



Additional Nampa Information and Statistics

Economic Development Department:

Commercial Construction:

- 2006 was a record year.
 - Nearly \$150 million in new valuation
 - 44% of all construction
- 2007 has been another record year.
 - Nearly \$169 million to date
 - 66% of all construction

Business Growth

- 2007 has been a banner year.
 - Continued major retail growth
 - JC Penney, Sportsmans Warehouse, Best Buy, Office Max, Kohl's, Tulley's Coffee, Starbucks, Sonic, Classy Casuals, etc
 - Several existing employers expanded
 - MPC, Sorrento Lactalis, Great American Appetizer
 - New companies investing in Nampa
 - RxElite, Image National Sign, XL Four Star Beef, Professional Hospital Supply
 - More in the pipeline...

Nampa Employment Growth

- November 2006
 - 31,275 employed
- November 2007
 - 35,799 employed
- 4,524 new jobs this year

Economic Development Marketing

- New brochure promoting Nampa's business climate and quality of life
- Beautiful new website www.whynampa.com highlighting our community
- Fantastic new video profiling downtown redevelopment and entrepreneurs produced by local company Peppershock Media
- 6 out of state marketing trips with BVEP and the State of Idaho teams to promote Nampa

Downtown Nampa Developments

Library Project –

- Currently working with all of the property owners on the land acquisition. Working to find possible relocation sites for some of them. Appraisals have been ordered on several of the properties.
- The Library Board has completed a building plan with Cardwell Architects to determine the needs of the library in the new building and conducted a public charrette this past

spring to gather public input into the new library design. We are working to release the RFQ/RFP of the library block in the very near future.

Public Safety Building –

- We are currently in negotiations with the property owners to purchase the location for the new PSB. We anticipate being able to release the location of the site early January.
- Lombard Conrad Architects have been working with City Staff to design the building with direction from Chief Augsburger. We anticipate opening this project to bid this spring with construction starting this summer.

Private Development –

- We are currently working on a draft of the Request for Qualifications with SPPRE to release early next year for the private development component of the plan. The mixed use project will include retail, restaurants, office space, possibly housing and or hotel accommodations.

To date –

- **Traffic Study** – they have completed the data gathering phase of the project and are now working on the modeling of the data and determining the best routing of traffic to, thru, and around downtown. The results of the study should be ready by May, 2008.
- The City is getting ready to begin a \$1 million project to upgrade the water lines downtown to provide adequate fire flow for the existing buildings as well as the new development expected to take place in the next few years.
- The downtown crosswalks are also getting a face lift. The intersection of 13th and 1st was completed this fall with 5 more intersections scheduled for completion in the spring as soon as the weather will permit.
- The façade renovation program is continuing to progress. The Murdoch building on 12th and 2nd Street is underway currently with their renovations.
- With the help of the Central Nampa Development Commission we have established a Nampa Arts Commission to focus on the promotion and maintenance of public art.
- The City is also taking a closer look at downtown parking and working to create a plan that will help alleviate some of the parking concerns in the historic downtown.
- Working with the Downtown Business Association, the City installed new benches, planters and trash cans in the historic district.
- The City installed new directional signage around the community pointing the way downtown.
- The private sector has already had a tremendous impact on downtown revitalization. Several new businesses downtown and landmark developments like the Masonic Evens Center / Brick 29/ Elisabeta's European Bakery and Market Limone/ Urban Shed/ Ewephoria and Fabrique changing perceptions of our downtown.
- This year marked the formal recognition of the Old Nampa Historic District and we placed signs marking this great neighborhood.

Community Development Activities

- The city adopted a new Consolidated Plan for the use of our Community Development Block Grant funds. This new plan allows the city to invest in organizations aiding low income individuals in our city, to help revitalize run-down areas and to provide critical infrastructure to companies providing new jobs for Nampa citizens.

- Worked with the citizens of North Nampa to develop a master plan for guiding the future growth and direction of the neighborhood. The report is being finalized and will be available soon.
- Worked extensively with Northwest Nazarene University and the residents and businesses surrounding the campus on the creation of a special district to protect, improve and shape the future of that neighborhood.

Human Resources:

Below are some items that were accomplished in the Human Resources department this year.

- Completed Phase One of Manager/Supervisor Training (over 100 Managers/Supervisors)
- Processed 1712 Applications for 174 new hires during the year
- Issued a newly revised Employee Handbook
- Completed another successful Wellness Fair and Flu Shot Clinic
- Successfully transitions drug testing agencies from Wienhoff to Drug Free Idaho
- Continue to streamline HR and Payroll processes.

We've established an incentive program for the technical areas of the City (Vehicle Maintenance, Parks, and Streets) in addition to the Water and Waste Water Departments. Employees can receive a slight bump in base wages when they complete certification programs and keep them current.

