



Citizens Streets Advisory Commission

Tuesday, August 16, 2005

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

Street Department Conference Room, 901 North Nelson

Commissioners:

Dallas Hawkins, Committee Chair
Stanley Stirling, Vice Chair
Clay Schueman
Max Kuney
Donna Jilbert

Commissioners

Absent :
Chuck Kearny

City Staff:

Tom Arnold, Director, Engineering Services
Dave Mandyke, Deputy Director, Public Works
Ken Brown, Design, Engineering Services
Gary Nelson, Design, Engineering Services
Mark Serbousek, Operations, Street Dept.
Staci Lehman, Public Information Coordinator,
Engineering Services

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

I. Introductions

Meeting attendees introduced themselves, including guest City Councilman Bob Apple and new Commissioner Clay Schueman.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes of the July meeting

The minutes of the meeting of July 19 were accepted as presented.

IV. Update on Street Projects

Tom Arnold reported that the super pave on Ash Street was quality work and that construction is progressing well on Maple and Cedar. Mr. Stirling asked if super pave costs the same as other products. Mr. Hawkins suggested a future presentation on super pave, including technical and financial information.

Mr. Arnold said the city is pushing the schedule on the Wellesley and A Street project, work on Washington/Stevens is progressing well and paving is expected to be finished this week on the Thor/Freya corridor. Regal is the only project lagging behind.

III. Rescheduling and realignment of bond projects

Ken Brown provided a PowerPoint presentation showing why Street Bond projects are advanced or delayed to coordinate with utility projects, co-funding with federal, state or local entities, utility projects and to replace bond projects that experience delays.

Some advanced projects:

- 29th Avenue from Grand to Freya 2006 from 2014
- Washington Street from Illinois to Buckeye 2010 to 2007

- Bernard Street from 14th to 9th (Ben Garnet Way) Moved to 2005
- Southeast Blvd. and Sherman St. Projects May be advanced to coordinate with 29th Ave. project

Some delayed projects:

- Mission Avenue from Hamilton to Greene 2008 to 2014
- Francis Avenue from Division to Market 2010-2011

Max Kuney asked for a revised master schedule of projects.

Mr. Brown asked if the City should continue its' philosophy of delaying/advancing projects depending on conditions. Mr. Kuney said he would support the advance/delay of projects.

Mr. Brown updated the Commission on the Bernard Street tree project, that was presented at July's meeting. Avista is willing to delay some projects and help with costs to remove trees that are disrupting utility lines. If a schedule can't be worked out between the City and Avista, city work will advance as planned, without Avista money, to avoid poor public relations.

V. Third and Ash water line project utility match request

Gary Nelson provided a PowerPoint presentation asking for \$855,000 of utility match money to continue a water line down Sunset Boulevard to Inland Empire Way where it will meet with work done in the Latah Creek area last year. Work on the west side of the street will be paid for with Water Department money. Mr. Nelson is asking for the \$855,000 to match street bond money to pave the other side of the street.

Mr. Stirling asked if that money would come out of the original Bond fund. Mr. Brown said it comes from a different fund that has \$7 million in it for projects such as this. Mr. Brown, Mr. Stirling and Mr. Hawkins suggested that the city put together a program to manage that amount so it lasts the entire ten years of the Street Bond.

Next, Mr. Nelson asked for \$132,000 from the utility match to pave the Calkins Sewer LID (in the Francis and Crestline area) after sewer work is complete there.

Mr. Stirling moved to accept the Third Avenue project and Mr. Kuney seconded. Ms. Jilbert abstained. The motion was passed.

Mr. Hawkins asked to table the Calkins Sewer LID funding request until the next meeting.

VI. Update on 2006 Budget process by the Street Dept.

Dave Mandyke explained how each department prepares bids and ranks categories for the Priorities of Government (POG) system. It resulted in a loss of \$445,000 to the streets department, including cutting the signal and lighting budget and a signal tech position.

The Street Maintenance budget was cut by \$95,600,015, some of the money coming from the allocation to the fleet replacement fund.

VII. Questions and comments from City Council liaison's to the Public works Committee

Bob Apple suggested blocking parking on one side of Francis Avenue to make sidewalks more accessible.

Mr. Apple said he isn't happy with the quality of asphalt the City uses and brought examples of slurry coat, gravel and asphalt from Third Avenue. He says the County uses a superior product. Mr. Mandyke asked to continue the discussion at the next meeting when City staff can present information on the products they use. The Commission agreed.

Mr. Hawkins passed out numbers showing percentage involved in response to Mr. Apple who had previously said that he believes the City is paying close to 25% for engineering services on construction projects. Mr. Hawkins pointed out that the numbers are much closer to 15.01%.

VIII. Discussion of fall CSAC report to the Mayor and City Council

Staci Lehman passed out a rough draft of the report and Mr. Hawkins asked the Commission to look it over in the next 30 days and make comments/suggestions/edits to Tom Arnold, Staci Lehman and himself. The Commission agreed to delay the presentation of the report to the Mayor and City Council until after the paving season is done in late October.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 3:07 p.m.