



Citizens Streets Advisory Commission

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

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

Street Department Conference Room, 901 North Nelson

Commissioners:

Dallas Hawkins
Donna Jilbert
Max Kuney

Absent:

Rob Higgins
Stan Stirling
Clay Schueman

City Staff:

Roger Flint, Director, Public Works & Utilities
Tom Arnold, Director, Engineering Services
Scott Egger, Director, Street Department
John Miller, Senior Engineer, Engineering Services
Staci Lehman, Public Information Coordinator,
Engineering Services

Guest/citizen:

Mr. Wayne Struck

AGENDA

I. Introductions

Dallas Hawkins called meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes of the March meeting

A vote on approval of the minutes from March's meeting was deferred until May as there was not a quorum present. Tom Arnold asked about the Austin Road agenda item from March, to clarify that the consensus was that it qualifies for LID money. CSAC members agreed that the language from March reflects approval.

Mr. Hawkins submitted notes (attached) to be included in the meeting minutes to address issues raised recently by citizens.

Mr. Hawkins said that Commissioner Rob Higgins resigned from the CSAC and Mary Lee withdrew her nomination, both due to work conflicts. Mr. Hawkins recommended Hal Ellis for the open at-large position and Phil Barto will be reconsidered by the Mayor for the other open position.

III. Update on Street Projects

Tom Arnold informed attendees that bids on the Crestline project will open next week and bids on G Street and 37th were opened the previous day. The only remaining Bond project to go to bid is Bernard Street, which will go next Monday. A few adjacent property owners on that project have appealed the tree removal. Mr. Arnold has been told by the Mayor to continue with the project until a decision is reached.

Mr. Arnold presented a Power Point presentation of 2005/2006 projects showing 'before' and 'after' pictures of the 2005 projects and 'before' pictures of the 2006 projects (can be viewed under 'Presentations' tab on website). Ms. Jilbert said that the public perception is that all street work falls

under the Bond program and asked Staci Lehman to specify where project funding is coming from when talking to the media or public.

V. Thor/Ray materials & quality

In response to inquiries from guest Wayne Struck regarding cracking, potholing and alligatoring on Thor/Ray Street, Senior Engineer John Miller explained that the paving is a combination of projects from as far back as six years. He says the worst damage is at the 'cold joints' where two projects come together, and where the pavement was cut to install side sewers for the Senior Center on 27th Avenue.

Mr. Miller said the pavement used six years ago is not as heavy as what is currently used, and more pavement design and geotechnical exploration is being done to make the product last longer.

Mr. Egger said the damage is normal for the age of the road. To get the most life out of it, it will be crack or fog sealed after five years and ground and overlaid after ten years. Mr. Egger said crack sealing on roads that age will start next month.

Mr. Struck said Thor/Ray is not designed for the load it is carrying and the southbound lanes show more wear than northbound.

Ms. Jilbert explained the Pavement Cut Policy to Mr. Struck and Mr. Arnold said there is a three year warranty on all patches. If a patch doesn't last as long as it should, the utility that paid for it fixes it. A month before the warranty runs out, the field engineer checks the project to see it is up to specs.

VI. LID Update

Ms. Lehman gave an update on the latest proposed LID, Courtland Avenue and Ferrall Street. Courtland Avenue will be assessed at 33%, or \$42,588. Ferrall will be assessed at 50% funding, or \$95,138 for a total of \$137,726. CSAC members had no objections.

VII. Council workshop

Mr. Hawkins reiterated that the Council workshop is May 11 at 3:30 pm in the Council Briefing center. It is open to the public but citizens are not invited to comment. Mr. Arnold said he would like to examine the Bond program in relation to the Comp Plan and wants to stress that the program isn't just to rehabilitate arterial and residential streets, it also paves dirt roads and stretches repair money through the Utility Match Program.

Mr. Arnold suggested meeting with the Parks Department to develop a program to have the City's arborist work with property owners *before* the year a construction project is expected to start, in order to meet everyone's needs if tree removals are required. Mr. Arnold said he's not expecting many tree removals in the future, Lincoln Street has about six trees to be evaluated. Another issue is that rehabilitated streets have to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, meaning wheelchair ramps have to be installed in many instances. Some of the corners have street trees where a ramp is required.

Ms. Lehman suggested taking to the workshop the Street Bond brochure she is working on for input from Council members. A draft should be ready in the next couple weeks.

Mr. Arnold said another subject for the workshop is the 'Perpetual Pavement Model' of street rehabilitation. The term is used in Bond literature, but not in the European context, where five feet of pavement is used to make the roads last fifty years.

Mr. Arnold also would like incentives discussed at the workshop. On the 29th project, a mistake was made because the incentive was questioned and it wasn't certain it would be offered. Two sets of proposals were made. The set that didn't mention the incentive was sent out. The project was bid without the incentive, although it was budgeted in. A change order was done to put it back in, which uses the administrative reserve. Even with the incentive, the project still comes in under budget.

VIII. Mid-year CSAC report

Ms. Lehman reported she has gathered pictures and maps to use in the mid-year CSAC report. It was agreed to aim for July 10 to present the report to City Council.

IX. Street Bond Brochure

Discussed under Council Study session agenda item.

X. Policies Update

Ms. Lehman handed out policies (attached) she compiled from meeting minutes from the beginning. The list includes the LID program, Utility Match Program, Usual and Customary Construction Items and Processes. It was also suggested to add:

- Requirements of program in relation to the Comp Plan (use Comp Plan, comments from Financial Office and letter from Bond issuer as appendices)
- Current and best practices
- QA/QC policy- (how the Commission reviews the process periodically or when called into question, but doesn't establish these policies/procedures)
- Superpave
- Clear zone policy (How the Commission reviewed it and why they feel it is outside the scope of work they are doing)

CSAC members want to stress that they set minimal policies and procedures, they oversee the way things are already done.

XI. Other Business

Regarding a call that Mr. Hawkins received Friday asking for personal contact information for each CSAC members, he said he didn't feel comfortable providing it. When a citizen won't give info to Ms. Lehman to have a CSAC member contact them, they must submit their issue in writing for a response.

Mr. Egger said he was asked by Deputy Mayor Jack Lynch to re-examine a barrier placed at Pittsburgh and 29th. Some people don't want the barrier replaced after the 29th Avenue project is complete. Mr. Egger says there should be a public process to make the decision and Mr. Hawkins agreed. It was decided the issue didn't require action by the CSAC.

XII. Public Comment

No public comments.

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.