

Citizens Streets Advisory Commission

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

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

Street Department Conference Room, 901 North Nelson Street

Commission Members present:

Dallas Hawkins
Kathy Miotke
Hal Ellis
Max Kuney

Staff present:

Tom Arnold, Direct of Engineering Services
Scott Egger, Director Street Department
Gary Nelson, P. E., Engineering Services
Ann Nolan, Public Information Coordinator

Commission Members not present:

Clay Schueman
Stan Stirling
Phil Barto
Donna Jilbert

I. Introductions

Stan Stirling called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes of February Meeting

Dallas Hawkins moved not to have the minutes approved because we did not have a quorum. Hal Ellis recommended the February Minutes also reflect a language change to Stan Stirling's comment in Other Business to read "it seems inappropriate to use chip seal because it is out of the scope of the Bond program to experiment with, until it is used and proven on other projects first."

III. Update on Bicycle Advisory Board

Dallas Hawkins gave an update on the Southeast Blvd. project and bike lanes. The Southeast project is being done in two phases. The first phase, being done this year, has parking and shared bike lanes. If parking was going to change or be removed, we need a public process for the residents and businesses, and the additional costs to add bike lanes is not budgeted or covered by the Bond program. The second phase of the project has dedicated bike lane with signs and will be rehabilitated, the signs will not be removed and if they need replaced they will be. Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Stirling, Tom Arnold will meet with the chair and co-chair from Bicycle Advisory Board (BAB) will meet tonight at 5:15 p.m. prior to BABs regular scheduled meeting. Scott Egger showed a bicycle facilities map that showed bikes can be driven on all streets throughout Spokane except Division St. and I-90. Mr. Arnold reminded the committee that a new surface on the roadway will benefit all modes of moto-transportation.

IV. Update on Neighborhood Meetings

Since the last CSAC meeting, we met with the Emerson/Garfield Neighborhood meeting on the Washington Street project, no serious push-back, just the normal questions. The meeting seemed to go well. There is another meeting scheduled with the Hillyard Neighborhood on the Regal Street et al. project, Wednesday, March 21. Mr. Arnold had some follow-up discussion with the MAC and the Browne's Addition project. Some ideas came out of that project and Mr. Arnold is very hopeful that the meeting was successful and some positive strategies that come out of that. The traveling exhibit is very big for Spokane and we are working with the MAC to make the exhibit a success and still move the Browne's Addition project forward. If the project does not move forward, and the

MAC still wants to argue to have the project held back for one year, the next step would be a formal suit against the City.

V. Spokesman-Review Street Bond Articles

Ann Nolan has been working with the Spokesman-Review Voices editor, Mike Prager, on a series of arterial streets articles on the Bond program this year. So far, two articles have been published. It was mentioned to include any scheduled weekly construction meetings in future articles.

VI. Update on Actual Projects

Tom Arnold gave a brief overview of the upcoming projects. Maple/Ash was awarded to Inland Asphalt and is scheduled to start on April 16. Several other projects will be open for bid, 29th Ave. on Monday; Northeast Transmission Main Phase II, Southeast Blvd. tentative of the first week of May to end of July. Coming out for bid next week are the following LIDs: Browne's Addition, and Liberty Ave. and Pittsburg St. Northeast Transmission Main Phase I is underway, CSO Basins 16 & 18 also are underway and some follow-up/closing up from Crestline St. from last year.

VII. Other Business

Mr. Ellis requested the information regarding current projects be sent to CSAC. Mr. Arnold said he would send the current project schedules as a pdf file to the committee which shows where projects are currently in construction and when bids go out.

XIV. Public Comment

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 2:01 p.m