

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, June 9, 2015, Following Special Session
Casper City Hall
Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Executive Session – Potential Litigation
2. History and Development of Aquatics in Casper
3. Overview of New Report Format for Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Draft of Executive Summary
4. Discussion of Begonia Bluffs Annexation and Use
 - a. Mike Lansing
 - b. Jeff Meyer
5. Future Agenda Review
6. Council Around the Table

**CITY OF CASPER OUTDOOR POOLS
FACT SHEET**

1. **Paradise Valley Pool, Valley Drive and Iris**
 - ❖ Completed in 1989
 - ❖ Main Pool - 5,412 sq. ft., 192,000 gallons
 - ❖ Splash Pool - 625 sq. ft., 16,000 gallons
 - ❖ Wading Pool - 480 sq. ft., 7,500 gallons
 - ❖ Total Attendance Summer 2014 = 30,146 (up 2,339 from 2013)
 - ❖ Original boiler replaced in 2012
 - ❖ One slide and slide tower was replaced with an additional slide added
 - ❖ Extended grassy area on south end of pool deck to meet code requirements and to allow for more seating
 - ❖ Replaced lifeguard chairs
 - ❖ Installed new perimeter drains
 - ❖ Upgraded lighting

2. **Washington Park Pool, 9th and Jefferson**
 - ❖ Completed in 1935
 - ❖ Main Pool - 5,625 sq. ft., 210,000 gallons
 - ❖ Wading Pool - 480 sq. ft., 7,500 gallons
 - ❖ Total Attendance Summer 2014 = 17,603 (down 5,889 from 2013 which was an unusually high attendance year)
 - ❖ Original boiler replaced in 2013
 - ❖ Pool liner was replaced in 1996 and is due for replacement in 2016
 - ❖ Installed new diving stand and board
 - ❖ ADA accessible bathrooms added
 - ❖ Installed shade umbrella
 - ❖ Replaced lifeguard chairs

3. **Marion Kreiner Park Pool, East “K” and North Kimball**
 - ❖ Completed in 1968
 - ❖ Main Pool - 3,453 sq. ft., 100,000 gallons
 - ❖ Wading Pool - 721 sq. ft., 10,000 gallons
 - ❖ Total Attendance Summer 2014 = 5,306 (up 43 from 2013)
 - ❖ Installed anchors on pool bottom to enable usage of large floating water toys
 - ❖ Installed 8’ slide in deep water end of pool

4. **Mike Sedar Park Pool, 25th and South Poplar**
 - ❖ Completed in 1964
 - ❖ Main Pool - 4,545 sq. ft., 185,000 gallons
 - ❖ Wading Pool - 480 sq. ft., 7,500 gallons
 - ❖ *Destructed in 2013 – not open for the season*

5. **East Casper Community Pool, 12th and Nottingham**
 - ❖ Completed in 1967
 - ❖ Main Pool - 5,036 sq. ft., 200,000 gallons
 - ❖ Wading Pool - 480 sq. ft., 7,500 gallons
 - ❖ *Destructed in 2013 – not open for the season*

General Information - All Outdoor Pools

❖ Functions Occurring –

Recreational Swimming	Special Events
Swim Lessons	Concessions
Water Exercise Classes	Staff Training
Pool Rentals	

Outdoor Pool Fees are subsidized by 1% funds. \$1,200,000 is proposed for 1%#15 over the next four years cumulatively.

FY15 Capital Improvement Projects

1%#15	4,400,000	Mike Sedar Pool Reconstruction – Ground breaking occurred May 2015
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Capital Budget

Washington Pool – Replace bath house roof, install privacy doors, replace pool liner, install video surveillance, replace perimeter drain, install non-skid flooring and improve lighting
Paradise Valley Pool – Replace existing lighting with LED, install non-skid flooring
Marion Kreiner Pool – Replace existing wading pool with splash pad

**CASPER FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER
FACT SHEET**

- ❖ **Ground Breaking - May 2004**
- ❖ **Completion - October 2005**
- ❖ **Construction, Engineering and Furnishing Costs - \$5.87 million
(Funded with One Percent #11 money)**
- ❖ **Open for Public Use - November 2005**
- ❖ **Size of Facility - 23,046 sq. ft.**
- ❖ **Features of Facility –**

Leisure Pool

- Zero Depth Entry
- Play Features
- Lazy River
- Helical Water Slide
- Speed Water Slide

4-Lane 25-Yard Lap Pool
Hot Water Whirlpool
Locker Rooms (each gender and family)
Party Room
Outdoor Sun Deck

- ❖ **Functions Occurring in Facility –**

Recreational Use
Fitness Swimming
Swim Lessons
Water Exercise Classes
Adapted Aquatic Classes

Therapeutic Use
Group Rentals
Party Rentals
Special Events
Staff Training

- ❖ **Participation** – There were 110,280 users during calendar year 2014. This is an increase of 588 people over 2013 which had been one of the years with the highest number of recorded visits.

