

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

MEMORANDUM

In attendance:

Committee Members: 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. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Marilyn Street Project

- Wykoff reviewed the Marilyn Street project.
- **Stormwater:** Satterfield inquired whether the trend in stormwater management is to capture and pipe the water or to re-introduce it into the ground? Fleig answered that, historically, stormwater has been managed via piping. Current trends are toward re-introducing it back into the ground. The trick is trying to get residents to shift their thinking along the lines of re-introduction. There is some cultural lag in this area.
Raingardens: Cotter stated that it would help if there are raingardens upstream. Overall, would help to have more raingardens throughout the City.

Fleig pointed out that the new UDO provides for the requirement of rain gardens. However, the area at issue is grandfathered under the old rules.

Satterfield asked if it is feasible to explore raingardens in this area. Fleig responded that there is probably too much flow in the area to support a raingarden. It would be necessary to install more raingardens upstream, like Cotter said.

Wykoff stated that sidewalk will displace the ditch. If we install a sidewalk, it will create even more stormwater problems.

Piedmont-Smith asked how much more expensive it is to use permeable pavement. Wykoff stated that even if we install permeable pavement, we would still need to install a stormwater system.

- **Letter:** Piedmont-Smith pointed out that Sherman has drafted a letter for Piedmont-Smith's signature requesting a dedication of \$98,373 in federal funding to the Marilyn Street project discussed at the last meeting. The Committee agreed to approve the letter with any modifications that Piedmont-Smith may have. Sturbaum suggested building in the date of the next meeting into the letter and requesting feedback from the Mayor by that day.

III. THIRD STREET PROJECT

Per the Committee's request at the last meeting, Wykoff provided the Committee with estimates of the entire Third Street project. The estimates are as follows:

<u>SEGMENT #1</u>	<i>Bryan to Jefferson</i>
Total Estimate:	\$95,408.78
Public Works	\$63,773.33
Right-of-Way	\$ 8,997.45
Stormwater:	\$22,638.00
<u>SEGMENT #2</u>	<i>Jefferson to Roosevelt.</i>
Total Estimate:	\$63,507.68
Public Works	\$59,141.78
Right-of-Way	\$ 0.00 (none required)
Stormwater:	\$ 4,365.90
<u>SEGMENT #3</u>	<i>Roosevelt to Clark</i>
Total Estimate:	\$118,387.00
Public Works	\$ 60,591.30
Right-of-Way	\$ 53,661.30
Stormwater:	\$ 4,134.90
<u>SEGMENT #4</u>	<i>Clark to Hillsdale</i>
Total Estimate:	\$144,704.18
Public Works	\$ 95,293.28
Right-of-Way	\$ 38,115.00
Stormwater	\$ 11,295.90
<u>SEGMENT #5</u>	<i>Hillsdale to Overhill</i>
Total Estimate:	\$ 96,598.43
Public Works	\$ 65,736.83
Right-of-Way	\$ 22,869.00
Stormwater	\$ 7,992.60
<u>SEGMENT #6</u>	<i>Overhill to 45/46 Bypass</i>
Total Estimate	\$204,295.25
Public Works	\$122,687.57
Right-of-Way	\$ 68,475.33
Stormwater	\$ 13,132.25

TOTAL FOR ALL SEGMENTS: \$ 722,541.32

Opportunities for Bus Shelters

Fish pointed out that this project might provide a good opportunity for Bloomington Transit to install a bus shelter on the northeast corner of Roosevelt and Third and one in front of St. Charles at Jefferson.

- Sturbaum asked Wykoff to talk to Bloomington Transit about installing these shelters.
- Robinson pointed out that it would be prudent to consult with Lew May early on as BT must follow ADA requirements. Wykoff agreed to discuss with May soon.

Greenways

Fish mentioned that the Greenways Committee recommended committing \$100,000 to the Third Street project, but that he does not have the authority to make that commitment himself. Wykoff said that Susie Johnson endorses this recommendation and that the Sidewalk Committee should consider this a firm commitment from the Greenways Committee.

Staging Third Street

The Sidewalk Committee has **\$205,000** in the Alternative Transportation Fund.

Piedmont-Smith reviewed the cost of funding the first three and four segments absent stormwater:

- Bryan to Clark: \$245,806.46
- Bryan to Hilldale: \$379,215.64

Subtracting out Greenways contribution of \$100,000:

- Bryan to Clark: \$145,806.46
- Bryan to Hillsdale: \$279,215.64

Right-of-Way costs:

- Bryan to Hillsdale: \$100,773.

Sturbaum pointed out that if the Committee could get at least *some* right-of-way donated, then it would be fully possible to build all four stretches of the Third Street project – all the way to Hillsdale. Sturbaum stated that there is good chance could get at least ½ of the right-of-way donated as Indiana University and Dr. Hrisomolos will likely donate.

Sturbaum stated that it is possible to allocate a certain amount for this project. If more property owners donate more right-of-way than expected, the Committee could always fund additional components of this project.

Piedmont-Smith asked the group if they agreed on spending all money on Third Street this year.

► **The Committee agreed that it should fund Third Street in 2010.**

Cotter inquired how far INDOT has committed to build a sidewalk as part of the by-pass project. Fleig responded that she recalls that INDOT has committed to building about 300' of sidewalk from the by-pass; however, all INDOT projects are “on hold” until the MPO dilemma is resolved.

Piedmont-Smith offered that the Committee could make a *contingent recommendation*. The Committee could commit to funding the first three segments of Third Street and then dedicate any left over funds to “Project X.”

► For the next meeting, Piedmont-Smith called upon the Committee to think through what “Project X” might be.

IV. SOUTHDOWNS (Jordan Avenue to Mitchell Street)

At the last meeting, Wykoff mentioned that any left over stormwater money might be used on the Southdowns project. Wykoff provided the following project estimates:

Total Estimate	\$124,405.05
Public Works	\$ 69,842.85
Right-of-Way	\$ 0.00 (none)
Stormwater	\$ 54,562.20

Fleig pointed out that the above-cited stormwater figure is just a rough estimate. It could be higher as the project will require enclosing a ditch on Jordan and Southdowns.

V. NEXT MEETING

The Committee will next meet on **Wednesday, 16 December at 4pm in Council Chambers.**

VI. OTHER

- Piedmont-Smith asked that we get clarity on asking for right-of-way donations.
- Cotter suggested that the Committee should ask the Legal Department to outline the tax benefits that accompany right-of-way donation.

VII. ADJOURN

The Committee adjourned at 5:20pm.