

Citizens Streets Advisory Commission

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

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

Street Department Conference Room, 901 North Nelson Street

Commission Members present:

Stan Stirling

Kathy Miotke

Hal Ellis

Donna Jilbert

Phil Barto

Clay Schueman

Commission Members not present:

Dallas Hawkins

Max Kuney

Staff present:

Tom Arnold, Director of Engineering Services

Scott Egger, Director Street Department

Ann Nolan, Public Information Coordinator

I. Introductions

Stan Stirling called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes of February Meeting

Phil Barto moved to approve the February meeting minutes, Clay Schueman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Schueman moved to approve the March minutes, approved with the correction that Dallas Hawkins' calling meeting to order, Mr. Barto seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

III. Update on Projects

Tom Arnold gave an update of the current projects under construction. Maple and Ash is going well, crews are working on the Wellesley Ave. intersection and water main. Next week, the intersection at Garland Ave. is set to be closed for 20 working days to get that concrete intersection paved between Maple and Ash streets, and get the east-west travel back open. The business district will be accessible from Monroe St. Wellesley Ave. will remain open the entire project- it will be constructed one half at a time. Ash St. is still open at this time. Once Maple St. is complete, crews will switch over and work on Ash St. Northwest Blvd. will not have a new intersection this year it will be done as part of next year's project, just Garland and Wellesley avenues. It also was mentioned that the Northwest Blvd. intersection is not currently going to be constructed from concrete due to lack of funding, engineering is looking for additional funding to have it be concrete. Mr. Arnold also talked about the phase of the project in 2008 with the street being 3-feet deep, some of the excavation will have to be 3-feet due to the crown at the intersection in some of the residential areas

29th Ave. started Monday, April 16, and it is going well, traffic seems to be moving well. The first phase of the Northeast Transmission Main is progressing well. The water main is installed and paving has begun.

Two Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) are going to council right now, Houston Ave. from Cincinnati to Nevada streets, and Liberty Ave. from Madelia to Pittsburg streets/Pittsburg St. from North Foothills Dr. to Bridgeport Ave. Some of the LIDs have had a close call getting council approval, so we need to continue working with Council members and educating them on the benefits of LIDs. At the end of the Bond, 14 miles of dirt streets will be paved.

Southeast Blvd. went out to bid on April 9. The low bidder was Murphy Bros. That project should start construction mid-May.

Washington St. has had a lot of water work done prior to construction starting. Crews are just about finished getting the water lines upgraded. The project went out to bid this week.

Crestline St. will go to bid soon. Construction probably won't start construction until June. Mr. Stirling asked why that is and Mr. Arnold explained that with all of the projects going on this season they are trying to manage the design teams' time and financial resources.

Browne's Addition will have tree pruning begin soon. We have been working with the MAC to minimize impact to their exhibit attendees; as a result, the project is set to begin in August.

IV. Update on Construction Meetings

Ann Nolan gave an update on the Maple and Ash streets, and 29th Ave. construction meetings. The first meeting on Maple and Ash streets was Friday, April 6, at 11 a.m. at the Shadle Park Library. There were about five or six residents that attended, and it went very well.

The first meeting on 29th Ave. was held on Thursday, April 12, at 8 a.m. at Applebee's. There were about four representatives or owners' of businesses that attended. All seemed fairly positive about the construction timeline—the date was moved forward and crews will be out of the business district by the end of May.

V. Update on Mayor's Chat

Tom Arnold gave a brief overview on the "Your City with the Mayor" program that was filmed today. Dallas Hawkins and Mr. Arnold talked about the Bond program and how the streets will be rehabilitated, the streets that were selected to be restored and LIDs. The Bond was not to add amenities and rebuild or reconstruct streets, but to rehabilitate and repair. The specific projects were not discussed it focused on the overall Bond program and how it was going. Mr. Arnold and Mr. Hawkins were invited back to give an update on the projects after construction.

VI. Other Business

Scott Egger spoke about street preservation, crack sealing, seal coating, and grind and overlay and the Matrix recommendation, what the City is currently doing and what is preferred. What the City currently is doing, and the Matrix recommendation, both are not meeting the desired outcomes because we do not have the staff or funding to accomplish that. We need not only a shift of spending, but also more money to preserve Spokane streets. Mr. Egger handed out "A Pocket Guide to Asphalt Pavement Preservation" brochure. Mr. Ellis asked about the street department's position on the Matrix recommendations. Mr. Egger mentioned that 19 positions would have been eliminated, and Mr. Egger had the opportunity to inform Matrix of all of the aspects of those 19 positions because they do many jobs. The seal coating issue, Matrix is very insistent on seal coating to help preserve pavement. Mr. Egger is not in total agreement on that recommendation because we want something that will not fail and that the treatment will not last more than 5 years and then the program needs to be budgeted to do something more. CSAC was concerned about the street maintenance because once the streets are rehabilitated you want to preserve that street. Mr. Egger will start reporting the pavement conditions reports and looking at remaining surface life and lane

miles.

VII. Public Comment

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 2:21 p.m.