

NOVEMBER 2024 MONTHLY

FEATURED PROJECT:



Southern Oregon Veterans Benefit (SOVB) group has raised funds to place a permanent replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall at the site of Rogue X at 1221 Ross Lane. It is planned to be an 80% scale replica of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall in Washington, D. C. The total project cost for this park setting is an estimated \$1,000,000.

Pictured above is a rendering of the entrance to the site where the wall will be located.



Artist Renderings of the New - Old Spaghetti Factory Interior, Front Street





Department Activity



❖ Kimberly London taught a class for Realtors. This class provides an overview on the permitting process and why it is important to assure structures are in compliance with City, State, and Federal codes. Kimberly teaches these classes at least twice a year. This has saved many home buyers costly repairs for previous non-permitted work as, with this education, Realtors are trained to recognize non-permitted work and how to rectify issues.

- ❖ Carol Wedman met with Chad McComas, Set Free Services, to discuss the Joy Community development project; an integrated community that will provide housing for widows and widowers that are unable to afford housing. This community will be located on Biddle Road. Carol will continue to act as a Liaison for the department and meet biweekly with the development leadership team.
- ❖ The City of Eagle Point expressed an interest in Medford's Building Safety Development Department's service delivery system. Mandy Maddox, Permit Technician from Eagle Point, spent half the day shadowing Kimberly and learning more about our service delivery system.





- Sam Barnum and Rob Field met with Linda Donovan, Medford's City Center Wine District owner, to learn about a potential condo development that would be located adjacent to her property.
- ❖ Fire Station #15 Update. The project is in the final stages of design. It is expected that permit submittal will happen in January.
- ❖ Sam and City Manager Rob Field met with Marcus McCarthy from Fortify to review the status of existing projects. The Roxie, on Biddle, no longer has anyone residing there. The developer does not have any short-term plans for resuming construction. Resuming construction will be considered at a later date.
- ❖ Sam met with Barry Thalden, Developer for the New Spirit project, and has resolved all engineering related issues for this development. The developer is moving forward with an appeal, to be heard on 12/19/24, for determination relating to private versus public road access.
- Sam met with John Schleining to resolve issues with the CUP for the Veteran's Wall project that is to be sited on the Rogue X property. This issue is resolved and the project is moving forward.

Budget

None

Potential Study Session & G-3 Topics

None

Potential Upcoming Council Agenda Items

None

Information for Council

There were 72 new City of Medford business licenses in the month of November. A detailed list can be found on the Business License website.





Council Goal Implementation

TASK	GOAL(S)	DEPARTMENT STAFF ASSIGNED	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE
Destination Downtown Program	Downtown Revitalization	Sam Barnum	Ongoing
Member: Reimagine Medford Planning Committee (DMA)	Downtown Revitalization	Sam Barnum	Ongoing
Consult and meet regularly with local developers to assure that Community Development processes are working to efficiently and effectively support development	Housing; Community Engagement	Sam Barnum	Ongoing
Serve as a member of the EID Steering Committee	City Center Revitalization	Sam Barnum	TBD
Project Manager: Fire Station #15	Health & Safety	Sam Barnum	2026

Building Safety Development Statistics

- ❖ Developers submitted 26 new single family residential (SFR) permit applications, project valuation \$6,550,901
- ❖ Developers submitted 5 new commercial permit applications, project valuation \$5,934,989
- 200 building permits were generated, project valuation \$7,470,995

<u>Permit Applications for Significant Developments</u>

- 3-story, 36-unit apartment building, E. Barnett Road, project valuation \$5,400,000
- ❖ Medical office addition, Murphy Road, project valuation \$1,200,000

Permits Issued for Significant Developments

❖ None