Public Works Department & Engineering:

- Developed an improved Qualification Based Consultant Selection process and selected 30 engineering and architectural firms to assist the City through ongoing service agreements
- Consultant selection process completed and the following Master Plans are currently underway:
 - Water
 - Sewer*
 - Irrigation
 - Water Rights
 - GIS

**Including Capital Improvements Demographics Study*
- Completed a comprehensive Cost of Service Study for City Utilities, i.e., water, sewer, and irrigation
- 24 preliminary plats with 1,267 lots were processed; 29 final plats with 945 lots were approved
- In the process of completing a Pavement Management Plan and developing a new pavement management and maintenance process for the City
- Assisted the Nampa Parks Department with pump specifications, handicapped ramp design and construction management activities on various projects
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS) staff increased by two employees to increase GIS services to the City in pavement management and overall data management
- A public web site for the City cemetery, to allow the public to search the database and locate the space with a map, was created by GIS staff

GO BOND Projects:

- All projects closed out with the exception of North Midland Boulevard and West Cherry Lane Improvements. Midland and Cherry is currently under construction with estimated date of completion scheduled for summer 2008. All GO BOND Projects are anticipated to be completed within the GO BOND funding budget
- An internal staff audit was completed and all GO BOND projects reconciled

On May 25, 2004, the citizens of Nampa committed \$38 million dollars towards the GO Bond Project to improve the infrastructure in the City of Nampa. On that same date, the City and its consultants committed to delivering these improvements to Nampa citizens. I am glad to report that as of January 1, 2008, only the Midland-Cherry Project awaits final completion of roadway and utility improvements. These utility improvements have helped spur development at the new Karcher Interchange and at other areas in north Nampa. The completion of the Kings Corner Railroad Overpass has immensely helped its citizens in their travels, along with the Garrity Road Widening Project. In addition to reporting on the GO Bond delivery, we are also willing to report that the delivery is on-budget when at times, we were afraid that this would not be the case. Hurricane Katrina had an affect on pricing of material and the bidding climate was tight. In all, we had a great group of engineers and contractors that treated Nampa and its citizens fairly and found cost saving measures.

Airport Division:

- Completed Reconstruction of West Taxi lanes; \$878,000 Project (Grant Funded)
- Completed Purchase of Land on NE side of Runway (Grant Reimbursable)
 - For Parallel Taxiway Relocation Project in 2008
- Completed construction of New Office Facility for Airport Staff (under lease / purchase agreement)
- Construction of hangars on last 2 hangar lots completed
- Total of 321 based aircraft on field
 - Includes SE, ME, Helicopters, Gliders, Ultralites, etc.

Street Division:

- John Fickel, Street Superintendent, retired after 43 years of service
- Don Barr was hired as new Street Superintendent
- A consultant has been selected and the Amity Street Improvement Project is underway
- 16th Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation in underway, along with the 16th Avenue Lighting Project
- Successfully completed the following projects:
 - Caldwell Boulevard Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter LID with the State of Idaho
 - Pedestrian Ramps Project in North Nampa, adding 24 pedestrian ramps at eight previously inaccessible intersections
 - Reconstruction of Blaine Street
 - Road widening; curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements on Midland Boulevard, north of Greenhurst
 - Improvements at Lone Star and Middleton Road Intersection
 - Astoria Park Storm Drain
 - Reconstruction of Landon Lane

- In the process of replacing six crosswalk facilities in the downtown core
- Implemented Impact Fees for intersection and bridge improvements

Traffic Division:

- Formal establishment of a Traffic Division occurred this calendar year improving focus on traffic operations in Nampa
- Implemented an ongoing methodology to fund flashing yellow school zone signalization through a three way funding agreement between the City of Nampa, Nampa School District and Nampa Highway District
- Pedestrian crosswalk is underway for 11th Avenue North, between 1st and 5th Streets North
- Processed over 575 Right-of-Way Permits

Vehicle Maintenance:

- Completed 1,990 work orders for repair and preventive maintenance requests, along with 46 work orders for set-ups

Wastewater Division:

- Completed the Mason Creek lift station to serve southeast Nampa near the Columbia High School into the future
- Completed the Birch Lift Station and Latecomers Agreement for a true public private partnership for infrastructure development
- Completed \$3.7 million dollars of improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Facility which include:
 - Primary Clarifier No. 3 and Clarifier Mechanisms
 - Preliminary design efforts on a new digester facility
 - Sludge Drying Beds Project

Waterworks Division:

- Received funding approval and completed design of the new 3-million gallon water storage reservoir
- Completed new on-site pipe storage facility
- Citizens responded to a public request for irrigation conservation and assisted in extending the irrigation season through the first of October
- Pioneer Irrigation District assisted the City in stretching the irrigation resource through the first of October
- Began the redevelopment of two domestic water supply wells
- Work has begun on a new pressurized irrigation well
- Completed the City of Nampa Water Emergency Response Plan
- Water mains upgraded on Venice, Port, Grant, McClure, and Winther Streets
- Main line extensions installed on West Cherry Lane, from Ten Lane to Madison, and Sunny Ridge Road, from Meadow Brook to Locust
- Replaced two old Stand-by Engines with new Stand-by Generators
- Designed and fabricated water filling stations to replace 85 hydrant meters used throughout the City. These fill stations will eliminate potential contamination from construction companies filling trucks from fire hydrants. Also, it will assist in keeping hydrants available for use in case of fire

Code Enforcement Significant Contributions:

Goal 1: Redirect priorities of action for imminent health/safety issues that affect civic responsibility and valuation of property.