FY15 Capital Projects –

Pool Coping Overlay
Refurbish Starburst
Replaced Dump Buckets
Replace Light Fixtures

Refinish Slides
Refinish and Repaint Slide Stairs
Replaced Spa Filter
Replaced 6-Way Valves

June 1, 2015

MEMO TO: John C. Patterson, City Manager

FROM: Liz Becher, Community Development Director *lb*
Joy Clark, Community Development Technician *jc*

SUBJECT: Overview of New Report Format for Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Draft of Executive Summary

Summary:

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan is the product of a planning and coordination process required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prioritize the spending of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding allocated to the City of Casper over the next five years (2015-2019). An Annual Action Plan (AAP) updates the Consolidated Plan each following year presenting how the federal funds will be allocated to address the needs and priorities identified.

City staff will present Council with a draft of the Executive Summary of the Five-year Consolidated Plan at their June 9th work session, as well as explain HUD's new reporting format to Council. The report format was changed this past year and has resulted in a completely on-line process. The draft of the complete Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which also includes the AAP for FY 2016-2017, will be presented at the public hearing on June 16th to kick-off the 30-day public comment period. Comments will be incorporated into the final Plan and presented to Council for final approval on July 21, 2015.

Staff will be happy to address any questions from Council regarding the Plan or the new report process.

Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

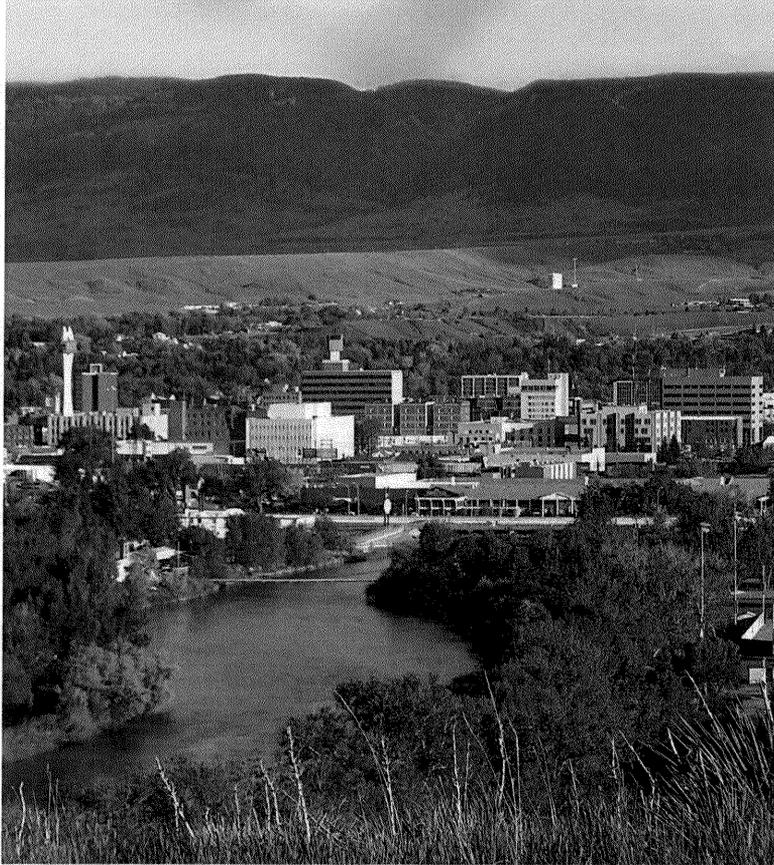
1. Introduction

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2015-2019) is designed to provide an overview of Casper as a growing and maintainable community and present the goals and objectives planned to benefit the low income population in the city. The Plan is a product of a planning and coordination process required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to prioritize the spending of Federal funding allocated to the City of Casper over the next five years. An Annual Action Plan will update the Plan each following year presenting how Federal funds will be allocated to address the needs and priorities identified in the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

The primary focus of the Plan is how the City can utilize its allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) to improve the quality of life for its low income population by establishing goals and objectives to address critical housing and community development needs. Issues to be addressed are economic development, housing, transportation, and homelessness.

Another purpose of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the First-Year Annual Action Plan is to guide the decision-making process over the year as well as the next five years, to plan how to effectively and efficiently allocate and spend CDBG funds to meet these objectives. Local social service, government, medical and housing agencies were consulted in the development of the Plan regarding community development and housing in the City of Casper and to obtain their input about current availability of services, what the needs are in the City and how to best prioritize funding to address these needs.

Demographic data was analyzed related to housing, the homeless, employment and community development needs. This data was used, along with the input from the local agencies, to develop an overall picture of the City's housing and community development needs.



City Scene

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

In preparation of this report, the City researched current issues of employment, economic development, increased development of and maintaining affordable housing and the provision of social services to special needs populations and the community's homeless persons and families. The research indicated several areas of need.

