforce training throughout the state; new businesses are being recruited; downtowns are being revitalized; the manufacturing and technology sectors are showing promising growth; the state's labor force is increasing nearly six times as fast as the national average; exports are at an all-time high, and the rate of new business startups is, according to the 2015 Kauffmann Index, second-best in the country.

Wyoming remains in an enviable position compared to most other states. The Fiscal Year 2016 cuts are the result of a statutorily required balanced budget, not deficit spending. The same holds true for possible 2017-18 biennium cuts. Wyoming government's polished business practices provide business owners a reliable environment in which to work and the state a key economic development selling point.

In 1990, the Wyoming Heritage Foundation released the "Blueprint for Business: A Strategic Plan for Wyoming" as a result of statewide business leaders and policy makers clamoring for something to be done to get Wyoming's economy moving.

The blueprint concludes with words as true now as then: "A new Wyoming is possible in the next decade and 100

years – but it will require a commitment to change, or else Wyoming will go backward while others are moving forward."

Economic Development Building Blocks
The industry-standard building blocks consist of:

Leadership/Civic Development.

Quality of Life, Workforce Development,

Infrastructure Development.

The blueprint led to the 1998 consolidation of state agencies and programs under the umbrella of the Wyoming Business Council. With the support of three governors and the state Legislature, the Business Council has spearheaded Wyoming's economic development by investing in infrastructure and business-ready sites, recruiting businesses and developing tools to help businesses succeed and communities grow.

So where do we go from here? Certainly not backward.

The past two months in this column I wrote about Business Council efforts to fold the seven Economic Development Building Blocks into the agency's strategic plan currently in development.

Beginning with last month's column about Quality of Life and continuing monthly through March, I will focus on one building block and explain in greater detail how it is being taken from conceptual to actionable.

The Business Council's strategic plan is sorted by the agency's Think pillars: Think Big, Think Small, Think New, Think Local, Think Global. Each Think category includes goals, such as Improve Livability of Communities under Think Local. Each goal is followed by action items. From there, the building blocks kick in, providing Business Council staff with detailed information about existing programs, partnerships, plans and financing tied to each of the building blocks. The information will assist in program implementation and evaluations.



This month I will focus on the Infrastructure Development building block.

Infrastructure Development. Business cannot locate or expand in a community unless the necessary infrastructure is in place. In its most basic form, this includes land that is “shovel ready” – meaning water, sewer, gas, electricity and telecommunication services are available on site.

Infrastructure Development is a critical component of the Think Big pillar. The Business Council’s Think Big goals going forward include capitalizing on progress already made by expanding the state’s value-added opportunities, increasing transportation accessibility and further improving the business and industrial readiness of our communities.

Examples of adding value to Wyoming’s vast natural resources run from carbon-capture research at the Integrated Test Center in Basin Electric’s Dry Fork Station coal-fired power plant north of Gillette (energy) to the Wyoming Malting and Pine Bluffs Distilling construction project (agribusiness).

The Business Council’s Business Ready Community (BRC) Grant and Loan program helps Wyoming cities, towns and counties build publicly owned infrastructure that serves the needs of businesses, promotes economic development and enhances quality of life within communities.

Public infrastructure eligible for funding includes water; sewer; streets and roads; airports; rights of way; telecommunications; land; spec buildings; amenities within a business park, industrial park, industrial site or business district; landscaping; recreation and educational facilities, and other physical projects in support of primary economic and educational development.

The BRC funds seven types of projects:

Business Committed. Infrastructure to assist the startup, retention, expansion or location of a specific committed business.

Managed Data Center. Reduction of the utility cost for electrical and/or broadband for the recruitment or expansion of managed data centers of sufficient redundancy.

Community Readiness. No specific business is committed to expand or locate in the community. Infrastructure to prepare a community for future business development under a specific community plan.

Downtown Development. Community Readiness project located in a downtown or Wyoming Main Street program area.

Community Enhancement. Infrastructure to improve a community’s aesthetic character or quality of life in order to make it more attractive for business development under a specific strategy or plan of action.

Community Development. A project in which an applicant wants to improve workforce availability, quality of life or make itself more attractive for business development under a specific strategy or plan of action. For example: senior care, child care and community center projects.

Planning Projects. Five types of planning grants include economic development plans, feasibility studies, promotional plans, tourism plans and regional targeted industry plans. Additionally, the State Treasurer is allowed to purchase industrial development bonds issued by municipalities or counties for the benefit of Wyoming businesses. The bonds may finance the purchase, construction or installation of buildings, personal property or equipment that will add economic value to goods, services or resources within the state.

