

Citizens Streets Advisory Commission

Tuesday, March 18, 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

Staff present:

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

Commission Members not present:

Hal Ellis
Phil Barto

I. Introductions

Dallas Hawkins called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes of February Meeting.

Max Kuney motioned the minutes be approved, Stan Stirling seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Belt St. Public Meeting

Ann Deasy gave an update on the Belt St. meeting. The meeting went well and the residents and business owners along the project did not have any major concerns. The most asked question was access to their driveways during construction. Joel Graff, the engineer that spoke at the neighborhood council meeting, let them know they would receive 24-48 hours notice, and they were fine with that.

IV. Maple and Ash Streets

Maple and Ash streets was awarded to the low bidder, Inland Asphalt Co., at the City Council meeting last night. Council also approved to leave the street parking on the project. The project came in at \$4.24 million which was less than the engineer's estimate of \$5.3 million. Mark Serbousek brought up paving the stretch between Broadway Ave. and the north end of the bridge to complete the project. Mr. Serbousek recapped the decisions made at the October and November meetings in which members agreed to discuss the possibility of repairing Maple/Ash streets to the bridge once answers to their funding and other questions related to Kendall Yards were answered, and the Ohio Overcrossing Bridge may be destroyed and where Kendall Yards is focusing their attention now. Part of the funding question was answered with the estimate and bid. Kendall Yards CSO basin and overpass are not on the radar any longer, so those questions were answered as well. To pave the .25 mile portion would be a change order for an additional \$240,000. Mr. Kuney requested that before a final decision is made on the extension of the Maple and Ash street project that engineers email CSAC the original budget numbers, adjusted budget numbers, and estimate to complete the remaining projects. Mr. Hawkins would like a comparison of the original budget and the

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adjusted budget numbers then, if the cost fits within the scope of the project financially and structurally. Mr. Kuney mentioned that if that money wasn't spent on the extension, an option would be to use that money as a reserve for future projects. Clay Schueman mentioned another viewpoint was that if it was only .25 miles to pave it, just pave it. Mr. Brown mentioned that was in the original project. Mr. Kuney agreed that it would make sense to pave it if the budget is under the original/unadjusted budget. The City engineers also will check with legal to make sure it fits within the scope of the project for audit reasons as well.

V. Bi-Annual Report

Ann Deasy presented the draft of the April CSAC Bi-Annual Report. CSAC reviewed the report and decided that they wanted to make changes to the introduction and conclusion. Mr. Hawkins said that he would email those sections to the commission later that day so members could make edits. Mr. Hawkins reminded the commission that we have until Friday to return comments and/or edits on those sections and any other part of the draft. He also mentioned that City Council will most likely ask some "tough" questions regarding the Bond tying into the Comprehensive Plan and the use of Bond funds to pay for amenities such as bike lanes. The report is to be presented to City Council in April. Before the report is presented to Council, it needs to go before the Public Works Committee. Ms. Deasy said that she would have Mr. Brown and Mr. Hawkins added to the upcoming Public Works Committee to let the Committee know the report will be presented to Council in April. Additionally, Ms. Deasy said that she would have then will have it scheduled for one of the City Council meetings in April. Finally, Ms. Deasy said she would distribute the final version of the report to CSAC and let the commission know what day the report is set to go before Council.

VI. Other Business

A discussion among CSAC and Mr. Brown around amenities on projects and where the funding for amenities on Bond projects would come from. The funds are not available from the Street Bond monies because there would not be enough to pay to rehabilitate the 110 miles of streets that were promised to citizens. If we were coming in under budget and money was available the amenities may have been an option to fund. Mr. Hawkins mentioned the email he received from Mayor Verner on funding street related amenities. Last week Mayor Verner mentioned that she wanted to put together a Task Force consisting of 3 Council districts from CSAC (Dallas Hawkins, District 2, Stan Stirling, District 1, and Kathy Miotke, District 3), 3 City Council members and some staff. If we worked together to try and find funding to include amenities concurrently with the rehabilitation of streets the cost may be reduced than if the amenities were added later. The commission would like Councilmembers French and Rush to sit on this Task Force. Mr. Hawkins will keep everyone abreast.

VII. Adjournment

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