

Citizens Streets Advisory Commission

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Street Department Conference Room, 901 North Nelson Street

Commission Members present:

Dallas Hawkins
Stan Stirling
Kathy Miotke
Clay Schueman

Staff present:

Dave Mandyke, Director of Public Works and
Utilities
Eldon Brown, Acting Director of Engineering
Services
Mark Serbousek, Street Dept. Director
Gary Nelson, PE Design
Ken Brown, PE Construction
Joel Graff, Construction
Ann Deasy, Public Information Coordinator

Commission Members not present:

Max Kuney
Donna Jilbert
Phil Barto
Hal Ellis

I. Introductions

Dallas Hawkins called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. even though we did not have a quorum.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes of November Meeting

Mr. Hawkins requested the minutes be reviewed and if no changes then set aside for next month for approval.

III. Ash/Maple Public Meeting

Gary Nelson discussed the Ash/Maple project from Broadway Ave. to the bridge. This portion is not a part of the original project. Therefore, the project does not have funding for the section from Broadway to the Bridge. Engineering Services has held two public meetings about removing on street parking on the right hand side of the streets. The public has been against removing the parking. Engineering has talked face-to-face with the business owners along the project. No businesses were opposed on Maple St. The business owners on Ash St. from Maxwell Ave to Broadway Ave. (Maxwell House, a carpet store, and a mixed use building) were opposed. The reason for removing the street parking is to widen the traffic lanes because of the high number of accidents along the project. Ash St. had 55 and Maple St had 33 side swipe accidents and hitting parked car accidents. The standard lane width is 12-ft. and they are currently 10-ft. Engineering feels safety a higher consideration than parking. The West Central Neighborhood Council passed a resolution opposing the removal of street parking. The plans do have parking today; the plans would need to be changed ASAP to remove the parking. Another concern was loss of business from lower traffic during construction. Some business owners are asking for an incentive to be paid to the contractor to finish early. There is no funding for an incentive for this project. The project schedule is 90 working

days or 4 and half months, so half for each side of the project. We would need to have about \$150,000 to \$200,000 for an incentive. In order to get the most competitive bids we need to go out to bid as soon as possible, so the bid will not include an incentive as this point in time.

IV. Lincoln St. Project

Dave Mandyke requested that Gary Nelson give the update on Lincoln St. Mr. Nelson gave the background on the November Manito – Cannon Hill Neighborhood Council about delaying the project for one year to allow public meetings and dialogue. There was a neighborhood appointed spokesperson named David Thompson who put together the opinions of the citizens. The major concern was keeping class 4 trees. One recommendation/request was to narrow the street which would mean the driveways and drainage structures would require work and cost about \$300,000 (paid by the residents). There is a requirement that if a street is narrowed a traffic study has to be done. Additionally, if parking is removed, then several steps need to be taken to remove parking. Engineering Services is recommending that the project move forward as originally planned, which is a curb to curb replacement. Another neighborhood concern was Avista's tree pruning process. The neighborhood also suggested moving utility lines underground while the project is being constructed. The City arborist has evaluated the trees and only one tree needs to be removed. The City of Spokane and Avista will give a joint presentation to the Neighborhood Council answering the utility questions from Mr. Thompson's presentation.

V. Bridge Avenue - Utility Match Funding

Mr. Nelson is working with Avista and CSI so only one contractor is doing the work. They are trying to make progress and move forward.

VI. Hatch Rd. Water Line Update

Mr. Nelson mentioned that Engineering Services met with the developer and had a verbal agreement. We went to the attorney and had a contract drafted. We need the contract signed with full payment for the water line by February 1, 2008 in order to meet our bid schedule.

VII. Selection and Approval of 2008 CSAC Chairperson

Dallas Hawkins gave an update on his travel schedule with his position and wanted to know if anyone on CSAC was interested in serving as the chairperson for 2008.

VIII. Other Business

There was no other business that needed to be discussed.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 2:18 p.m.