

Community Development Monthly

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UPCOMING ~ PUBLIC ~ HEARINGS

- **P&Z Commission—Jan. 5th:**
Affordable Apartment Project on Jacob Street

Old Town Drive-Thru

Lakefront Code Amendment

Sign reviews
- **City Council— Jan. 14th**
VARHA funding

Economic development funding

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



MCCALL-IDAHO SOLAR CITY

The Idaho Office of Energy Resources (OER) has announced the award to the City of McCall for nearly \$172,000 for the development of a Renewable Energy Enterprise Zone (REEZ) in the McCall area. The City is working to take the first steps to making McCall a sustainable community by installing several solar systems.

Funding for this project will go towards installing solar panels on 1 public, 1 non-profit, and 8 private commercial properties within the REEZ area to generate electricity which will connect to Idaho Power's electrical grid system through the net metering program. The prop-

erty owners will be able to off-set their electricity usage. The off-set will allow the City and



Solar panels will be placed on buildings throughout McCall

non-profits to use energy cost savings for other needs. Project partners will provide a cash match, and the total project cost is estimated to be \$228,005.

This funding opportunity was designed to spur economic growth and job creation by encouraging renewable energy development collaboration between local authorities and energy developers. Although \$1.5 million was earmarked from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for this competitive grant program, OER had over \$5.5 million in requests. A total of 26 grant requests were received and 12 grant awards were offered including the McCall project.

The project is an example of the City's efforts to create public-private partnerships.

MCCALL ROCKS: GROW SMART AWARDS

McCall received 2 of the 7 Grow Smart Awards in Idaho for 2009. Grow Smart award winners are selected to recognize communities that promote sensible, vibrant growth and maintain healthy landscapes.

Hotel McCall won the Small Community category and Alpine Village won the Mixed Use category. The

projects owners were presented with awards at an award ceremony in Boise on November 12, 2009.

These awards are examples of developers who are committed to making McCall a place with excellent design and incorporation of smart growth principles. Congratulations to our award winners Hotel McCall and Alpine Village!

TIP OF THE MONTH

MCCALL TRANSIT

Remember to take McCall Transit this holiday season.

For more information on schedules and route, visit the following link:
<http://www.mccall.id.us/community/transit.html>

P A R K I N G S T U D Y

The Downtown Parking Study and Needs Assessment has been adopted by City Council. The study used DESMAN Associates as the consultants but a considerable amount of the work was done by staff in the Community Development Department.

The goal of this study was to address the parking issues in order to create a vibrant downtown, which incorporates smart growth and new urbanism principles. The City of McCall and the Downtown Parking Committee, a volunteer citizen committee, was interested in exploring minimum or no on-site parking requirement to ensure good urban form once the parking

occupancy and needs were determined.

At the City, we often hear people say there is not enough parking or review development plans with additional required parking. The study finally quantified the number of parking spaces (public/private and on-street/off-street), and different build-out scenarios were performed to understand parking demand in the next 10-20 years. The results showed a surplus of parking and provided recommendations to achieve a vibrant downtown.

The study also explored numerous topics including, but not limited to, updating parking codes, bike racks, enforcement issues, sidewalk connections, and snow removal. The City Council adopted the report as a planning document; however, many of the recommendations, such as parking meters, would require separate consideration and approval from the Council. There are currently no plans to propose parking meters by the City.

The full report and implementation strategy is available for review at City Hall or at www.mccall.id.us



N E W A E R I A L P H O T O

The CD Department recently had an aerial photo with 6" resolution flown within the city limits and 1 ft. resolution outside of the city limits within the impact area. The aerial photo will soon be tied to the ground by 24 surveyed points throughout the city and impact area to create a base map which is spatially correct and will allow the GIS depart-

ment to perform detailed analysis. Some of the things staff will be able to map easily are road centerlines, pavement widths, address points, water and sewer features, storm water features and tie down our parcel layer. When final aerial photo is in hand we will be able to use this layer as the base for all mapping in the future.

**C O M M I T T E E
C E N T R A L**

- **Environmental Advisory Committee -**
The next meeting is January 19th.
- **McCall Improvement Committee**
Next meetings are January 14 and January 28.
- **Historic Preservation Commission**
The next meeting is January 19th.
- **Transportation Advisory Committee**
TAC held a special meeting Dec. 16th to discuss Urban Renewal concept plans.
- **McCall Urban Renewal Board of Commissioners**
Next meeting is January 19th at 8 am in Legion Hall.



Community Development staff outside during the aerial photo fly over. This photo was captured in the 1 meter resolution picture.

If you have questions, comments, would like to see a certain topic covered in the next newsletter, or would like to be removed from the distribution list please email dsmith@mccall.id.us or call 208.624.7125