

MEMORANDUM

**Common Council Sidewalk Committee
17 November 2010, Noon
Council Chambers (#115)
Showers City Hall, 401 North Morton Street**

In attendance:

Committee Members: Andy Ruff, Mike Satterfield and Chris Sturbaum

Staff: Steve Cotter (Parks and Recreation), Scott Robinson (Planning), Stacy Jane Rhoads (Council Office), Dan Sherman (Council Office), Mike Trexler (Controller) & Justin Wykoff (Public Works)

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Election of Chair

The Committee unanimously elected Satterfield as Chair.

Record

The group voted to have the Council Office prepare a record of the meetings. (Duty normally falls to City Clerk per Bloomington Municipal Code.)

II. FUNDING FOR 2011

Alternative Transportation Fund = \$225,000

(\$15,000 of which is earmarked for traffic calming)

Sherman reviewed that \$225,000 has been allocated this year for sidewalk projects and traffic calming. \$210,000 is available for sidewalk projects while \$15,000 is earmarked for traffic-calming initiatives. Sherman asked for a motion to approve the allocation, with \$15,000 set aside for traffic calming.

Sherman asked for confirmation from Wykoff that \$15,000 is sufficient. Wykoff responded that it is sufficient. The only traffic calming project anticipated in 2011 is that of the Prospect Hill Neighborhood.

Utilities Allocation for Stormwater = \$0

Due to budgetary constraints, Utilities is not able to devote funds for sidewalk stormwater work in this year's budget. However, Director Pat Murphy advises that if the Sidewalk Committee comes up with a list of projects for which they need stormwater work, he will explore whether Utilities might provide the labor

Sherman suggested that the Committee defer discussion of current Committee stormwater projects until a representative from Utilities is available to speak to the group.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The group agreed to turn to the approval of the minutes from its meetings on January 26th, July 27th and August 6th at its next meeting.

IV. CENTRALIZING BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FUNDS

Trexler pointed out that this year, in an effort to be more transparent, the City centralized all bicycle and pedestrian monies into the alternative transportation fund. Previously, bicycle and pedestrian projects had been spread across 4 or 5 funds. The fund has a total of \$765,000 with \$540,000 for pedestrian and bicycle projects. This \$540,000 is earmarked for routine sidewalk maintenance, not new construction. To be clear, only \$225,000 is available for Council Sidewalk projects.

Sherman added that a centralized fund also allows for better accounting of parking enforcement revenue and allow other funds to be used for other purposes.

V. RECENTLY-COMPLETED AND ON-GOING COUNCIL SIDEWALK PROJECTS

Wykoff reviewed sidewalk projects approved for funding last year.

Marilyn Street – Nancy to High

This is one of the last segments of a route on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation and Greenways System (Greenways) Plan that would connect Bryan Park with sidewalks at High and Covenanter. This sidewalk includes a curb, but no tree plot.

As part of the Committee meetings in July and August 2010, Utilities decided to do the stormwater work itself and has been working on the project for the last 4-6 weeks. They've completed the culvert work and have placed inlets on Marilyn. Since CBU is doing the work in-house, the City re-bid the project last month. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder was Crider and Crider at \$67,900. This will be a 60-day project. The estimate for this project was (\$98,373). We still need to get stormwater accounting from CBU.

Wykoff pointed out that when the work is parsed out among, CBU, Vectren and other contractors, it is important that each contractor be accountable for what they do, what they disturb, etc.

Third Street

Recall that the Sidewalk Committee fully funded this project from Bryan to Roosevelt and dedicated the balance of funds for the rest of the Third Street Project. In bidding the project, Public Works broke it out into five segments:

- Section #1 = Sidewalk. Bryan Avenue to Jefferson Street (North Side)
- Section #2 = Sidewalk. Jefferson Street to Roosevelt Street (North Side)
- Section #3 = Sidewalk. Roosevelt Street to Clark Street (North Side)
- Section #4 = Sidewalk. Clark Street to Hillsdale Drive (North Side)
- Section #5 = Sidepath. High Street to Woodscrest Drive (Southside)

In 2010, design of both the north and south side of East 3rd Street between Bryan Avenue and Hillsdale Drive was completed. The project includes bike lanes on both sides of the street and a median in the middle of Third. The Board of Public Works approved and awarded the bid to Milestone Construction for sections 1-4 (Bryan Avenue to Hillsdale Drive – Sidewalk north side), and a contract is being reviewed for approval at this time. Projects were bid in the order of 1-5 to reflect the Committee's prioritization of constructing a sidewalk on the north side of the street.

The bid amount for Sections 1-4 came in at \$240,315.00. This includes utilities work. The project was bid with an anticipated start date of April 18, 2011 following successful right-of-way acquisition from area property owners.

[Section 5 is a sidepath on the southside of the street. This is part of the Greenways Plan. However, in issuing bids, Public Works focused on the sidewalk on the north side of the street, since that was the Sidewalk Committee's priority. Wykoff commented that if greenways was re-instated in 2012, then we could re-instate the southside sidepath project.]

At present, two lanes (3rd and Atwater) run in each direction from High to Mitchell. Satterfield inquired about the design: Has there been any discussion about the two-lane configuration moving further west? Wykoff responded "no" and elaborated that the 2006 Third & Atwater study examined the possibility of two lanes in each direction, but the idea met with opposition from the neighborhood to the south. Satterfield asked if the City was moving westward with two-way traffic. Wykoff responded, "no."

VI. NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 02 December at Noon in the McCloskey Room.
- Ruff asked for feedback from CBU on the Jordan/Maxwell project at the next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.