

City of Spokane



Citizens Street Advisory Commission

Tuesday, May 17, 2005
1:00 p.m.
Street Department Conference Room
901 North Nelson

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners

Present

Dallas Hawkins, Chair
Stan Stirling, Vice
Chair
Donna Jilbert
Chuck Kearney
Max Kuney John
Talbot

Commissioners

Absent

JoAnna Butler

City Staff Present

Tom Arnold, Director, Engineering Services
Scott Egger, Director, Street Department
Michele Lesesne, Street Department
Charlotte Thacker, Admin. Asst.

Commission Chair Dallas Hawkins opened the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Upon motion by Mr. Stirling, seconded by Mr. Kearney, the Minutes of the meeting of April 19 were accepted as presented.

I. Financial Summary

Scott Egger walked the group through the summary of 2003 and 2004 Street Bond construction expenditures as of May 17th, describing the percentages of the totals to be spent in 2005. After considerable discussion, members agreed that it would be advisable for staff to provide information that will more adequately allow them to understand expenditures and how funds are rolled over into other projects. This is viewed as very important in enabling Commission members to explain the funding in response to citizens' inquiries. Additionally, once initial bidding for bond projects is completed, staff will look at average costs and replace numbers for remaining projects as indicated. Mr. Talbot reiterated his commitment to exploring and recommending mechanisms for ensuring a stable street maintenance fund. Mr. Hawkins agreed that this would be an important task for the Commission, deciding how to best make those recommendations. Tom Arnold distributed notices of bids and bid tabulations for some projects (attached) and discussed the processes involved.

II. Request by Bicycle Advisory Board re Bike Lanes

Commission Members agreed that although bike lanes are not within the purview of the CSAC, representatives of the Bicycle Advisory Board would be permitted to briefly discuss their concerns with the Commission as it relates to the re-stripping of roadways. Members discussed their views regarding the safety of bike lanes, while agreeing that the Comprehensive Plan must be adhered to. Some members expressed their wish that the Commission eventually encourage the elimination of bike lanes.

III. Public Information

Details of the press release will be discussed at the next meeting. Tom Arnold reported that the hiring of a public information coordinator is moving through the hiring process, and that an ad will be published the next week. Staff and Commission will need to discuss the allocation of time and funding.

IV. Other Business

Members discussed the Letter to the Editor published the previous Sunday from Chair Dallas Hawkins (attached).

Discussion regarding changing meeting days and/or times revealed that it would be impossible to find a meeting time that would be convenient to all concerned, and that the regular meeting schedule of third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm would be retained.

V. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on June 23, and will include a tour of street construction sites. A future Agenda item will include a report from the Police Department representatives regarding enforcement of the weight restrictions on trucks.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.