

City Staff Activity Report
Progress on FY 09/10 Projects as of 7/30/10

<p>MDOT Cat A Econ Grant (Market Ave/44th St/Weaver St. Reconstruction)</p>	<p>MDOT let bids on 9/3/09 and selected C&D Hughes from Charlotte, MI. The low bid was reportedly \$1.2 million. The project was estimated at \$1.5 million. City Council approved the grant contract with MDOT for \$915,943. Preconstruction meeting held September 22, 2009. Project letters sent to residents/property owners September 29, 2009. Project began October 5, 2009 with signage. Weaver Street milling began October 6, 2009. Weaver Ave. curbing installed on October 19, 2009. First coat of asphalt installed on Weaver Ave on October 29, 2009. Second coat of asphalt will be installed after the manhole covers are adjusted on November 1, 2009. Storm drains installed across intersection of 44th/Weaver; 44th/Michigan and 44th/Valley. Storm Drains have been installed along the south side of 44th St, between Market Ave extension and Stone Rd. Market Avenue extension excavating began on October 19, 2009. Water main has been buried. Curbs on Market Avenue installed on November 13, 2009. Final coat of asphalt placed on Market Ave 7/16/10. 44th Street has been milled from Market Ave to Pathfinder. Curb work began on 44th (Stone to Pathfinder) week of 6/21/10. First coat of asphalt placed on 44th 7/16/10. Raising/adjusting manhole structures week of 7/12/10. Project is complete.</p>
<p>City Signage</p>	<p><u>City entryway signs:</u> The City has executed a contract with Lakeshore Signs for the three (3) City entryway signs. Confirming locations: 1) entryway sign to be located on the NCRESA grounds was approved by their board and a zoning permit was received; 2) MDOT has given approval/clarification on proposed west and south entrances, as long as they are not in the right-of-way. The west entryway sign is expected to be located in front of Fairview Floral, and 3) Stitches' N More agreed to allow an entryway sign on its property north of their drive. Staff is met with City Attorney to finalize easement location language on 5/4/10. Staff is developing legal descriptions for the easements. MDOT approved new service club signs; letters have been sent to service clubs informing them of City's new policy.</p>
<p>Planning & Zoning</p>	<p><u>Joint Planning:</u> A joint zoning working group is creating recommendations with regard to the districts for a new joint zoning ordinance for the full Joint Planning Commission's consideration. <u>Fremont Metal & Paper:</u> The Fremont Metal and Paper site plan was approved with conditions at the June 23, 2009 Planning Commission meeting. The Zoning Administrator approved an amendment to the approved Fremont Metal and Paper Site plan to allow for a 30-foot west drive on Elm Street. Staff has met with NCEDO and the Right Place Program regarding Brownfield possibilities for this site. The Newaygo County Brownfield Authority at their September 2009 meeting developed a program for entities that want to request money for environmental testing. Staff met with the Berens during the week of October 5 and discussed relocation options. Staff met with Berens on November 6, 2009 and continued to discuss options and site plan requirements. A letter was sent to Berens in November 2009 outlining the three options Beren's has expressed an interest in: (1) building new at his current location; 2) moving to the FIP; and 3) moving to Meeuwenberg, and he was to reply by mid-Jan. Staff called him in late January, and he said he would contact his attorney and get back to us. Dayton Twp has approved zoning to allow FM&P to operate east of the City on M-82 at the of the former "84 Lumber" site. Staff met with Berens on 4/27/10 – Berens undecided about future site.</p>
<p>FPS New High School</p>	<p>FPS has been providing Staff with site plan details, particularly regarding access and utilities. A site plan for the new high school was submitted in January 2010, and staff conducted a review of the plan, which was provided to the CC at the Feb. 1, 2010 meeting. Staff met with school staff after the 2/1/10 CC meeting, and as a result, a new site plan has been submitted for the CC consideration. The site plan was discussed with the Planning Commission on February 23, 2010 meet. Plan. Comm. accepted the Staff recommendations regarding the FHS site plan on 2/23/10. Staff met with FPS, Triangle Construction and the Gryphon Group regarding "repurposing" the old FHS building. Staff met with FPS, FACF and Gryphon regarding Gateway Collaboration and next steps. Gateway Collaborative workgroup met on 5/13/10. An additional meeting has been scheduled for 6/23/10 to discuss the feasibility study .</p>

