



Citizens Streets Advisory Commission

Tuesday, October 17, 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

Staff present:

Tom Arnold, P.E., Director Engineering Services
Scott Egger, Director Street Department
Gary Nelson, P. E., Engineering Services
Ann Deasy, Public Information Coordinator

Commission Members not present:

Hal Ellis

I. Introductions

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

II. Review & Approval of Minutes of August Meeting

Stan Stirling moved to approve the September 19, 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded by Donna Jilbert and unanimously approved.

III. Update on Street Projects

Tom Arnold reported on the **Bernard St. from 14th Ave. to 29th Ave.** Project is nearly complete and paving should be done and the street open to traffic by the end of this week.

Freya St. from 37th Ave. to Hartson Ave. construction schedule is going well. The project is progressing. The last phase is being paved and is expected to be open to traffic this week.

Those are the last two projects of the season for this year under the Bond Program. The construction season this year has been very successful. Ms. Nolan is finishing up the CSAC Road to Repair 2006 PowerPoint to present to the Community Assembly on Friday, Nov. 3. It was mentioned that may also want to send that presentation to Amy Cannata at the Spokesman-Review, as well as, putting together a summary to air on City Cable 5, Spokane Insight.

IV. Review of Tree Inventory

Mr. Stone drafted a memorandum of understanding regarding the Street Bond Projects that states their commitment of support and cooperation to ensure that future projects go as smoothly as possible. The 2007 goal of the Parks department is to be more proactive and formalize the agreement with full cooperation of effort with Parks taking more of a lead on tree inventory.

There also was discussion around urban forestry issues to have a standardized broad policy surrounding tree replacement and other long-range planning for trees.

Mr. Nelson reported that final tree inventory is complete and a meeting will be set up with Mr. Arnold, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Perry and Mr. Stone to go over a more formal agreement with the Parks department. Also included in that agreement would be confirmation that Parks would continue to conduct air spading and exploration (including additional related costs) on a representative sample of trees. The Street Bond Program will be responsible for paying for anything beyond the sampling. Whether or not a master contract is needed at this point in time; it will be desirable to set priorities for the most pressing project sites and have Parks inventory the trees on those projects.

Mr. Hawkins asked why so many of the trees on Regal St. would be impacted by street rehabilitation and Mr. Nelson said it was because of the type of project. This is scheduled to be a full depth replacement instead of a grind and overlay. It also is one of the longest projects, at 2.2 miles. Mr. Kuney requested that we keep the citizens and neighborhood groups updated. Also, Mr. Hawkins requested that CSAC be kept abreast of changes and future updates with the Parks department, but said this was a good start.

V. Other Business/ 2007 CSAC Chair Nominations

Mr. Hawkins term is ending this December so he wrote a letter to Mayor Dennis Hession to renew his term. Mr. Hawkins said that Mayor Hession verbally said he would like to renew his term, but nothing has been received in writing yet. Most likely Mr. Hawkins will have something to present at the November meeting.

Ms. Miotke inquired about the workshop for City Council on LIDs. Mr. Arnold has spoken to Council members individually and to help them understand how and why LIDs are formed. The Council members were questioning why LIDs were presented to Council with a 60% vote for the LID without the understanding of how the votes were obtained. Mr. Hawkins suggested that the workshop is no longer needed because of Mr. Arnold's one-on-one discussions, unless we run into roadblocks on LIDs that should have been, but weren't moved forward.

Mr. Hawkins mentioned that the community assembly PowerPoint be distributed to CSAC for review before the presentation on Friday, Nov. 3.

VI. Public Comment

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 2:11 p.m.