



Planning and Land Services

Implementing the 2004 Audit

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Calendar

This Week

Jan. 11th Meeting with Human Resources concerning the proposed reorganization.

Jan. 11th Oversight Committee 1st meeting

For the initial phase of backlog reduction we are looking at the backlog as of February 1, 2005.

Our plan is to get all of those plans reviewed by the end of 2005.

While we are reducing that backlog we will monitor the new work coming in to see if an additional backlog is created. We can't ignore the new applications. It will be a challenge to monitor the process and report the results.

Our backlog of enforcement cases will not be addressed during this first phase.

News

This week we are starting to look at the style of this newsletter. Local newspapers have sections for Sports, Business, Local, and others. This allows readers to quickly find the information they are most interested in.

What sections would you be most interested in seeing in your newsletter?

Space Planning

Space planning proposals are due back from two more firms on the 14th. They will be reviewed and a contractor selected the following week.

Backlog Reduction

What is backlog?

The way we normally think of it, is "Any review that was not completed within the time noted in a performance standard for that kind of review".

So backlog reduction is reducing the number of reviews that did not meet the performance standard.

Counter / Lobby

Future articles in the space would report on changes planned and or implemented in the Development Center area. Additionally we will report on average wait and processing times.

Celebrations

Vicki Diamond was the first supervisor to get recommendation priorities turned in. Way to go!

Second newsletter is out on schedule.

Feedback

Feedback on last week's issue:

- I really like that. What a great idea, and good job on the first one!
- Great idea to start newsletter. I'd like to see the PALS intranet with the newsletter as a regular feature.
- I think the newsletter is a great way to keep everyone informed about the pending changes. The format being like a regular news paper makes me want to see the next installment! thanks for keeping us informed.
- PALS needs this----it is informative---too many things are kept secret!! I hope it continues. Thanks for allowing input.
- I liked the newsletter.
- Nice newsletter.

Web Page

Changes and update notices when we make a revision to the web page.

Other Open Projects



Finalized a proposal to review our ordinances regarding enforcement.

The report will look at:

1. Provide a framework for PALS to look at consolidating our enforcement functions in one division of PALS.
2. Identify inconsistencies in and or between the three sections of Pierce County Code used by PALS for enforcement.
3. Determine statutory limitations, if any, to enforcement consolidation.

Report is due back on February 4th. This report is designed to help in analyzing Audit Recommendation #14.

Project Names Submitted so far:

ZAP 2005 (Zucker Audit Plan 2005)
ZIP 2005 (Zucker Implementation Plan 2005)
SIP "Survey Implementation Plan".
PALS '05: *THE RENAISSANCE*
From Zucker to Arcadia..ie...."From Z to A"
Finding Shangri-La
Envisioning Utopia
Milestones
Transformation Project

Keep them coming. Name should be one or two words. Avoid acronyms.