Accomplishments: Successfully mitigated 20,612 property issues and 347 abandoned or nuisance vehicles issues involving private property.

Goal 2: Develop detailed neighborhood citizen action committees with active engagement in specific zones of interest in the city.

Accomplishments: Over 250 volunteers revitalized 20 houses during Brush Up Nampa 2007 and over 350 volunteers were instrumental in raking up 25 properties in Nampa. Two teams clearly stand out for significant contributions in cleaning multiple properties up throughout the year. They are College Church of the Nazarene and Northwest Nazarene University. They executed a yeoman's effort in expanding their volunteer capacity in assisting residents in the NNU district.

Goal 3: Initiate directed approach regarding illegal signs for educational purposes and reducing litter in the public rights of way.

Accomplishments: Provided education to the real estate community and removed 1963 illegal signs. Education effort proved successful as only about 3% were real estate signs.

Goal 4: Develop a progressive parking management program in support of the downtown development initiative and Urban Renewal Plan.

Accomplishment: Merged parking enforcement with the code enforcement division. To date the parking management program is self sustaining and new signage, markings and automation procedures are on the horizon of state of the art improvements.

Goal 5: Establish a collaborative automated environment to ensure better field services to the community.

Accomplishment: Code enforcement now has complete automation capability to fully operate in the field environment. This measure increased production capability by an average of 12 man hours per day and most importantly it provides a great multiplier for contingencies in the event of disaster or emergency circumstances.

Information Systems Summary:

The Department of Information Systems achieved many goals over the last year, and continues to support a growing city and group of city employees. Now supporting nearly 750 full and part-time employees and an estimated 82,000 citizens, the IS department is handling 750 cases/tickets and 875 phone calls per month. We are working diligently to continue streamlining our support structure to be able to provide higher levels of service and customer satisfaction, and generate significant recurring cost savings.

Accomplishments:

Over the past year the information services department has achieved numerous goals including:

1. Reducing recurring monthly recurring contract and service fees and significant cost savings through strict purchasing practices

2. Implementation of an online Job Application system allowing the city to recruit qualified candidates from anywhere
3. Evaluation and selection of a new utility billing system that will now allow the citizens of Nampa to make payments and view bills online
4. In February, 2008 we will be releasing a new version of the online Building Permitting and Inspection System that will put Nampa at the forefront of web-based real-time information systems for our contractors and developers

Just to name a few; and we are excited to work with all areas of City Government to provide many more exciting services in the year to come.

Vision:

The IS department continues its focus and dedication to a long-term strategy to further reduce operating expenses for all city departments. Additionally, we are looking to launch several exciting new services for the citizens of Nampa over the next year including an online job application process, enhanced communications and reporting services and the introduction of online billing and credit card processing for some of the services offered by the city's various departments.

Nampa Civic Center:

- Served over 188,000 People
- Hosted over 935 Events (8% Increase over previous year)
- Served over 7,500 Citizens with professional music, theater and dance through the Civic Center Performing Arts Series
- Touched the lives of over 15,000 students with our "Up with Arts" education program which has a mission to ensure every Nampa student experiences a live performance of music, theater and dance before they graduate.
- We are nearing the completion of the 5,500 Sq Foot Expansion of the Civic Center which will allow for more space for our many talented community artists and set the stage for bigger and better events in the future at the Civic Center.
- The City of Nampa is very grateful for all the supporters of the expansion project. It is my pleasure to announce a major gift in our expansion support from Russ and Gretchen Keithly in honor of his parents, Lillian and Clyde Keithly, in the amount of \$50,000.

Nampa Police Department:

The Nampa Police Department has had a good year!!!

Council authorized our manpower of officers to increase by 7 to 129.

We renewed our efforts to hire qualified police officer candidates. We began to attract experienced officers from other agencies with incentives, cutting training time down by months. We sent a recruiting team out of state to recruit exiting members of the military to NPD.

NPD received a Project Safe Neighborhoods grant to hire an analyst for the Special Investigative Unit, to help track gang members and drug pushers.

We received a grant to hire another criminalist. This will help alleviate the high work load for our criminalist. It is obvious that Nampa is a great place to live. We have had awesome response from highly educated people from out of state seeking the job.