Looking ahead, the Business Council will evaluate infrastructure returns on investments, programs, partnerships, planning and financing while putting plans into action and continuing to work on adding value to Wyoming’s rich natural resources.

As is evident this past decade, investment in community infrastructure is an investment that keeps on paying and endures beyond the funding.

About the Wyoming Business Council. Our mission is to increase Wyoming’s prosperity. We envision a Wyoming where industries are strong, diverse and expanding. Small business is a big deal. Communities have the highest quality of life. Wyoming is the technology center of the High Plains. Wyoming knows no boundaries. Please go to www.wyomingbusiness.org for more information.

Contact Wyoming Business Council Chief Executive Officer Shawn Reese at 307-777-2862 or shawn.reese@wyo.gov. Read last month’s column at <http://bit.ly/1LBo5SU>, starting on Page 7.



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Greetings from President Dickson

BY BRAIN DICKSON

WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES PRESIDENT



I have not received any feedback concerning a new title for my message, so I will continue with this salutation until Katie objects.

I thought that I would like to visit with you about Holidays, grateful feelings, and lessons learned.

Social media, news outlets, and the internet have been very active recently concerning a perceived

sleight by a seller of coffee products. People have chosen sides on the issue based on their political and/or religious persuasions. I'm wondering why with all of the issues before us why we are spending so much energy debating this.

Each of us has our own thoughts concerning what is important in regards to holidays and how we celebrate them. These are influenced by our experiences as we grew up, insights from a spouse or partner, and others. Holidays to me are a time to connect with my family and remember how fortunate I am in my circumstance.

I had the privilege of attending the Congress of Cities and Exposition, hosted by the National League of Cities in Nashville, TN recently. I used to wonder if it was worth the time, effort, and expense to attend. It is worth it. Wyoming has a commanding influence with the participants. We have the opportunity to help shape national policy. If your municipality is a member of NLC you might want to consider attending and/or being on a committee.

I had an "aha" moment and a learning experience as I was leaving Nashville. I'm grateful that my dad taught me to think things through before I make snap decisions. I had made arrangements with a transportation company to get me from the airport and back. A big red bus came at the appointed hour, but it was the wrong bus, or so I thought. The company failed to inform me that the right bus didn't display the logo I was expecting. I thought about approaching the driver, but he left before I could get to him. After 15 minutes I called the

transportation company and asked when the bus would arrive. I was told to watch for a big red bus and that it should already be there.

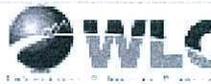
My anger and blood pressure were approaching unsafe levels. I discovered that the people that needed the information didn't get it, and the people that had the information didn't share it. I don't have the space or the inclination to go into all of the details. Suffice it to say I arrived at the airport one hour after I expected to. As it turned out I still had plenty of time to make the flight. In my mind I had composed a dozen letters to the bus company, none of which would have met my mother's approval.

After arriving home and having had time to cool down, I realized that if this was the worst thing that had happened to me I didn't have much to worry about. The lesson that I learned is that sometimes all of the facts and information are known, just not by all of the people involved.

Do we do that with our municipal governments? Do we forget to share with our constituents all of the information that we have?

I'm still going to write the letter. But it will have a kinder tone, and I will offer suggestions that I feel may be beneficial to the company and their customers. I owe that to my fellow travelers.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

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Randy's Review

BY RANDY ADAMS
LEADERSHIP TRAINING SERVICES PRESIDENT

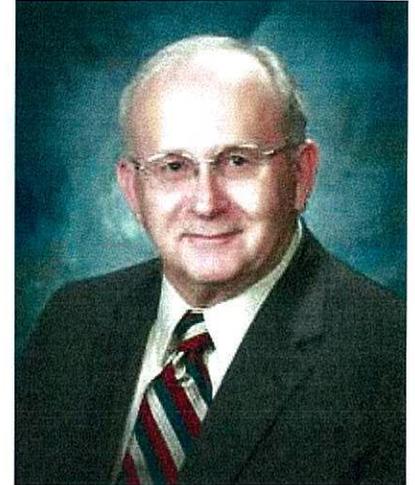
Here it is; Halloween has come and gone. Where did the month go? It seems like only yesterday I wrote complaining about having to advocate for education and continuing education in a world where everyone knows that the more you know, the better you are able to do your job. Those of us in city and town government, here in Wyoming, are constantly faced with solving problems that come up in our community. Some city elected officials and appointed staff have had time to become more experienced and more educated due to the fact that they've been involved with local government for years. Others step into the office with no experience and no training facing a steep learning curve while trying to do a good job solving their community's problems.

