

Common Council Sidewalk Committee
23 November 2009, 4:00 p.m.
McCloskey Room (#135)
Showers City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

MEMORANDUM

In attendance:

Committee Members: Dave Rollo, Mike Satterfield, Isabel Piedmont-Smith (Chair) & Chris Sturbaum

Staff: Steve Cotter (Parks and Recreation), Joe Fish (Planning), Jane Fleig (Utilities), Scott Robinson (Planning), Bob Woolford (HAND), Justin Wykoff (Public Works), Dan Sherman (Council Office) and Stacy Jane Rhoads (Council Office).

I. MEETING OBJECTIVE

Piedmont-Smith stated that the goal for the meeting is to hone in on projects for which the Committee will seriously consider funding. Piedmont-Smith noted the list of ranked sidewalk projects as filtered through Planning's objective criteria and advised that this year's Committee should also consider the recommendations forwarded by last year's Committee. Last year's Committee ranked the Third Street project as one of the highest priorities.

II. FUNDING PRIORITIES

Piedmont-Smith solicited feedback from the group about this year's funding priorities.

- **Marilyn Street:** Rollo inquired of the status of the Marilyn Street project (Nancy to High). Rollo pointed out that the project was recommended for funding three years ago. Sherman added that the project was funded for design three years ago and for construction two years ago. Initially, it was anticipated that this project would be funded *via* Greenways. However, at the time, the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenways Plan was in transition; ultimately, the Marilyn project was dropped from the Greenways list. Last year's Sidewalk Report respectfully requested that the Mayor consider using federal funds to complete this project. Piedmont-Smith reminded Sherman that at the last meeting, the Committee asked that he draft a letter from the Committee to the Mayor regarding the need to fund this project. Sherman agreed that the Committee needed a response from the Mayor for clarity on this project's funding status.
 - ▶ Rollo asserted that the completion of the Marilyn Street project is his highest sidewalk funding priority this year.
- **Third Street:** Sturbaum pointed out that, based on last year's conversation, he thought that this would be the year for the Third Street project. Piedmont-Smith pointed out that the Committee needs to figure out how to divide this project. As advised by Wykoff, the project is best parsed up into three segments.

THIRD STREET PROJECT

SEGMENT #1 *Bryan to Jefferson*

Total Estimate: **\$95,048.78**

Right-of-Way \$ 7,790.00

Stormwater: \$17,800.00

Notes

- At present, Wykoff anticipates removal of a merge lane. All of the property requiring right-of-way acquisition, except for one, belongs to IU. Wykoff expects that IU may be amenable to donating right-of-way for this project.
- The estimate includes the cost of replacing the curb; however, the curb may not need to be replaced.
- Satterfield asked if it would be an administrative burden for the City to approach people and inform them of the benefits of donation? Wykoff stated that it would not be a burden, but that the City has to follow a certain protocol. All donors must be fully informed of their rights to be compensated based on an appraisal. Sherman reminded the group that the City cannot make the property a *quid pro quo* offer. That is the City cannot make installation of a sidewalk contingent on a donation.

SEGMENT #2 *Jefferson to Roosevelt.*

Total Estimate: **\$63,507.68**

Right-of-Way \$ 0.00 (none required)

Stormwater: \$ 3,600.00

Notes

- There is an existing sidewalk along this stretch, but it needs to be moved and rebuilt. Satterfield asked if Engineering could work around the existing trees. Wykoff responded that the City can work around existing trees, but we will need to re-grade the area and build a wall between the sidewalk and the trees.
- The actual cost of building the walk may be lower than \$63,507.68 if we do not have to re-build the curb.
- Sturbaum asked if Engineering could regrade the land in such a way as to reintegrate into the existing sidewalk. Wykoff responded that it may be possible.

SEGMENT #3 *Roosevelt to Clark*

Total Estimate: **\$118,387.00**

Right-of-Way \$ 46,160.00

Stormwater: \$ 3,400.00

Notes

- Along this segment is a pronounced dirt path. Because of the slope of the properties, the City will have to add a little retaining wall. The City would also have to acquire right-of-way from five properties.

TOTAL FOR ALL THREE SEGMENTS: \$ 277, 302

III. FUNDING AVAILABLE

Greenways: Fish stated that the Greenways fund has been reduced to \$250,000, but the Greenways Committee has discussed offering \$100,000 in Greenways money for use toward the 2010 Third Street project. This commitment represents over 40% of the Greenways fund.

Subtracting out the Greenways likely commitment (\$100,000) from the total project cost (\$ 277,302), the Committee is left with \$177,302 for the cost of this project.

Alternative Transportation Fund: Piedmont-Smith asked for confirmation: the Committee has \$205,000 in sidewalk money and \$125,000 in stormwater money. Sherman responded, “yes,” but the Committee also has some unspent money from last year.

IV. OTHER

Southdowns: Wykoff pointed out that the Committee would likely have around \$75,000 left in stormwater money after addressing the above three stretches of Third. If the Committee has some additional stormwater funds, it could possibly complete a little stretch on Southdowns. Piedmont-Smith asked for a specific stormwater estimate for this project. Wykoff responded that he would provide the estimate at the next meeting.

Estimates:

- Piedmont-Smith requested that Wykoff provide the Committee with estimates and that the estimates might be color-coded such that all stormwater figures are assigned one color while all right-of-way acquisition estimates are assigned another.
- Satterfield pointed out that it would be helpful to see the estimate for the *entire* Third Street project to get a sense of the total project costs. The rest of the Committee agreed with Satterfield that they would like estimates for the full run of the whole Third Street project.
- Piedmont-Smith asked Fleig if she would please advise the group of how much stormwater money is to be carried over into 2010 at the next meeting. Fleig responded that she is still waiting for billing to occur before she can give the group a figure.

V. NEXT MEETINGS

The Committee scheduled the following meetings:

- 01 December at 4pm
- ~~08 December at 4pm~~

(Note: this meeting was subsequently rescheduled via e-mail. Date TBD.)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5:23 pm.