We received a grant to add a Crime Prevention Officer to our Department. In the past, the role of Crime Prevention Officer was done by one person that had other responsibilities as well. This means we can devote more time to neighborhood watch, gang education, drug education and other crime prevention efforts.

We purchased an AFIX fingerprint computer in October, the same day, we identified a suspect off fingerprints found on a knife. The use of the system will assist us in the capture of many suspects in the next few years.

We are nearly completed with the Mobile Command Vehicle which will give us a mobile 911 center in the event the main station is compromised and dispatchers must move.

Records will be open 24/7. This gives people the ability to come to the station any time of day and speak with a records person and obtain help.

Officers began using the "Audio Reporting system" this is a dictation system in which officers dictate reports to staff in the records division, allowing officers to return to patrol minutes after a report is taken from a citizen or after an arrest. The full version of the system will roll out in January of 2008. More free time means more patrol in neighborhoods and more bad guys in jail.

We are authorized 4 new 911 dispatchers to increase service efficiency in the 911 center.

We assigned an officer to work with local disaster planners to ensure the City is ready to respond to a natural or man made disaster.

Our Department continues to work with State, Local and Federal agencies in daily operations and "Operation Street Sweeper" operations designed to curtail gang crime.

We have partnered with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to hire an additional Child Crime investigator. This position's salary is split 50/50 with the State and allows an experienced investigator to focus on crimes against kids. This partnership also includes the movement of the Dept of H &W child crimes unit to the Family Justice Center.

We partnered with Juvenile Probation and the court system to start TAG (Targeting Adolescent Gangs) the program is used to help get kids out of gangs, and those that continue to offend, to receive enhanced penalties in court.

We began the SCOAP program in which officers of the NPD work side by side with Parole and Probation officers to reduce recidivism among offenders.

Property crime detectives teamed up with other local agencies and retailers to identify and arrest shop theft ring and fraud ring suspects. The system provides an efficient line of communication between retailers and police to distribute photos of suspects and current trends in retail crime.

We wrapped up a nearly year long methamphetamine distribution investigation (Operation Mountain Lion) which netted about 40 pounds of drugs, hundreds of thousands of dollars in drug cash seized, several cars seized and dozens of arrests. It was the largest drug distribution investigation ever in Nampa.

Nampa has experienced a lower number of; robbery, vehicle theft, arson, weapon law violations and drug equipment violations compared to last year.

Arrests for Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Fraud, Assault, vandalism, drug violations, and possession of stolen property are all up.

Overall, crimes against society are down 9.8%!!!

We have arrested over 400 drunk drivers this year (we still have October, November and December to go)

We have arrested over 230 liquor law violators in the first 9 months of the year.

The Washington State University completed a scientific survey of the people of Nampa to ascertain the effectiveness of the Police Department and assess the fear of crime in our City here are some bullet points;

- The Nampa Police Department has a 93% trust rating!!
- 94% of the public feel that Community Policing is important.
- 62% of crime victims were satisfied with our response as compared to 57% in our region.
- 73% of those requesting police service rated NPD as good or excellent.
- High level of support and resolve for the difficult job of policing in our City.
- We learned that animal control, traffic, noise and other quality of life issues are important to neighborhoods and that gang activity and drug usage and vandalism are important issues to the City as a whole.
- We learned that we can do a better job letting people know the outcome of reports and arrests made.
- We learned that we can do a better job in enlisting the help of minority people in the area of crime prevention and volunteerism. They are very interested in getting involved with issues in their neighborhoods.

Golf:

- The City of Nampa is proud to be the home of Centennial Golf Course and Ridgecrest Golf Club.
- Ridgecrest Golf Club remains one of Idaho's premier public facilities and remains in the top ten for all golf courses in the State of Idaho.
- Golf Digest rated Ridgecrest Golf Club Four Stars for the 8th consecutive year.
- Centennial remains one of the valley's busiest and favorite courses.
- Between these two facilities the City promotes 45 holes of Championship golf to the citizens of Nampa
- In 2007 rounds of golf increased 12% at both facilities.
- Increased Junior Golf Opportunities at both facilities partnering up with Nampa Youth Golf and P.A.L to promote junior golf to the kids of Nampa.

Parks Accomplishments:

- The Parks Department completed the development of Osborne Park. Osborn Park is an 11 acre park located east of Ronald Reagan School. The Parks Department worked in cooperation with the Home Owners Associations to provide playground equipment for the new park.

