

July 11, 2008



Unauthorized Items

1. Adopt a Spot Donation

Huntington Bank has made a \$250 donation to the Adopt A Spot program and Council is being asked to accept that donation.

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council accept the donation.

Council Action

Accept the donation.

Information Items

1. City / University Sports Commission Project

During the 2007-08 academic year, the City of Kent partnered with Kent State University Athletics and the College of Sports and Leisure to develop a framework for a new Kent-based sports commission. The purpose of this work was to prepare an outline for a new organization with the capability of attracting more sporting events to the greater Kent area. I'm pleased to report that this group successfully competed for the Ohio girls statewide rugby tournament that brought 20 teams to Kent in May. I've included a copy of the draft organizational report that the students working with our staff prepared. The organization is still in its formative stages but I'm encouraged by the progress we've made. It's a great example of a town/gown collaboration that has positive results for both the City and the University. (attachment)

2. Lasso the Moon

In case you had not noticed I wanted to let you know that Lasso the Moon on Main Street is shutting down their business. Mary Gilbert indicated to me that the owner's decision was more for personal reasons rather than business reasons. I hate to see them shut their doors as they have been a great example of the kind of eclectic retail that makes Kent's downtown unique but I have also heard from Dan Smith that the owners of the building have already found new tenants that want to be in the space as soon as possible so hopefully we'll have a new member in our downtown retail family very soon. As I hear more I'll be sure to let you know.

3. Monthly Permit and Zoning Report

Gary Locke has enclosed a copy of the monthly zoning and permit violations report thru June 2008. June was a very good month for construction in Kent and for the year construction permits are now up 8.5% over last year and fee revenues are up 22%. With the growing season in full swing you will see a large number of high grass complaints and citations issued in the Zoning Report. (attachments)

4. On Vacation

My family and I have planned to be on vacation next week (July 14 thru July 18th) so in my absence please direct any items that you may have directly to the Department Heads or Bill Lillich. Have a great week.