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Date: March 1, 2007

To: City Council

From: Dan Folke, Planning Director

Re: February 2007 Monthly Report

**Building Activity** - The Planning Department issued 46 permits in February with a reported cost of materials totaling \$84,685 and \$23,324 collected in Use Tax and Review Fees.

	<u># of Permits</u>	<u>Materials Costs</u>	<u>Use Tax and Review Fees</u>
Year to Date – 2007	72	\$181,431	\$47,672
Year to Date – 2006	56	\$224,124	\$12,974

February’s permits include 8 new dwelling units: 4 units at Cielito Lindo and 4 at the Fountain Creek Villas.

**City Awarded Grant for Historic Bridges and Walls** – On February 1, Manitou Springs received a \$30,000 grant award from the State Historical Fund. The request was funded for the full amount, which will be used to complete an assessment of 16 historic bridges and 22 creek retaining walls. The city’s cash contribution is \$12,000, for a total estimated project cost of \$42,000. The objective of the assessment is to develop a comprehensive report on the existing conditions, develop recommendations on the repair and restoration needs, prioritize the needs, and to create standards for future maintenance. The report will also include estimated coasts for the recommended repairs and restoration. The project timeline is to solicit Request for Proposals in March, with the hopes of having a consultant later this spring. Staff anticipates a preliminary report by September and a final report by the end of the year.

**Midland Greenway** – The next public open house is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, at the CPCD Head Start Office, 2330 Robinson Street, from 6-8 p.m. The project team has developed three concepts for the Greenway: Restoration, Gateway and Creekwalk. Each emphasis different designs, and it is anticipated different concepts will be appropriate at different locations along the Greenway project corridor, which extends along Fountain Creek from I-25 to the Manitou Springs US 24 interchange. The concepts can be viewed at the US 24 project website, [www.dot.state.co.us/US24W/](http://www.dot.state.co.us/US24W/) , click on the Midland Greenway button. Please attend the open house, review the concepts and give your input.

**Highway 24 Manitou Avenue and Ridge Road** – Several of the proposed alternatives for the Manitou Avenue and Ridge Road crossings will be discussed at the March 13 City Council work session. City staff and the Manitou Springs Hwy. 24 Technical Leadership Team representatives will present the options proposed by the project consultant team. Copies of the design options will be available in the Planning Department.

**Staff Notes** - The Planning Department is pleased to welcome our new administrative assistant Kari Kilroy. Kari started on February 12. She resides in Manitou Springs with her husband and two children, who attend Manitou Springs Elementary. If you have not met Kari yet, please stop by the Planning office and introduce yourself.

Dan and Michelle attended a daylong Geographic Information Systems (GIS) training session on February 23. The session focused on using ArcGIS 9.2, and reviewed making reference and thematic maps, geocoding and spatial analysis. This is part of a yearlong effort to better utilize our GIS workstation. We look forward to using what we learned to present zoning cases and provide analysis of land use in Manitou Springs.