

Citizen Streets Advisory Commission

April 6, 2010

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

Street Department Conference Room, 901 North Nelson Street

Commission Members present:

Hal Ellis
Dallas Hawkins
Donna Jilbert
Stan Stirling
Gary Proctor
Kathy Miotke
Max Kuney

Staff present:

Mike Taylor, Deputy Director of Building, Planning,
and Engineering Services
Mark Serbousek, Street Department Director
Eldon Brown, Design
Gary Nelson, Design
Ann Deasy, Public Information Coordinator

Commission Members not present:

Phil Barto

Staff not present:

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Review & Approval of Minutes

The March minutes were approved with no changes. Hal Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes. Max Kuney seconded the motion and all approved.

3. Construction Update

Mike Taylor gave the construction update. Lincoln St. is moving right along and a great deal of interest has been shown in the bricks on the project. The bricks are owned by the contractor, MDM Construction. They couldn't find a place to recycle the bricks. They are allowing citizens to take them, when crews are not working. Decatur Ave., Bennett Ave. LIDs are underway. Decatur Ave. began this week. Bennett Ave. has been under construction for the last few weeks and should be wrapped up later this month.

4. Complete Streets

Mr. Taylor said a thorough discussion took place at last night's City Council meeting on the Complete Streets Ordinance. All of the issues that were of concern to citizens were aired: health benefits, cost concerns. The issues were fairly even too. Council approved five to two. There is currently some hope regarding funding mechanisms for Complete Street enhancements like LIDs, a Street Utility Tax, or Transportation Benefit District. Federal funding is drying up though. When we come out for the next Street Bond, if this is truly important it will come out in votes to citizens and see what resonates with citizens in regards to what enhancements that would like to fund with street repairs. Some sort of survey that ranks the importance of enhancements like, a) trees, b) bike lanes, c) bump-outs, and d) sidewalks. Mr. Ellis mentioned a concern about passing the next Street Bond and because of the support from the Mayor the Bond was approved. So the success of the next Street Bond will be contingent upon the support from the Mayor and key stakeholders like STA, the School District. Mr. Ellis is concerned about the next Bond being passed if

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enhancements are included in the Bond. He suggested that we have a Bond schedule which includes all additional elements that would be added on a street by street basis. This will permit the voters to see exactly what they would be authorizing.

5. Gary Proctor mentioned that he hoped the enhancements will have connectivity and tie in with a master plan, instead of bike lanes or sidewalks that don't connect to each other and are just built here and there. Mr. Ellis asked which CSAC members attend the Complete Streets coalition meetings. Kathy Miotke said that she attends the meetings. Mr. Kuney said the timing for Complete Streets is coming at the right time.

6. **Draft CSAC Report**

Changes need to made by Friday, April 9. The report goes to Public Works Committee on Monday, April 12.

7. **Public Meetings**

Ms. Deasy announced the three public meetings that are set for this week. They were set up by district, but really anyone could attend a meeting because construction affects those driving throughout the City. Each meeting will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, District 1, West Central Community Center, Wednesday, District 2, Northeast Youth Center, and Thursday, District 3, East Central Community Center.

8. **Other Business**

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.