



Citizens Streets Advisory Commission

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

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

Street Department Conference Room, 901 North Nelson

Commissioners:

Donna Jilbert
Dallas Hawkins
Stan Sterling
Max Kuney
Clay Schueman
Rob Higgins

Staff:

Roger Flint, Director, Public Works & Utilities
Tom Arnold, Director, Engineering Services
Scott Egger, Director, Street Department
John Gomez, Senior Engineer, Engineering Services
Rich Hanson, Associate Engineer, Engineering Services
Staci Lehman, Public Information Coordinator, Engineering Services

AGENDA

I. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and Dallas Hawkins thanked Rob Higgins for joining the CSAC and attending his first meeting. Mr. Hawkins said he will send a thank you letter to Chuck Kearney for serving on the Commission.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes of the January meeting

Max Kuney moved to approve the meeting minutes from January. Stan Stirling seconded. No one was opposed.

III. Update on Street Projects

Tom Arnold said that the 29th Avenue project will go out for bid on Mar. 6, followed by the 37th Avenue, Et. Al. project and the Haven Street project. Mr. Arnold said that if the weather stays mild, some projects may get an early start.

III. Bernard Street recommendation

Mr. Hawkins asked Staci Lehman to enter two letters into record: a recommendation to the administration (Attachment A), dated Jan. 17, that the Bernard Street construction project be constructed as originally planned and a letter to CSAC Commissioners (Attachment B) from Mr. Hawkins clearing up concerns expressed by members of the public.

Mr. Hawkins referred to two paragraphs in the recommendation letter stating that he believes requests for additional funding on the Bernard Street project falls outside mandates of the Street Bond program. Mr. Hawkins asked Ms. Lehman to post these letters to the websites to help clarify some points to the

public, and to reinforce that CSAC meetings are open to the public.

Mr. Stirling suggested putting aside ten minutes at each meeting for public comment.

Mr. Higgins suggested that staff visit neighborhood council meetings, etc. to let citizens know when projects are on the agenda for their neighborhood, so they can begin forming Local Improvement Districts before projects get started.

Mr. Hawkins asked for a vote recommending the Bernard Street project be carried forward as planned and per his letter. Mr. Stirling moved to adopt the recommendations. Donna Jilbert seconded. No one was opposed.

IV. Long Block LID List

John Gomez explained that a Long block LID is a north/south street where the long side of properties border the street and there are typically only four owners per block. Short block LIDs are streets that run east/west and have frontage on them, usually about 50 feet, with up to 20 owners sharing expenses. Long block LIDs have a historical failure rate of 86%. To try to level the playing field, Mr. Gomez would like to share the cost at 50% with Long Block LID property owners.

Mr. Gomez passed out a list of four possible future long block LIDs (attachment C) to give CSAC members a heads up that they are on the horizon. Mr. Hawkins asked Mr. Gomez to bring back preliminary prices to the CSAC before the LIDs are constructed.

V. Early completion incentive for 29th Ave.

Rich Hanson explained that a major concern about the 29th Avenue project is how construction will affect the community and local businesses traffic-wise. Because of that concern, Mr. Hanson would like to offer a \$5,000 per day incentive, \$50,000 maximum, to the contractor to complete the project early, *not* including the concrete intersection. Mr. Arnold said that offering incentives has worked well on past projects such as Third Avenue and it is a small percentage of the total project price. Mr. Hawkins asked for a motion on this item and Mr. Higgins moved to accept. Mr. Kuney seconded. No one was opposed.

VI. Reworked and reduced CSAC ordinance & bylaws

Mr. Hawkins said he has been working with Bob Beaumier from the City Legal Department to narrow the CSAC ordinance and bylaws. The ordinance now needs to be taken back to the City Council for adoption.

Mr. Hawkins pointed out some proposed changes to the bylaws on pages 1, 2 & 3 (highlighted in grey), explaining the limited use of bond funds as related to paving and restoration/rehabilitation projects. Mr. Schuemann said has a problem with one of the paragraphs that refers to the Comprehensive Plan because it makes it seem that Bond projects have to follow the Comp. Plan.

Mr. Higgins pointed out that CSAC title is very broad, implying that the Commission deals with *all* City streets. It was suggested to include the word 'Bond' in the title but Mr. Flint pointed out that the first sentence of the Bond ordinance spells out the title as related to the Street Bond.

Mr. Hawkins suggested adding language to the bylaws and bringing them back next month with amendments. Mr. Stirling moved to approve, Mr. Higgins seconded. No one was opposed. Mr. Flint said he would submit the bylaws to Mr. Beaumier in the City Legal Department for input/approval.

VIII. Open CSAC Commissioner Position

Mr. Hawkins told Commissioners there is an open CSAC seat for the Northwest neighborhood as Chuck Kearney does not plan to serve another term. There are four applications on file with the Mayor's office. Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Lehman and Karen Stratton will interview them in the upcoming weeks. Mayor Hession will interview or approve recommendations from Mr. Hawkins and staff.

IV. Utility Bill Insert

Ms. Lehman presented an insert to be mailed out to all utility bill recipients in March, detailing the state of the Bond program. Mr. Hawkins suggested that the Spokane Streets website address be included on both sides. Mr. Hawkins asked for a vote of approval about sending them out. Ms. Jilbert made a motion to approve and Mr. Higgins seconded. No one was opposed.

X. Other Business

Mr. Kuney handed out an informational sheet from the Associated General Contractors of America concerning consumer inflation and construction cost changes. Mr. Kuney said the cause of the increases is fuel prices, the amount of work available, etc.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 2:40.

