



Citizens Streets Advisory Commission

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

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

Street Department Conference Room, 901 North Nelson Street

Commission Members present:

Dallas Hawkins
Max Kuney
Donna Jilbert
Clay Schueman
Stan Stirling
Phil Barto
Kathy Miotke

Commission Members not present:

Hal Ellis

Staff present:

Dave Mandyke, Acting Director of Public Works
Tom Arnold, P.E., Director Engineering Services
Gary Nelson, P. E., Engineering Services
Ken Brown, P.E., Engineering Services
Gerald Okihara, P.E., Engineering Services
Mark Serbousek, P.E., Street Department
Dana Sveum, P.E., Engineering Services
Ann Nolan, Public Information Coordinator

I. Introductions

Dallas Hawkins called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes of August Meeting

Stan Stirling moved to approve the August 15, 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Update on Street Projects

Tom Arnold reported on the **37th Avenue** Project being nearly complete and addressed concerns about the communication to residents on Sky View Dr. It was discussed that we have better communication on larger projects, and in the future, hold weekly meetings with the contractors (open to citizens) to stay updated and address any questions.

The first residential Street Bond project was completed ahead of schedule, G St. from Northwest Blvd. to Wellesley Ave. et al.

Bernard St. from 29th Ave. to 14th Ave. is over budget and time partially because of the tree issue and delays caused by litigation. School buses are being re-routed to 15th Ave. until construction is complete.

Freya from 37th Ave. to Hartson Ave. had a few budget increases, construction schedule is going well. Work is being done from 11th Ave. to Hartson, Ave., the last phase is being worked on and the street will open from 11th Ave. to 18th Ave. this week.

Crestline St. from Decatur Ave. to 300 feet north of Lincoln Rd. is ahead of schedule and on budget. Crews have had a few glitches on the intersection, but the project is scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks.

The Northeast Transmission Main was not started this year, as well as, the Mukagawa Sewer (at the school's request—wanted the construction started and complete during the non-student season). No new construction projects will begin during winter.

Kathy Miotke mentioned there was a neighborhood meeting for 5-Mile residents and one of the topics would be the sewer installation on Austin Rd. at Quamish Dr. She asked about having LID information to give the residents, in regards to having Austin Rd. near the Avey property, paved under an LID. Mr. Arnold will present at a neighborhood meeting if needed.

IV. Southeast Blvd. Bike Lanes

Southeast Blvd. from Perry St. to 5th Ave. currently has a bike route in the comprehensive plan. Gerald Okihara gave a presentation to CSAC members, and requested funding for replacing the current bike route to be made into a bike lane and to connect existing bike lanes. Parking would be removed because of limited space. Costs would be \$6000 for signing and \$43,700 for striping/markings. If the bike lane was there before CSAC would fund, but if it was not currently in place CSAC would not fund new signs and striping. Mr. Stirling motioned and Phil Barto seconded the "no" vote for the partial use of Street Bond dollars, six members agreed and Ms. Miotke was opposed. It was suggested that the request be made to neighborhood councils to consider funding options for bike lanes.

V. Review of 2007/2008 Projects, Tree Inventory

Gary Nelson gave a presentation on the 11-Step Street Tree Process.

Clay Schueman requested reviewing the City Arborists job description to see if it includes evaluating trees in the ROW and how to best expedite the tree evaluating process to spend money more judiciously.

Before CSAC has further discussion surrounding trees, Mr. Hawkins requested the issue be addressed with the Parks Dept. to get a final inventory and recommendation from the City Arborist, as well as, a decision regarding who is responsible for paying for the cost of the air spading and tree root exploration. Also, Mr. Stirling mentioned that in order to keep costs down we may want to consider getting a bid for a master contract for two years for the tree exploration.

VI. Other Business

CSAC to give a Lunch briefing to the Planning Commission and a presentation to the Community Assembly at the November meeting. At the August CSAC meeting, it was discussed that the Community Assembly presentation would include a briefing on the tree/street data collected on the Historic Browne's Addition. Since we do not have the Arborists recommendations yet, the presentations could possibly be the same for both, and will be about 10-15 minutes in length.

VII. Public Comment

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 2:42 p.m.