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Honorable Mayor and City Councilors

From:

Michael Spurgeon, City Manager

Date:

June 15, 2018

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Notes to Council

# 1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Development Services Department Report – Comprehensive Plan Events

# 2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION

• Press Release - Broken Arrow Wins National Livability Award

## 3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

• N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Spurgeon

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Attachments

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Kenny Schwab, Assistant City Manager – Operations

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Michael W. Skates, Development Services Director

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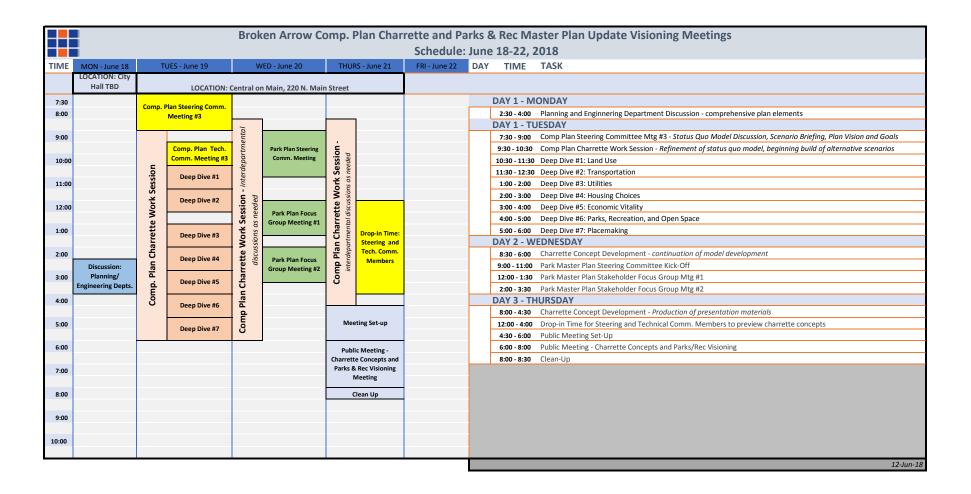
Development Services Report - Comprehensive Plan

Comprehensive Plan - The City's Comprehensive Plan Consulting Team, Halff and Associates, and their partners, City Explained, Inc. and Catalyst Commercial, will be conducting the second round of meetings next week. An outlook meeting notice has been sent out to staff, council and other stakeholders on specific meeting attendance. All meetings will be at Central on Main.

The following is the proposed schedule.

- 1. Steering Committee Tuesday, June 19 at 7:30 am
- 2. Technical Advisory Task Committee Tuesday, June 19 at 9:30 am
- 3. Deep Dive Charrette Sessions Tuesday, June 19 (see attached calendar)
- 4. Park and Recreation Master Plan Wednesday, June 20, at 9:00 am, 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm
- 5. Preview of Scenarios for Public Meeting Thursday, June 21 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- 6. Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting Thursday, June 21 at 6 pm

The attached calendar identifies each meeting, time and location.



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#### PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Krista Flasch Director of Communications City of Broken Arrow Phone: (918) 259-2400, ext. 5309

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### Broken Arrow named one of "Most Livable" cities in America

U.S. Conference of Mayors announces 2018 City Livability Award winners

**Broken Arrow, Okla.** (6/11/18) – Broken Arrow Mayor Craig Thurmond has been awarded first place honors at the 2018 City Livability Awards Program during The U.S. Conference of Mayors' 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Boston.

The award recognizes mayoral leadership in developing and implementing programs that improve the quality of life in America's cities, focusing on the leadership, creativity, and innovation demonstrated by the mayors. This year's winning cities were selected by former mayors from a pool of over 150 applicants.

"Receiving the City Livability Award is a tremendous honor for Broken Arrow," said Thurmond. "Not so long ago, Main Street was almost derelict, with very few businesses and zero foot traffic. Today, residents and visitors will find a vibrant downtown with unique restaurants, local artisan products, entertainment and cultural experiences that have transformed our Rose District into one of the most popular destinations in the region."

This is the 39<sup>th</sup> year in which cities have competed for the award, which is sponsored by the Conference of Mayors and Waste Management, Inc., the nation's largest environmental solutions provider.

"Our City Livability Awards Program gives us the chance to express our pride in cities' mayoral leadership in making urban areas cleaner, safer, and more livable," said Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director of the Conference of Mayors. "We are grateful to Waste Management for its many years of support for the City Livability Awards Program, and for the opportunity to showcase the innovation and commitment of mayors and city governments across the country."

This year's first place winners were Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn for a local program focused on teens and violence reduction, as well as Broken Arrow Mayor Craig Thurmond for the redevelopment and revitalization of the Rose District.

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PRESS RELEASE

#### ABOUT BROKEN ARROW'S ROSE DISTRICT

In 2005, the City began implementing a redevelopment plan for a new arts and entertainment area in the historic part of Broken Arrow, which over decades had become a neglected and economically challenged area. Many new businesses, with expenditures of over \$25 million, relocated into this once declining district. These changes have elevated the quality of life for residents and brought more than 1,000 new jobs and over 70 new businesses into the area. Over the last six years, new development has resulted in an increase of almost \$4 million in local property taxes. Annual municipals sales taxes collected in the area during that same time-period have also gone up from about \$18,885 to over \$400,000 – a 2,025% increase.

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