- The McDonagh Family donated 15 acres of land that was developed in to a City Park and soccer complex. McDonagh Park opened in the spring of 2007 and is located in North Nampa off of Karcher Road.
- The parks department completed Starr Park, a small pocket park, located on 14th Ave North. The park includes a small playground, shelter and drinking fountain.
- The Parks Department purchased 52 Acres of land located in west Nampa on the corner of Smith and Midway. The land will be developed into a city park and youth sports complex.
- The Parks department developed a walking trail and pathway brochure. The brochure gives citizens the opportunity to easily locate walking pathways in our city.
- The Parks Department Developed a brochure for the Forestry Right of Way Program. The brochure promotes the importance of trees in our community and how a city of Nampa resident can purchase a tree that will be planted by our City Forester.
- City of Nampa received the Tree City USA status award for the 9th consecutive year. We received the Tree City USA growth award for the 8th consecutive year
- With the help of volunteers, the Parks and Forestry Department planted more than 60 trees along South Locust section of Rails to Trails.
- Parks and Forestry Department planted 50 trees through the City Right of Way program and added 49 trees in our Parks system

Nampa Recreation Center:

Military Memberships

For fiscal year 2007 the Nampa Recreation Center has processed a total of \$7,150.00 worth of memberships to the families of deployed soldiers. This is down significantly from the last fiscal year, but is still a big help to those families that deployment affects. We still hear how much this program is appreciated from soldiers' families as well as the community.

NRC Scholarship Program

The Nampa Recreation Center's Scholarship Program continues to be a successful method of helping those individuals and families who need extra support. The entirely volunteer committee has lived up the program's mission of "encouraging healthy lifestyles within all socioeconomic groups and ages by providing financial assistance in part or whole to community members who illustrate they have a circumstance or financial need to participate in exercise, wellness, and leisure activities."

For FY 2007, the Nampa Recreation Center Scholarship program began with \$480.72 carried over from FY 2006. In FY 2007 a total of \$11,000.00 was added through donations and exclusive product agreements. It ended FY 2007 with a total of \$2,232.44, meaning that a total of \$9,248.28 was spent assisting people access the Nampa Recreation Center. A total of 108 people and/or their families were awarded some amount of scholarship funds for FY 2007. This shows growth from last year of 19 people or families.

Improvements to the NRC

Over the past year the Nampa Recreation Center has made some needed improvements to cardiovascular equipment, lockers, the steam room, and the addition of an electronic sign.

Many new pieces of cardio equipment have been added that either replace worn out machines or are in addition to our inventory. Included in the cardio equipment upgrades is the addition of Cardio Theater, a personal television mounted to each piece of equipment, to most of the mezzanine level machines.

The steam room at the Nampa Recreation Center has been completely remodeled for FY 2007. The tile was cracked, appeared dirty, and was feared to be unstable. The old tile was removed, the ceiling replaced, concrete benches replaced the wooden ones, and new tile was added. The finished result is a beautiful and modern steam room that receives positive reviews from patrons.

In October 2007 a large electronic reader-board LED style sign was installed in front of the Nampa Recreation Center along 12th Avenue Rd. This is viewed as a major accomplishment since we can now advertise the NRC's programs to the thousands of cars that pass along the road each day. In the short time it has been up we have received compliments from patrons on its appearance and have heard from some people that they've come to register for a program because they saw it advertised on the sign.

NRC Figures

FY 2007 memberships sold = 6,260 (representing approximately 15,200 members)

FY 2007 program participants = 14,696 (counted once per registration)

FY 2007 NRC admittance = 422,744 (not counting program admittances)

Nampa Municipal Airport Accomplishments:

- Completed Reconstruction of West Taxilanes; \$878,000 Project (Grant Funded)
- Completed Purchase of Land on NE side of Runway (Grant Reimbursable)
 - For Parallel Taxiway Relocation Project in 2008
- New Land Lease with Fire Station #5.
- Completed construction of New Office Facility for Airport Staff (under lease / purchase agreement)
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- Total of 321 based aircraft on field
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 - Actual count of N# (not an estimate)
- RFQ for Selection of Consultant for Master Planning Process
 - 2001-2020 Plan – Few Projects Remain
 - Growth at 2016 levels NOW

Traffic Division:

The most significant accomplishment this year is the creation of the Traffic Division as a separate division, thus creating another tool for the businesses and residents of the City of Nampa. The Traffic Division responds to numerous calls during the normal day-to-day operation, but I believe the following accomplishments are a testimony to the dedication of the Traffic Division.

- Installed 6 flashing yellow lights at Endeavor, Ronald Regan, and West Middle Schools. Through a memorandum of Understanding between Nampa Highway District., and Nampa School District
- Incorporated Right of Way inspection into Traffic Division
- Added five new signals into City of Nampa through City and developmental projects
- Corridor interconnects on Karcher/Hwy.55 from Cassia to Market Place Blvd
- Added FYA-(Flashing Yellow Arrows) in Greenhurst South Powerline and Southside

- Installed downtown Benches and planters for Economic Development
- Installed Old Nampa Neighborhood Historic District Signage
- Installed Downtown Directional signing
- Have begun doing traffic counts with newly acquired counters
- Continuing upgrade of Signal and Pedestrian lights to L.E.D.
- Continuing work on City of Nampa Website

Central Services:

Central Services strives to provide outstanding service to our customers and colleagues. We continue to make efficiency improvements to our processes and to expand our available services in order to meet the needs of our customers.