Over the period of this Five-Year Consolidated Plan CDBG funds will be used to promote and support the following priorities:

Economic Development

- Diversified economic development efforts, especially efforts that will create jobs.
- Support the revitalization and rehabilitation efforts of owners in the Old Yellowstone District (OYD) and downtown core to encourage increased patronage and job creation.
- Development of infill areas that create jobs or housing for low-moderate income persons.

Housing

- Develop affordable single family housing that is considered affordable to low-moderate income homeowners. Support new housing construction that has units with project-based assistance, so more residents can be safely housed.
- Continue Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Programs (HRAP) for low-moderate income homeowners providing more suitable living environments.
- Facilitate homebuyer and rental education programs to assist residents wanting housing of their own to be successful.

Special needs

- Foster the development of housing projects that serve persons with special needs providing more residents with a place to call home.
- Continue to support transit services by subsidizing the cost of tickets and tokens to qualified recipients. Encourage expansion of routes and increased weekend services.
- Expand the amount/affordability of child care capacity so more families have access to affordable, safe, licensed child care.
- Stay informed of local agencies activities and needs to provide referrals correctly and support the agencies' through the local Continuum of Care (CoC).

Homeless

- Actively participate in the regional homeless collaborative to stay informed with current information.
- Increase use of the cold weather shelter for emergency housing in the winter months to keep more homeless safe and warm.
- Support the Homeless CoC State Ten-Year Plan to end chronic homelessness, and implement goals that can be performed locally.
- Ensure operational/capital investment on LifeSteps Campus to maintain this community resource as a living space for “hard to house populations”. Provide services to homeless persons and families as well as low-moderate income persons on Campus and in the neighborhood.
- Increase Housing First projects providing additional homes for the homeless.
- Encourage efforts to increase operational capacity of non-profit organizations, especially those that serve persons that are homeless or have special needs so more services are available.

Neighborhood Programs

- Continue to support neighborhood improvement strategies such as support of the Weed and Seed Program, clearance or demolition and neighborhood clean-up activities.

- Continue to assist low-moderate income homeowners with small emergency repairs, preventing expensive large rehabilitation activities.
- Continue to remove spot slum and blight through clearance, demolition and rehabilitation to make homes and neighborhoods safer.
- Develop community programs to stimulate growth in the OYD and downtown area.

3. Evaluation of past performance

An evaluation of the CDBG activities in Program Year 2014 gave the City insight as to areas that needed more concentration and areas needing less emphasis at this time. Realizing the rather drastic and sudden economic and major industry changes that occur in Casper, the City must be flexible and stay alert as to where the need is greatest to assist the low-income persons the best way possible in the city. The goals and projects will be evaluated regularly to ensure needs are being met in as efficient and effective manner as possible.

The community works together to resolve issues with positive outcome solutions such as the redevelopment and growth of the OYD, increased housing and social services on the LifeSteps Campus for hard to house populations, facilitating affordable housing in an old, condemned apartment building in downtown Casper (Star Apartments), and the rehabilitation and growth of the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission's housing sites. This sense of community pride lends itself to improvements that benefit all of its citizens.

A Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) is submitted to HUD 90 days following the end of the Program Year. Prior to submitting the CAPER to HUD, notice of the CAPER will be published in the Casper Star Tribune and the Casper Journal at least 15 days prior to its submission to HUD advising that the CAPER is available for public comment and where copies can be reviewed. The CAPER analyzes the City's use of its annual CDBG fund allocation and serves as an evaluation of the City's performance of meeting the planned goals of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

Meetings to encourage community input are scheduled to occur at the Casper Senior Center, King's Corner (weekly Community Dinner location), and in Building K on LifeSteps Campus.

5. Summary of public comments

Forthcoming, if any, following the meetings.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

Forthcoming, if any.

7. Summary

Forthcoming, after all above is completed.

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June 2, 2015

Dear City officials,

I am writing in regard to the June 16th meeting in which you will be considering the annexation and plat creation of the Begonia Bluffs Addition. Unfortunately, we will be out of town and wanted our opinion expressed to you.

My husband and I live at 1704 Begonia, very near the property in question. We attended your last meeting but were not prepared to add comments at that time. We wanted to listen to our neighbor's comments and then form our own opinion after hearing what they had to say. Although there were many good insights that evening, we were saddened at the negativity we heard.

We have lived at our present address for twenty-seven years and have loved every moment of it. We enjoy the quiet and serene environment of our neighborhood and the natural beauty of living next to the Platte River. We have often wondered about the property in question and have even made calls about ownership and plans for the future. The City told us many years ago that they didn't have the funding to develop it.

Recently we heard about plans to possibly develop this property and build a walking bridge across the river. We were excited at the prospect. We feel that right now it is just an ant and snake infested area that has much potential. At the last meeting, from the comments we heard, we seemed to be a minority. Jim and I believe it would be a wonderful enhancement for our neighborhood. We welcome the development and enhancement of the property of Begonia Bluffs. We live in a beautiful area and should not wish to keep it all to ourselves but to share it with our community.

Thank you for your hard work in our behalf and we appreciate your considering our opinion.

Sincerely,

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