As we enter the month of November, a lot of issues significant to local government arise. We all listen to the governor as he previews what financial situations the state will face as we move toward the next legislative session in February of 2016. We eagerly devour the CREG report to see just how bad the financial predictions are immediately and for the next few years. Our legislative committee begins working on understanding municipal needs and trying to do the best for us as the session looms ahead.

Unfortunately, the future doesn't seem to be as bright as in past years. But, fortunately, there are some things to be excited about as we plan for the WAM Winter Workshop. Scheduled for February 17 – 19 at Little American in Cheyenne, your Leadership Training Services Board has been working with WAM to provide a quality educational experience for municipal officials and staff.

Registration for the workshop will open online at www.wyomuni.org on December 1st. This session will be tough and coming together has been more important. Starting the WAM's Winter Workshop off will be a "can't miss" Legislative Review followed by Legislative 101 course presented by Anthony Sara from the Legislative Service Office.

Joel Weintraub will also be joining us during the workshop to entertain as well as educate us on, "How to Tune Up Your Attitude and Prevent Your Engine from Burning Out." He will discuss the impacts that stress, exercise, nutrition can have on behavior modification. This discussion will continue into a core course that he will be teaching on conflict resolution. You will be receiving a full agenda at the beginning of December.



It's time to start making your arrangements to attend the WAM Winter Workshop in Cheyenne at Little America, February 17th through the 19th. Make your reservations soon as we expect the workshop to be well attended due to the questions regarding municipal financing in this legislative session. See you there.

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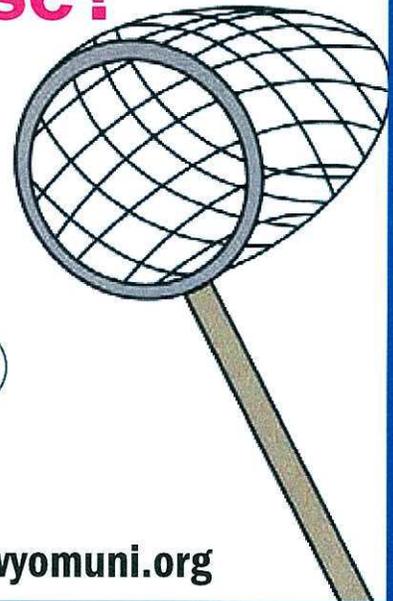


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(L-R) Shelley Simonton, WAM Executive Director, Brian Dickson, WAM President, Christina Rinderle, Colorado Municipal League President, and Sam Mamet, Colorado Municipal League Executive Director