The Curbside Recycling Program was fully implemented this year with and we are seeing a 75% participation rate.

Our other operational and processing divisions of Treasurer's Office and Centralized Accounts Receivables continue to make software and processing procedure updates that continue to improve the quality, accuracy and efficiency of our operations.

We are excited about the New Year and the many opportunities awaiting us including Payroll Electronic Timesheets, the implementations of the water meter handheld reading system as well as the new and improved software application of Springbrook for billing and management.

Planning Department:

- **Residential Subdivision Final Plats.** A total of **19** residential subdivision final plats were recorded during 2007 providing an additional **581** residential lots for new home construction within the City of Nampa.
- **Vacant Residential Subdivision Lots.** At the end of 2007 a total of **1,747** recorded residential subdivision lots were vacant and available for new home construction within the City of Nampa.
- **Annexation.** The total area of all lands annexed into the City of Nampa during 2007 was **825** acres or **1.29** sq. miles.
- **Amendment of Sections of Title X Zoning as follows:**
 - 1) Section 10-16-11, Design Standards for the BC (Community Business) district as follows: 1) Adding the requirement that primary facades contain a minimum of 25% glazing; 2) Clarifying that glazing and areas of pitched roofs may be included in the exterior finish materials; 3) Changing submittal requirements to require submittal of examples of proposed building materials and a floor plan; and 4) Clarifying review procedures requiring the applicant to represent the application before the review committee
 - 2) Section 10-1-6: Improvements Required Upon A Change, Expansion or Enlargement of Building(s) and/or Principal Property Use; Adding an exception to building and site design standards for existing facades unless they are actually being physically altered.
 - 3) Section 10-4-10 thru 10-4-12: Design Standards; Adding design standards for building and site design, application procedures, and appeals in the GB (GB1 and GB2) Gateway Business zones in relation to a) structure placement, building exteriors, exterior finish materials, mechanical units, and overhead doors, b) lighting, c) building orientation, d) fencing/screening, e) trash receptacles, and f) pedestrian pathways.

- 4) Section 10-15-8 H: Landscaping And Street Amenities; replacing the 1983 downtown BID (Business Improvement District) Revitalization Plan provisions for landscaping and street amenities with specified standards of the Engineering Department for bollards, bulb outs, trees, tree grates, street lighting, stamped concrete, trash cans, sprinkler systems, and benches.
- 5) Section 10-16-11 A. 4.b; adding building design standards for the repainting of facades of existing buildings in the BC (Community Business) zoning district.
- 6) Section 10-33-4; Corridor Landscaping Regulations: Adding specified landscaping standards for the Airport Corridor Landscaping District.

Teen Council:

The Mayor's Teen Council reached 2500 Kindergarten-12th grade students in 2007 with its seatbelt education program. The Teen Council was recognized by State Farm Insurance for their seatbelt education program, receiving a \$3000 grant. The Teen Council also received national recognition for its seatbelt education program, receiving a National Youth Traffic Safety Month Award.

With a brand new curbside recycling program in Nampa, the Mayor's Teen Council decided it was important to educate the community about recycling. The teens wrote and presented a recycling education program to 3000 Kindergarten-6th grade students in Nampa schools.

The Mayor's Teen Council organized, in conjunction with other Treasure Valley Teen Councils, a "March Against Meth" that involved nearly 300 participants. They continued to help educate the community about meth at both the Wellness Fest and at Snake River Dayz Festival, Breakfast & Kids Fair.

Four Teen Council members attended the National League of Cities Conference with the Mayor in Washington DC. They not only learned more about city government, but they also spent time lobbying our Congressional leaders. They brought concerns about meth in our community and how they hoped Congress could help make a difference. They also talked to Congressional leaders about Darfur and the atrocities happening there and what steps they hoped Congress could take to change the course for that region of the world.

The Mayor's Teen Council also designed and built the Mayor's float for Parade America, taking home a first place trophy.

Library Highlights:

Statistics from the fy2007 Idaho Public Library Survey, which will be certified for submission to the Idaho State Library at the January 2008 meeting of the library board:

- **Community residents made 303,512 visits to the library**
 - **An average of 111 per hour open**
- **While they were here they checked out 582,053 items**
 - **An average of 213 check-outs per hour open**

Services and Events

- Bilingual storytime was added to the schedule one evening per week in January 2007.