Methane Digester / Novi Energy	<p>Novi Energy completed soil borings necessary for the Site Plan. Novi has agreed to gas purchase agreement with Consumers Energy. They formerly had an agreement with Gerber. Consumers Energy has forwarded a request to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to purchase power from Novi Energy. Staff and NCEDO met with Novi Energy on October 8, 2009 and discussed financing, site plan and Novi's contractual relationships. CM discussed City requirements for WWTP or storm sewer system to handle process water with Novi on November 6, 2009. Possible subcontractors met with Staff during the week of November 23, 2009 to discuss site issues. Staff has received numerous calls from potential contractors since the previous CC meeting. City and Novi Energy have executed an extension of the extension of the option agreement. The final purchase price of approximately will be \$71,000 - reduced if Novi begins the project within one (1) year. Planning Commission reviewed site plan 7/27/10. A community informational meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8/19/10 from 6-8 pm. Planning Commission will reconvene 8/24/10 to discuss the site plan and review questions generated on 7/27/10. Zoning Board of Appeals will review a request for a building/structure height variance on either 9/2/10 or 9/9/10.</p>
Downtown Parking Lot Improvements	<p>Staff submitted grant application to USDA Rural Development requesting \$98,000 for improvements to the southeast public parking lot in downtown Fremont. USDA informed Staff that \$60,000 was approved. USDA staff met with City Staff on 7/15/09 regarding grant terms. The overall cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$507,262. Staff submitted a request to MEDC for \$220,000 from the CDBG program, the grant was awarded, subject to an environmental review and subject to local property owner creating 11 new full time positions. Staff followed up on MEDC request for additional information related to the CDBG application. MEDC approved Environmental Review and provided approval to incur costs as of 4/13/10.</p>
Blight Ordinance	<p>Pride building demolished by 7/2/10. Additional blight hearings scheduled for August 2010.</p>
Campground Expansion/Improvements	<p>Staff assembled working committee. Meeting held for 1/14/10 to establish expansion/improvements and MDNR Trust Fund (MNRTF) Application process. Working Committee met with Paradigm Design to develop conceptual plan for Campground expansion on 1/28/10. Paradigm Design completed conceptual plans and are finalizing cost estimates. Working Committee will review preliminary design in early March. Staff will meet with MDNR on 2/17/10 to discuss expansion concept for grant application. CC will hold a public hearing on March 15, 2010 to review the MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application. MNRTF application completed and sent to DNR. City will learn if it was approved by 12/31/10.</p>
DPW Building	<p>Planning Commission reviewed plans on 1/26/10. CC approved proposal for architectural and engineering services from Paradigm on 1/4/10. Construction started 4/19/10 but was temporarily shut down due to possible gasoline spill onsite. Superior Environmental contracted to test soils and determine remediation method. Testing began 4/29/10 and should be completed by 5/6/10. Soils testing completed. Visser Bros removed and landfill 450 yards of contaminated soil during the week of 5/17/10. Foundations installed during week of 6/14/10. Building was delivered and prepared for assembly on 6/25/10. Steel beams placed during week of 7/12/10. Roof constructed on 8/29/10. Sidewalls expected 8/30/10.</p>
S. Division & Apache (Cemetery) Reconstruction	<p>S. Division from Sheridan to Pine; Apache from S. Division to Stewart (Cemetery) Design plans for water and sewer improvements completed 5/13/10. Bids will be received on 5/28/10. City Council approved low bid from Wadel Stabilization on 6/7/10. Construction expected to begin during week of 6/21/10. Watermain installed on Apache and S. Division in the Cemetery week of 7/12/10. Watermain along S. Division from Sheridan to Pine passed bacterial test. Watermain along Apache in the Cemetery passed bacterial test. Watermain on S. Division portion of project in the Cemetery will be installed on 7/29/10. Waiting for Fremont Public Schools to install sewer on their campus in order to complete the sewer installation on S. Division portion in the Cemetery.</p>
N. Division Reconstruction	<p>Pathfinder Elementary to Daisybrook Elementary Paradigm Design working on plans. Bids will be received 6/3/10 and reviewed by CC 6/21/10. Storm drains constructed during week of 6/12/10. City Council to hold Special Assessment for curb and gutter on 8/2/10.</p>
Street Resurfacing	<p>City Council to review bid recommendation on 8/2/10 to resurface Oak (Connie to Lake), Oak (Southwood to Iroquois) and Pine (Gerber to Sullivan).</p>