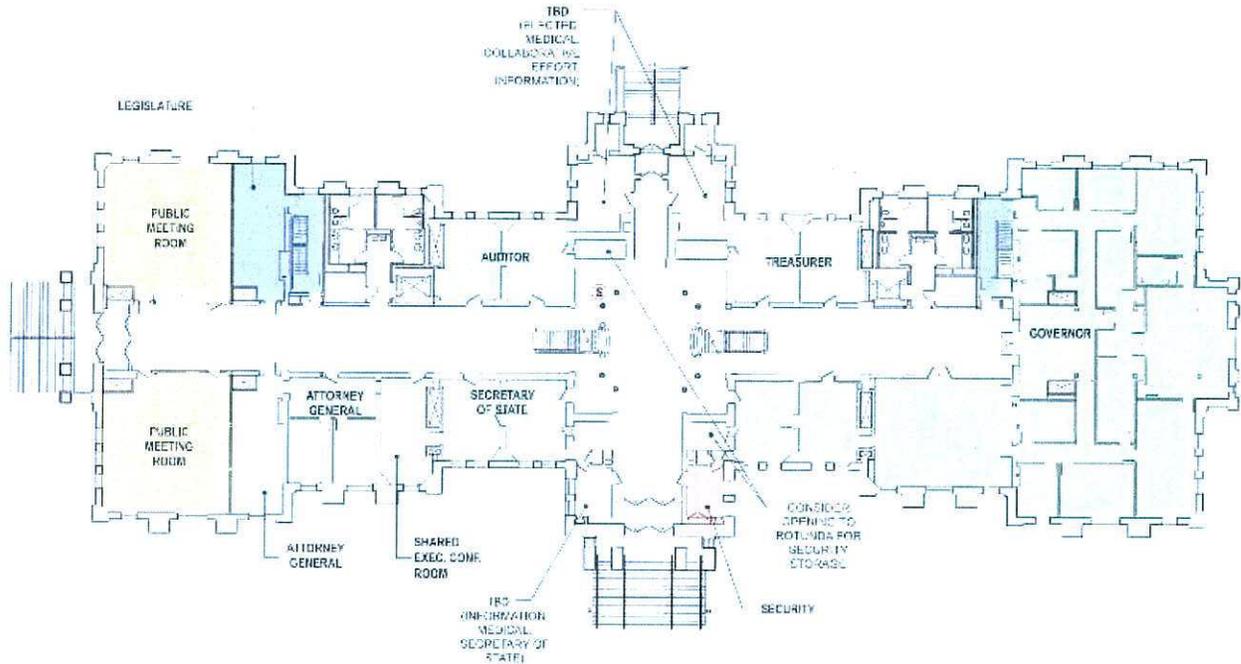
WAM in Music City

WAM's President, Brian Dickson, and Executive Director, Shelley Simonton, joined other WAM members to attend the 2015 Congress of Cities and Exposition held in Nashville, Tennessee earlier this month. This event was hosted by the National League of Cities, which supports city leaders by connecting them to big ideas, research, grants and technical assistance, and to innovative leaders in the public and private sectors.

Shelley Simonton was elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2016 Board of Directors at the conference. Simonton will serve a two-year term and will play a key role in guiding the nation's largest and most representative membership and advocacy organization for city officials.

Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.
~Karl Barth

Senator Kinskey shares Thoughts on Capitol Square Project



Capitol - First Floor - Amended Option 8A
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In an editorial article published this week in the Casper Star Tribune, State Sen. Dave Kinskey expressed his concerns with the continuation of the Capitol Square Project. This project centers on the restoration of the Wyoming State Capitol, which is a Historic Landmark, and includes the rehabilitation of the adjacent Herschler Building.

Sen. Kinskey wrote, "In my view, the Legislature should stop the project as it is currently conceived. If it is to move forward at all, then only on a design limited to safety issues. The millions of dollars saved will not, alone, be enough to dig us out of the fiscal hole. But it will send clearer signal that the sacrifice must be shared by all, including the Wyoming Legislature."

[Read the full story here.](#)

ECONOMIC FORECAST

Gain perspective on Central Wyoming's unique economic forecast for the next year with Economist Dr. Anne Alexander and learn from the expert panelists on how central Wyoming will cope with the energy slump. Panelists include, Maureen Bader with the Wyoming Liberty Group, Robert Jensen, Wyoming Director and Gov. Affairs/P.R. for Holland & Hart, and Representative Mary Throne.

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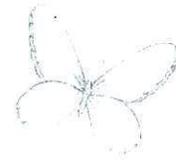
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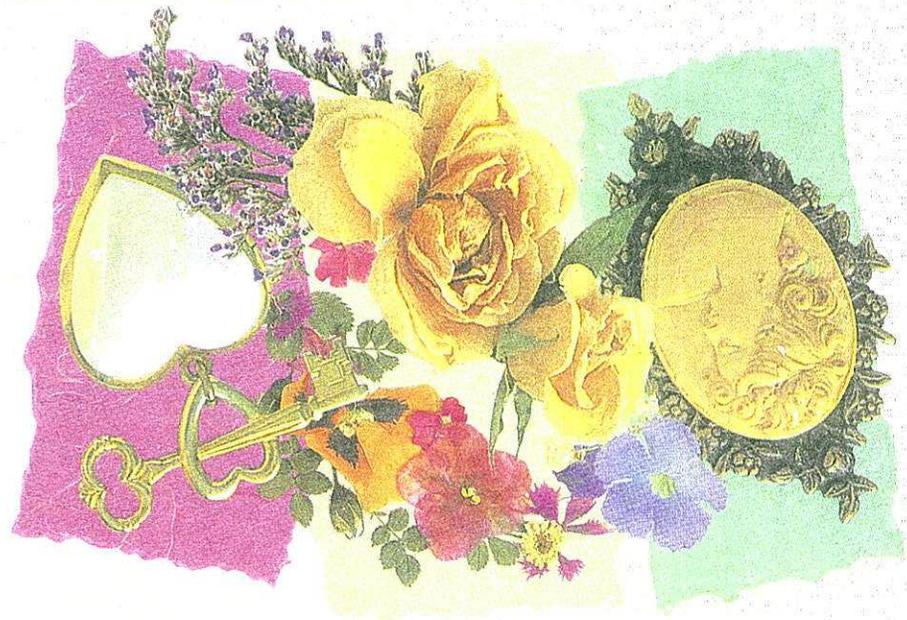
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