

Citizens Streets Advisory Commission

Tuesday, February 26, 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
Max Kuney
Donna Jilbert
Phil Barto
Hal Ellis

Staff present:

Mark Serbousek, Street Department Director
Eldon Brown, Acting Director of Engineering Services
Gary Nelson, PE Engineering Services
Ann Deasy, Public Information Coordinator

Commission Members not present:

None

I. Introductions

Dallas Hawkins called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes of November Meeting

Mr. Hawkins requested a motion to approve the minutes. Hal Ellis motioned the minutes be approved, Stan Stirling seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Hatch Rd. Public Meeting

Gary Nelson discussed the Hatch Rd. project. Originally, the project was going to rehabilitate Hatch Rd. from 43rd to 57th avenues, now, it will just be to 54th Ave. The project was shortened to accommodate the water main that will need to be installed for the Tuscan Ridge Development. Engineering Services has been working with the Developer on that project, but they are not ready to install the water main yet, and because of our Three-Year Pavement Cut Policy we needed to shorten the project to accommodate the Developer's needs. Once the water main is installed, we will pave the remaining part of Hatch Rd. to 57th Ave. During this time, we also will try and find a way to lengthen it from 57th Ave. to Perry St. to complete the entire stretch of road. One funding possibility would be a Utility Match. Mr. Nelson also talked about the Comstock Neighborhood Meeting where Dan Buller talked the project to the residents and business owners. Mr. Buller has been working with the golf course so construction dates have less of an impact on their golf season. The residents had a few questions mostly about the grade on the sides of the road and if there was a way to widen the walking path next to the side of the road. The meeting went well and the residents and business owners along the project did have any major concerns.

Lincoln St. Public Meeting

Ann Deasy gave an update on the January Manito/Cannon Hill Neighborhood. Avista was asked to come and talk about tree trimming, moving utility lines and moving utilities

underground during construction. The City was asked to talk about the trees that may cause issues along the project and narrowing the street. Steve Trabun from Avista gave a thorough explanation about their tree trimming process and went into detail about safety issues (not having branches touch power lines and children climbing trees and being able to grab the line), using licensed arborists and their trimming cycle. A diagram of the current utility locations, including the east and west side of the street and those in yards, was shown. Moving all utility lines to one side of the street may be a possibility, but all of the utility companies would need to agree. Additionally, the lines that are on the west side of the street do not affect any trees because the utility on those poles do not generate heat that may cause trees to catch on fire (trees wouldn't need to be trimmed, so the canopy wouldn't be affected.) Finally, the utility poles that are in yards have many lines running off of them—some had up to eight. Each property owner would need to agree to have the lines moved underground, and moving the lines underground would completely tear up their landscaping and sprinkler systems. Additionally, it was noted that the trees on the project that need trimming run along just a few blocks. Moving the lines underground would disrupt the trees root system and would most likely the tree would not be able to be saved. Mr. Trabun agreed to come back and answer any additional ideas and stated they were open to doing any of the ideas discussed at the meeting. The cost would be the property owners responsibility though (the cost was in the millions to move the lines underground). Dave Mandyke let the group know that the City was open to narrowing the street, if the property owners could find funding (through City funds that were not part of the Bond or fundraisers or out-of-their-pocket). The cost would be approximately \$400,000 or more. Mr. Mandyke also stated that the City would be willing to pay a designer to design a plan to narrow the street that would accommodate class 4 trees to be planted once the existing class 4 trees die. The City arborist gave a tree evaluation and stated that at this time, only one tree would most likely need to be replaced, and that none of the trees are considered hazardous due to pruning. Overall the meeting went well. The neighborhood is putting together a committee to determine what they would most like to have, and Mr. Mandyke let them know that discussions would have to end by September 2008 so the project could be designed, bid, and constructed in 2009.

IV. Selection and Approval for CSAC 2008 Chair and Replacement for Fifth District

Mr. Hawkins asked if any of the CSAC members was interested in serving as the Chair for the remainder of 2008. No one on the commission wanted Mr. Hawkins to step down for this year. Mr. Hawkins then informed the commission that a selection committee was formed to review applications for the Fifth District position. Until that selection has been made and the position is filled, Clay Schueman agreed to remain on the commission serving the Fifth District.

V. Other Business

Mark Serbousek gave an update on the removal of parking on the Maple and Ash streets project. There are some businesses along the project that are petitioning not to have the parking removed. The issue has gone to City Council with 4 members voting yes and one undecided to leave the project as-is and have the parking removed; that's not enough votes to move the project forward. Another alternative that has been mentioned are to have bump-ins for parking the businesses could form an LID to help fund the cost of the bump-ins.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 2:33 p.m.