- The library offered a contest to obtain public input on services and features of a new library. The theme of the contest was “Come Together @ Your Library”
- Seven focus groups and suggestion boxes placed in the community gathered information on what Nampa residents want in a new library.
- Summer Reading had over 2,600 participants, with over 1,500 finishing their reading goals. The summer Kick-Off and storytimes drew larger crowds than in former years.
- A teen group was organized during the summer of 2007, and selected the name TALK for their group.
- Our Harry Potter Extravaganza drew crowds including all ages and was a high point for many.
- Wireless access was added in the library in May 2007 and is popular for those who bring their own laptops with wireless cards. Public access computing workstations are still way below the need and demand, but wireless access helps some.
- Two public access computing stations were added through Gates Foundation funding.
- Outreach services included two series of presentations in Nampa schools, a booth at the Mercy Sale, participation in Chamber of Commerce events, a table at NNU’s Community Day, a table at the Senior Faire, and a walkabout with Booker Bee and the Wild Thing in Downtown Nampa during Idaho Family Read Week.
- Online library card applications were enabled from the library’s website and online catalog
- Reminder services were expanded to allow customers to opt in for telephone reminders of due dates and holds waiting and to renew most items by phone.

Resources

- Playaways (small MP3 recorded books – ‘just press play’) were added to the collection and were an instant success
- Topics selected for in-depth collecting and in-library marketing included travel, books made into movies (along with new copies of books and movies) and exploring your family tree.
- Building our e-branch: The library added three major services to its existing online services:
 - **Tumblebooks** is a delightful collection of stories for children. They may read with the computer or have the computer read to them. Related games and activities are also available. Books are also available in languages other than English.
 - **HeritageQuest** is a genealogy database that is available for our library customers from their home or office
 - **Ancestry.com** is available to Nampa library customers in the library. Both HeritageQuest and Ancestry.com were paid for by the Friends of Nampa Library for the first year, beginning in July 2007.

Donations

- A \$2,000 donation from the Woman’s Century Club was used to support the contest and public forums in the spring.

- Target granted the library \$1,000 to be used for the 2008 summer reading program.
- Several individuals donated money throughout the year, and area businesses were wonderful supporters of the summer reading program.

Building (current facility)

- Safety lighting and exit upgrades were completed between January and June 2007.
- Repair of the parapet above the library entrance and exit was completed in June 2007.
- In a separate project, grout securing brick on west facing walls was repaired.
- Shelving areas were extended for Young Adult, Graphic Novels and Fiction.
- Bean bag chairs were added to the Youth Attic and old worn out public seating was replaced just in time for Christmas!

Future Building

- Land acquisition for a new library and library parking was a major focus in the downtown process.
- A Nampa Public Library Foundation was organized and initial paperwork completed.

Fire Department:

The Fire Department had a great year in 2007. A new training facility was built on the training grounds on West Railroad Avenue. This facility houses four offices, restrooms and showers and a large traditional style classroom. It also has a classroom that can hold a Fire Truck so that apparatus training can take place in all types of weather. This facility was built with funds from the Fire Protection District and then deeded to the City. The district also funded a new Fire Engine at Station #2 on Greenhurst Avenue and deeded it to the City. The cooperation between the City and the Fire Protection District that covers over 84 square miles and completely surrounds the City is an example of intergovernmental cooperation that should serve as a model for others.

The department responded to 6716 calls for service in 2007. This is an increase of 271 over 2006 (a 4.2% increase) and as in the past the majority of calls are related to Emergency Medical Care. Fire Department medics continue to work hand in hand with Canyon County Paramedics with a Fire Paramedic on every engine and that provides the best EMS care in the valley.

The increase in calls also corresponded with an increase in average response times – from 5 minutes 2 seconds to 5 minutes 12 seconds. This is a 3.3% increase in time. We should be making a major improvement in this regard with the opening of Fire Station #5 at 91 North Happy Valley Road. This station will greatly reduce response times to the east side of the City and to the residents of the Fire Protection District on that side of town. Reductions of from two to three minutes have already been documented in the first few weeks of the stations opening. (Actually the first two calls from the station were dual-dispatched with another unit and Engine 5 arrived more than two minutes before the second arriving unit).

Opening Station 5 was a major commitment to the citizens of Nampa by the City Council. They recognized the need for improved services to the east side and the overall effect that the additional personnel and equipment will have on the entire City. The 12 personnel hired to provide staffing for the station brings us closer to the stated goal of providing one firefighter per thousand population of the city. It also gives us the ability to respond to a structure fire and two

medical calls simultaneously, an occurrence that happens more and more as the city grows. There was an average of five simultaneous calls (two or more) per day in Nampa last year.

