



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at City Hall



Future of Existing City Hall

Public Information Officer Pam Spencer summarized the results from the citizen engagement process for the City Hall Project. From August through mid-September, the City requested public input through a designated Facebook page and email address regarding five values for the City Hall Project: image, customer experience, functional building & workspaces, sustainability, and siting impacts. A weekly news release focusing on a single value was issued during the six week engagement period. The City received a total of 103 comments from 80 different commenters. Spencer provided

examples of some of the comments. One of the first decision points in the process of moving forward in the project is the decision whether to renovate the existing City Hall or pursue another option. Regarding the public comments, 64 people addressed that issue with 72 percent in favor of building a new city hall or renovating a different building. Only 28 percent were in favor of renovating the existing City Hall. Another decision point is location. Should city hall remain in the civic center zone which encompasses several blocks around the existing site and Dolly McNutt Plaza or should city hall be moved to another location such as along Broadway? At the end of the presentation and after much discussion by the City Commission and the City Manager, the City Commission approved a motion to proceed with preliminary design to construct a new city hall building in the civic center zone. A contract for design services and consultation will be brought before the Commission in the near future. For more information about the City Hall Project, visit www.paducahky.gov.

Noble Park Orienteering Course

For his Eagle Scout project Noah DeWeese with the help of Boy Scout Troop 200 created an orienteering course at Noble Park. DeWeese presented the details of the course to the Mayor and Commissioners. He says the course will be used by a variety of people; however, learning to orienteer is a mandatory requirement for a scout to advance. The course is made of several markers placed throughout the park. Each marker is an eight-inch diameter concrete plaque flush with the ground. Each plaque has a square orienteering symbol and a one letter code. After a participant determines his step length (the number of steps per yard), the participant navigates to the next marker by using a compass or GPS device (which is found on many smartphones). The starting point is next to the Skatepark and near the sign that welcomes people to the Greenway Trail. Additional information including the distance and heading information for each marker on the course and the answer key can be found at <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/orienteering-course>.



Kentucky Women's Law Enforcement Network's 2014 Officer of the Year

Mayor Kaler recognized Paducah Police Officer Melissa Dillon for being named the Kentucky Women's Law Enforcement Network's 2014 Officer of the Year. Officer Dillon was recognized last Friday at the KWLEN annual conference in Louisville. She has been with the Paducah Police Department since 2003. Dillon was nominated for the honor by fellow officer Gretchen Morgan in recognition of her work with the police department's successful Traffic Enforcement Unit.

Quick Highlights

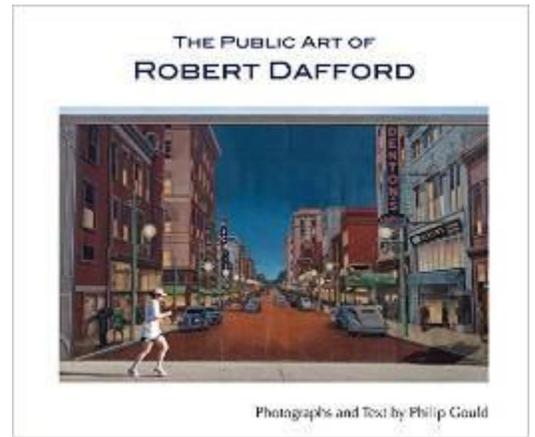
- Muralist Robert Dafford and Photographer Philip Gould attended the meeting to present a copy of Gould's latest book, The Public Art of Robert Dafford. The pair kicked off a book-signing tour in Paducah. The book details Dafford's vast array of



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public art including Paducah's floodwall murals.

- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a Duke of Paducah to Dr. Andrew Wood.
- Mayor Kaler read a proclamation proclaiming November 29 as Small Business Saturday. According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 23 million small businesses in the U.S., and they employ more than 55 percent of the working population. On November 29, visit downtown Paducah between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for a special Dickens of a Christmas Small Business Saturday. Enjoy carriage rides, carolers, and much more while doing your holiday shopping.
- Paducah Power System Director of Community Relations and Marketing Andrea Underwood says the lights for the Christmas in the Park light display at Noble Park will be turned on November 28 at 5:30 p.m. This is the 18th year for the event. Underwood and Mayor Kaler recognized PPS retiree Erich Vierkant for his work each year on the light display. Vierkant will be the grand marshal for the Christmas Parade.
- Kelsey Couch appointed to the Paducah Human Rights Commission.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Nov. 25) to execute a contract with Linwood Motors for the purchase of eleven new vehicles for the Police Department and Fire Prevention Division in the total amount of \$320,748. Four bids were received for this purchase with Linwood being the only responsive bid. These funds were budgeted in the FY2015 Fleet Plan.



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