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Five County Association of Governments New Building Update



The development of property located at approximately 1600 South Dixie Drive in St. George City, by K. H. Traveller Development, is progressing

smoothly. In late June, the Five County Association of Governments entered into a land purchase agreement to acquire a parcel of ground in the new Tonaquint Center Business Park. Early in December, the Association expects to acquire the property, along with all improvements thereon. As of this update, the building itself has been framed and sheathed, rough electrical wiring and rough plumbing has been installed, portions of the HVAC system are in place, exterior windows have been installed, and insulation and wall board is in place.

The new office building will contain approximately 10,000 square feet of space and the property, when acquired, will include a parking lot owned by the Association. The facility is designed to provide for functional use of space and improved energy efficiency. Funding for the purchase of the property is being provided through a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which was allocated by the Steering Committee of the Five County Association of Governments, as well as with funds allocated by the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (PCIFB).

Staff of the Five County Association of Governments continues to work diligently with the Developer and with the State of Utah Division of Community Development, which administers the CDBG program and the PCIFB program, at the state level, to ensure a smooth process towards the formal acquisition of the property later this fall. If you have any questions regarding the new facility, they should be

directed to John S. Williams, Executive Director, at (435) 673-3548 or via e-mail: jwilliams@fcaog.state.ut.us

Consolidated Plan Update 2003

One of the requirements placed on all agencies that receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the preparation of a Consolidated Plan. The Plan consists of goals and policies directing community, economic and housing development. HUD also requires that an Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Plan be completed. This Plan identifies impediments to fair housing choice for all persons regardless of race, sex, source of income, age, disability, familial status or national origin.

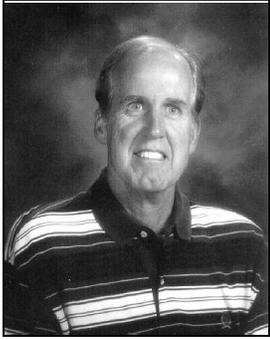
The Consolidated Plan includes all capital improvement priorities in the Five County region for fiscal year 2003-04. These priorities are listed in the One-Year Action Plan and the Five-Year Strategy. The One Year Action Plan is a list of community, economic and housing development priorities that members of the Five County Association of Governments plan to achieve during the fiscal year. Communities, counties and other affected private/public agencies are encouraged to utilize this document in budgeting and other policy-making activities. This plan encourages local coordination and describes community and regional priorities.

The Consolidated Plan provides a foundation for all community, economic and housing development activities, goals, policies or programs associated with the Five County region.

The Five-Year Strategy provides information and data regarding the needs of community, economic and housing development for the next five years (2003-2008).

The emphasis this year will be on the Housing element. A separate mailer will be sent regarding specific items required for the Plan update and directions for entities to follow to accomplish these tasks. If you have questions prior to receiving this mailer, please contact Diane Lamoreaux or Ken Sizemore at (435) 673-3548.

Staff Spotlights:



Keith Parke joined the staff at the Five County Association of Governments six months ago as the Community Fire Planner. Keith has lived in Cedar City for 32 years, is the father of seven children, and lives with his wife Bobbie, a legal secretary.

Keith graduated from high school in Long Beach, California. After serving as a missionary in Canada, he attended and graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in secondary education. Keith received a masters degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia, also in education. He taught at Cedar High for 27 years and retired from Canyon View High after four years. While teaching, he was also the Iron County Fire Warden for 20 years.

When not working, Keith enjoys customizing old Volkswagens, four wheeling, hunting, fishing, writing historical novels, and not surprising, teaching 16 and 17 year olds in Sunday School.



Julie Mickelson moved to St. George from Flagstaff, Arizona in 1977 and changed the direction of her life. After 25 years of teaching elementary school, and earning a Masters plus 60 hours from Northern Arizona University and her district in

Elementary Education, she is excited to be working with children in a different modality.

Julie has assumed the position as a Technical Assistant (TA) for the Child Care Resource & Referral in the St. George Office. This position gives her the opportunity to recruit Day Care Providers and then to evaluate their programs to help them become better providers. Part of her job, that she looks forward to with anticipation, is building a Lending Library. Making theme boxes, activities, story stretchers and toys available for our providers to check out to use to teach their children is the "Fun Stuff" from teaching that she misses.

Julie thinks that working for the AOG and Lis Barker in the CCR&R is wonderful. She absolutely loves all of her co-workers, both in the St. George and Cedar City offices. This is going to be the greatest job ever.



Lauri Marsh recently joined the Five County Association of Governments as a new referral specialist with the Child Care Resource & Referral in the St. George office. She feels very privileged to be working with all the Great Child Care Providers in the

region, and hopes they all know how wonderful they are!

Lauri ran a day care for twelve years while she raised her four children. It was a good way to stay home and also earn an income. She really enjoyed taking care of those precious little ones. She still has close relationships with a lot of the children who were in her care. What a great reward!

Cedar Mountain Fire District Community Wildfire Workshop



Participants of Training Workshop, August 9-10, 2002

Through the Western Urban Interface portion of the National Fire Plan, qualifying communities located in the urban rural interface are eligible for state and federal grant assistance for education and fuel mitigation programs.