Nampa Family Justice Center:

- In 2007 (as of Dec 14th) the FJC has served 1347 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. This is an 18% **increase** over last year. Of these clients seen at the FJC, **46% (or 618 victims)** of them were new clients seeking services for the first time. With this increase in victim services, it is apparent that the Nampa Family Justice Center **IS** making a difference in our City. The endless work and dedication, not to mention the complete cooperation and collaboration between so many local, state and non-profit agencies, is making a difference in the lives of abused women and children.
- The City of Nampa and the Family Justice Center has enjoyed increased national exposure because of its support and commitment to ending family violence. The Nampa Family Justice Center has been featured as a “Best Practice” Family Justice Center collaborative model with spotlight presentation’s at the International Family Justice Center Conference in San Diego and at the St. Louis School of Law’s Urban Family Symposium. Subsequently, the Family Justice Center was invited to collaborate on an article for the Saint Louis University Public Law Review which will be published in the Spring ’08 edition. The Nampa Family Justice Center has been hailed as, “One of the most successful FJC’s in the Country right behind San Diego’s model program.”
- **New partnerships:** In November the Nampa Family Justice Center celebrated its second anniversary and the opening of the Ellen Marie Pediatric Unit. Dedicated in memory of Ellen Marie Sinclair who died as a result of child abuse in 2002. In collaboration with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Boise State University, Mercy Medical Center and Saltzer Medical Group, the Nampa Family Justice Center’s Pediatric Unit will provide physical assessments for children placed in foster care through child protective services, health education for clients and families and provide health related case management services within the medical community, clients and families. This is the only clinic of this type in Region III.

Clerks Office:

Last year the Clerk’s office reported we had been working on a GPS system for the Cemetery with Engineering, IS and the Cemetery to allow the public to search Cemetery records on the Web-site as well as giving them the ability to bring up a picture of the headstones on line. This year we can report that we did indeed go live with this site in March. It is still a work in progress however it has already cut down tremendously on the amount of calls we get from folks seeking genealogy information, they now just search for information on their own and only call us if they have a problem that they are unable to figure out. We’ve also already received correcting information from family members of folks buried in Kohlerlawn which enables us to correct wrong information that we have had on file in some cases for 50 year or more. I just received information today that the site is receiving about 171 visits per month which averages out to about 5.52 visits per day. I think the positive results and comments we have received about the site have made it well worth the time and effort it took to get it up and running, we are very pleased.

Additionally the Clerk’s office prepared for and completed Minutes for 26 Regular City Council meetings and numerous Special Council meetings. The Clerk’s office is also responsible for responding to Public Records requests which has become a very large task, since we are getting

so many more than in the past and it takes an incredible amount of time by the time you answer the request within the limited time frame allowed by State Code and then coordinate with the various Departments who may hold the information being requested and get the information back to the requestor again within the limited time restraints allowed by the law.

We are always proud as well as relieved when we are able to announce that once again we have managed to pull off another successful City Election. Even though this responsibility only comes around once ever two years it takes up a tremendous amount of time and it is a very detailed and legal sensitive responsibility.

Building Department:

The City of Nampa, Department of Building Safety & Facilities Development is in the final stages of implementation of our online inspection request feature that will allow those with active permits to request inspections and track the progress of those inspections as they are completed by the City's inspectors.

With the support of the Mayor and the blessing of the City Council we've instituted a Green Building program whereby all new city facilities will be required to meet at least a LEED certified category. This program is complimented by a significantly enhanced City recycling program for the buildings under our control, and we're nearing the completion of a lighting upgrade in the City Hall chambers as part of an Idaho Power sponsored energy efficiency program.

Facilities Development is continually working on the reparations of our facilities so they don't pose a threat to the public or our employees. This effort involved the correction of a serious structural deficiency in the parapet wall over the front entrance to the library; additionally our work at the library included the upgrading of many of the exiting systems and other life safety elements so as to make the facility as safe as is possible.

The City permitted construction projects valued at approximately \$169,000,000 in 2007, and we processed and have ready for permitting an additional \$17,000,000, which places last year in line with 2002. The commercial and industrial space permitted for the year totaled 1,283,180 square feet.

The number of new single family dwelling units totaled 528, which included 182 multi-family units.

Facilities Development oversaw the completion of an extensive remodel of 10,000 square feet in the basement of the Mangum building, which is now referred to as the City Hall Annex. This space houses the Building and Engineering inspection staff, Code Enforcement, Facilities Development, and a computer lab that'll be used by all of the City's departments.

Facilities assisted in the bidding and completion of 5 remodeling projects, which included the Police Training Center downtown and a new roof on our City Hall.

Idaho Center:

The Idaho Center celebrated its 10 year anniversary this past year. Not only has it been a perfect home for the Snake River Stampede and large community/regional events, the Idaho Center has become the preferred large event/concert house in the treasure valley. The Idaho Horse park

started by hosting mostly local horse events, to western regional shows, national and even international shows.

As SMG and the Idaho Center/ Idaho Horse Park continue to improve the budget each year, there is a conscience effort to increase the use of the facility as an economic impact engine. In 2003, the direct and indirect economic impact of the Idaho Center was less than 9 million. A recent study of the 2006 season shows the direct and indirect at more than \$20 million, which is more than double of the impact.

Among many factors that effect the impact, probably the most effective is the fact that the Idaho Center/ Idaho Horse Park delivers customers to local retail businesses, restaurants and hotels which has had a major effect on the growth in the area.