

## RIVERGROVE'S GOALS—A 2011 YEAR-END UPDATE

Early in the year, Rivergrove City Council approved a set of goals for the years 2011-2012. For those of you who'd like to see how we're doing, an updated list can be seen on the following pages. Halfway through our two-year schedule, I'd say we've done remarkably well, thanks to help from citizens, City staff, the Planning Commission and City Councilors.

Some of the goals were fairly easy to tackle, while others represent an enormous outlay of time, energy and expense. Where costs have been steep, we have sought grant funding to accomplish these projects. And in areas where grants received are insufficient to complete the effort (road paving, revision of the code, park CIP projects) we are continuing to write grant proposals for additional funding.

I was delighted to see progress in areas that have previously been overlooked. The City's archival storage is a good example—this nightmare of a reorganization project is well underway and should be completed in March. And Childs Road west of 65<sup>th</sup>, scheduled to be paved in 2012, has never been paved by the City in its 40-year history!

So, all in all, very good progress, and we're looking forward to another productive year. If you've been thinking for a while (as one new volunteer mentioned recently) about getting involved to help your city survive and thrive, I'd like to hear from you. We'll find the perfect volunteer spot for you, matched well to your available time, talent and interest. Don't feel that you need to have a "history" with the city, knowledge of legal or technical matters, or huge blocks of spare time—we have volunteer jobs for everyone who would like to participate whether it's an hour or two here and there, or an ongoing commitment.

I would like very much to see the City move forward, for us to explore new areas of thought with respect to the quality of life our residents enjoy. For 2012, let's generate new ideas to make Rivergrove an even better place to live! I'd like to hear from you...

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# RIVERGROVE GOALS 2011-12

(Updated December, 2011)

= **achieved!**     = **actively underway**

How are we doing? Here's a progress report on the City's goals for 2011/2012:

**1. Evaluate (with intent to adopt) the updated Comprehensive Plan.**

An Amended Comprehensive Plan was adopted in July 2011.

**2. Resurrect the proposed revision of the Rivergrove Land Development Ordinance and continue work on it. Develop new Ordinances for Signs, Tree policy, etc.**

Bill Tuttle is Councilor in charge of the code revision.

A Draft Municipal Sign Ordinance has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and is now before the City Council.

The City has received a \$1,000 grant for technical assistance with land use ordinance revision. (We are searching for more funding to finish the job.)

**3. Assess the City's road system...with an eye to developing a Transportation System Plan (TSP), discussing traffic control, road jurisdiction, planning, and maintenance.**

Mary Mann is the Councilor in charge of Transportation.

The City did an in-depth study and determined that it had road jurisdiction over Childs Road west of 65<sup>th</sup> (WA County). We applied for and received a \$50,000 grant to repave the worst half of that road in 2012.

The City is working on the engineering and paving process for Childs Road west of 65<sup>th</sup>.

Childs Road in Clackamas County was repaved by the County. The City has worked with the County on road safety and attractiveness issues, including pedway safety bumps and safer, more attractive sidewalk-to-pedway connections.

Ongoing: efforts to find a way to repave damaged areas Marlin/east Dogwood, to restripe intersection at west Dogwood & Sycamore, and address blackberry issues on Sycamore. Consideration of a TSP for Rivergrove.

**4. Evaluate the roles of our paid employees.**

A job description was created for the paid position of City Manager/City Recorder.

**5. Re-activate our emergency preparedness plan for the city. Add Neighborhood Watch Committee.**

K.C Cooper has volunteered. TVF&R is ready to provide assistance in this effort.

**6. Establish an archival system for Rivergrove's documents.**

Archival procedures have been reviewed by the City Manager and City Council.

Reorganization of the Archives is underway & expected to be completed by 3/12.

**7. Determine the best use of Rivergrove's Open Space (park plan).**

Arne Nyberg is Councilor in charge of Park/Open Space.

A Capital Improvements Plan for Open Space/Park was adopted in Nov. 2011. The park's sprinkler system was repaired, the lawn was regraded and reseeded, plus a new swing set was purchased (Metro grant funds). New signage was added and the existing signage is being cleaned and repainted.

Plans for landscaping and other amenities are underway.

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## **Other Priorities:**

1. **Develop an active plan to record our city's history.**  
No one has stepped up to lead efforts toward this goal.
2. **Find a significant way to celebrate Rivergrove's 40th birthday year.**  
 **You bet we partied—a splendid birthday celebration in the Park!**
3. **Create a visionary committee with the mission of finding ways to improve the quality of life in Rivergrove—an idea committee!**  
This plan is currently being refined, thanks to efforts by Lynn Hingson. This is exactly the idea-generating group we need!
4. **Welcome newcomers to Rivergrove.**  
 **Councilor Mary Mann & Mayor Heather Kibbey have been meeting new residents.**  
However the creation of a Welcome Committee to help would be appreciated. We don't want any new citizens to be overlooked.