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Date of tour: Saturday August 9, 2008

Members of the Council present: Mayor Cutts
Assistant Mayor Austin
Councilor Goff
Councilor Messier
Councilor LaCasse
Councilor Raymond
Councilor Picard
Councilor Batchelder
Councilor Lewis

Guests present: Mr. Robert Porter
Mr. Bernie Folta

Mr. Santagate joined the group for the tour offering to use his car for additional seats as the city bus was full. The tour was led by DPW Director Mr. Bruce Temple joined by Mr. Wayne Leonard.

The group met in the parking lot of the DPW to begin the tour.

The activity began with a guided tour of the Wainshall Building, currently under construction. The group was met by Ms. Nancy Merrill of the Claremont Planning Department and the President of ReArch Co. Mr. Bert Delabruere. The group toured all levels of the building hearing construction related stories, current progress and tentative timelines for various stages of completion. In addition, members of the group happily shared years worth of stories related to the original building and some history spanning the last 30+ years.

Members of the group proceeded to the main Claremont water treatment plant where the group was met by two staff who provided a detailed tour of the facility. Members of the group were able to watch a filtering activity and visit all levels of the facility. Members of the group also visited the water treatment station on Charlestown Road.

Members of the group received a driving tour to / through the New Water Bottling Plant currently under construction, and Claremont's Syd Clarke Park area. The tour proceeded and concluded with a driving tour narrated by Mr. Temple which included several recently renovated roads which were funded by either or both the City of Claremont and FEMA. The group had a first hand opportunity to drive over roads pending renovation giving them the opportunity to "feel" the effects of long time neglect and the weather related effects in our region. Mr. Temple provided tentative details of plans for additional renovation permitted as a result of the recent financial approval for additional monies given to the DPW for this work. Mr. Temple thanked the Council for this again on behalf of his department and people in Claremont.

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The Council tour concluded shortly after noon back at the DPW yard where members graciously thanked Mr. Wayne Leonard, Mr. Temple, Ms. Merrill, Mr. Delabruere, and Mr. Santagate for taking time out of their Saturday and providing such a great tour with such valuable information. All agreed a second tour should be planned sometime in the spring.

Submitted by:

Mayor Deborah Cutts