To help teach community members in writing fire plans, a training workshop was held at the Duck Creek Fire Station on August 9 and 10. Under the direction of Fire Planner, Keith Parke, Community Solutions from Sundance presented the two day seminar. Federal, state and county partners, along with property owners from both Duck Creek and Cedar Highlands attended the training. (Keith Parke)

Hazard Mitigation Planning Project Begins

The United States Congress promulgated the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 for the purpose of establishing a new and revitalized approach to disaster mitigation in the country. Section 322 of the Act requires that states and localities plan for how they will mitigate potential disasters, rather than reacting to a disaster after the fact. These state and local hazard mitigation plans must be submitted through the state of Utah for approval by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on or before November 1, 2003. Those jurisdictions that prepare and adopt such plans will be eligible for certain kinds of additional federal aid in the event of a presidential disaster declaration. The preparation of hazard mitigation plans is not mandated. Participation by local governments is voluntary.

Most local governments have developed a capacity to respond to disasters. Local public works and law enforcement officials participate in Local Emergency Planning Committees and other emergency response programs. The primary distinction between the existing emergency response programs and the new disaster mitigation planning is that local governments will actively instigate actions designed to prevent or lessen the impacts of natural disasters, rather than reacting to a specific emergency. This planning will require the involvement of a wider array of local interests and citizens, including emergency responders.

An unfortunate reality that comes with the new Act is the limited amount of funds to assist in the preparation of hazard mitigation plans. Most State Hazard Mitigation Officers have recognized that the limited funds will not allow for the preparation of individual hazard mitigation plans at the municipal or even county level. Because of this constraint, the Utah Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security has invited the Associations of Government in the state to prepare regional hazard mitigation plans. This invitation came after the state discussed the issue with the Governor's Office, Utah League of Cities and Towns, and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. This approach is also supported by the state chapters of the American Planning Association and American Public Works Association.

The Association of Governments has initiated a regional planning process that will result in the development of a regional hazard mitigation plan with annexes for each local jurisdiction. The annexes will recite how each local government is approaching hazard mitigation. Each participating local government and county will formally adopt the plan before submission to the state. A regional workshop will be conducted in order to provide additional details and time lines. The workshop date and location will be announced in the coming month. We look forward to working with you as we engage in this process. (Ken Sizemore)

Cedar City Clinic Expands Service

Last May, the Cedar City Clinic opened its doors with the purpose of serving low-income individuals who have no access to health insurance. Four months later, the clinic is thriving and has announced that patients will now be seen every Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Located inside the Specialty Clinics at Valley View Medical Center, the Cedar City Clinic is a volunteer staffed, low-income health clinic providing care for non-emergency conditions. While the service is not for everyone, it does fill a gap by providing doctor access to individuals who do not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid; do not carry medical coverage through a private provider; and have an annual income that does not exceed 150% of the Federal Poverty Guideline. Patients are seen on a first come, first serve basis and must provide two months income verification. There is a sliding fee schedule (\$1-10) based on income, but the fee may be waived if deemed necessary.

In addition to filling a critical need in Iron County, the Cedar City Clinic has proven to be an excellent inter-generational volunteer effort, as retirees, university students and current professionals give of their time. In addition to health care, volunteers also provide patients with information about other community services aimed at helping their specific needs.

The Cedar City Clinic is provided through Healthy Communities of Iron County, IHC Foundation, Valley View Medical Center, Southwest Utah Public Health Department, RSVP/Volunteer Center of Iron County, Bureau of Eligibility Services, Iron County Care and Share and Southwest Area Health Education Center. (Ron Cardon)

CDBG HOW-TO-APPLY WORKSHOPS

Monday, September 23, 2002 - 6:30 p.m.
Hurricane City Office, City Council Chambers
147 North 870 West, Hurricane, Utah

Tuesday, September 24, 2002 - 10:00 a.m.
Panguitch Fire Station
40 North 100 East, Panguitch, Utah

Any jurisdiction that is contemplating applying for CDBG funding must assign at least one elected official from their governing body to attend one of the two scheduled workshops in the region from which they are applying, whether you are applying directly, or if you are sponsoring another entity through your jurisdiction. A representative of the "other entity" must also be in attendance with the elected official. A post card will be mailed in the first part of September reminding jurisdictions of the upcoming workshops.

21st Century Communities Program



Congratulations to New Harmony as the most recent community in the state to be designated a 21st Century Gold Level Community!

New Harmony Town has completed nine community assessments and a 21st Century Work Plan. A community project, to improve a 20 acre property for picnic and other recreation opportunities, has also been identified and is now in the process of development.

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail (dlamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us) or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550. For other information or services, please call (435) 673-3548 or visit our web site at: <http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us>

Steering Committee Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, September 11, 2002, 1:00 p.m.
Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg., Conference Room
105 East Center Street; Beaver, UT

Wednesday, October 9, 2002, 1:00 p.m.
Parowan Public Library, Meeting Room
16 South Main Street; Parowan, UT

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