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**ROELAND PARK**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**NOTES of the MEETING**

**Monday September 14, 2009**, Rev 7 Oct 09

**Present:**

<b>Betsy Mellor</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>Marek Gliniecki</b>	<b>Co-Chair</b>
<b>Adrienne Foster</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>John Carter</b>	<b>City Administrator</b>
<b>Bill Art</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Scott Gregory</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Toni Hull</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Bob Myers</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Bill Cunningham</b>	<b>City Engineer</b>
<b>Pat Mundis</b>	<b>Manager - Public Works</b>
<b>Rex Taylor</b>	<b>Chief of Police</b>

**Location: City Council Conference Room**  
**Notes by MG**

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BM called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Committee Handouts**

BC & BM handed out the Update Report dated 9 September 2009.

**48<sup>th</sup> & Roe Traffic Study**

There was a general reiteration of the issues, including the confusion of drivers caused by ambiguous signage / direction. There appear to be difficulties with rotating the mast arms of at least one of the poles, the arms are too short for the proposed position and there are issues of separation of signage.

Wilbur Smith has proposed a fee of \$3,000 to produce a Scope of Works / Report including a recommendation or conclusion. KCP&L may also charge possibly around \$3,000 for consultation. There was discussion about needing a plan from KCP&L to cost out. There was discussion about whether to go out to tender for the Scope of Works / Report or retain Wilbur Smith with an addendum to their contract. It was a question of whether going out for bid versus familiarity with the project would incur less expense by the City.

It was discussed about whether this project could be rolled into the CARS project for Roe Avenue; if this project should begin as soon as possible and incorporate it into CARS when it comes on line. This project would probably not begin until 2011 at the earliest. CARS may reimburse the City for up to ½ of the Consultants' fees. There are a number of issues to be considered including "geometric, stacking" alterations. The Mayor reported contact with KCP&L officials who discussed an upcoming pilot program regarding sustainability issues such as LED lights. This program could be cost free to the City if it is selected as part of one

of three pilot program areas. There was discussion of cost effectiveness of the LED's versus the current sodium lights. Sodium lights last for years if not decades and cost \$245 each. The LED's cost \$1,200 and last only 8 to 12 years. There was a suggestion to wait a few months or so to allow improved technology to come on line. Coordination of these three programs may need to be considered.

There was discussion of the number of incidents occurring at the intersection. From 2003 to 2008 there were 126 reported vehicle incidents. There are no immediate time constraints to receive a Scope of Works / Report. There was consensus to consult with the City Attorney in regard to issues of timeline, safety issues and liability.

There was more discussion in regard to the availability of KCP&L to attend a meeting. Also, Public Works asked to produce a worst case cost scenario if possible. The Mayor will try to obtain a statement of some form from KCP&L in regard to their projections of costs both for their consultancy and installation.

This item was tabled for further discussion.

### **Crosswalk at Fontana and Elledge ( for Roesland School children )**

The bid from McAnany to carry out the project in 2009 was considered too high at \$16,555. There was discussion about rolling this project into the 2010 program instead which may save expense to the City. Concern was expressed about the high bid especially in light of the amount of business the Contractor receives from the City. There was a consensus to incorporate this project into the 2010 program.

### **Sidewalk Program**

This project is substantially complete with mostly just grass planting issues remaining. Weather permitting the planting is proceeding well as this is the correct time of year for doing it. Areas along the sides of the driveways are the most problematic issues.

The light pole on Sycamore that was inadvertently left in its original position has been relocated to its assigned new position. There was discussion of dimples in the sidewalk surface possibly left by rain, but this has been resolved. The Contractor dealt efficiently with the issue.

### **RC 12 - 12**

The City Engineer reported that asphalt was being laid down on both 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Wells; the base layers are in place or just being finished and the 2<sup>nd</sup> base layer should be done shortly if not already done. The Engineer stated that the Contractor has been instructed in no uncertain terms not to tear up more street until streets already torn up are made reasonably usable by the residents. The Engineer stated this has been a quite complicated project especially compared to the previous ones.

The Kirkman's yard grading at 52<sup>nd</sup> Place and Reinhardt Drive is well underway although the resident did express some dissatisfaction to the Contractor this day. However, the Engineer felt that the work is up to expectations so far.

***Resident Concerns:***

There was concern from residents in regard to works around the intersection at 48<sup>th</sup> Street. The Engineer responded that nothing is going on there in regard to the project but it may be on line for the 2010 Street Improvement Project.

Two residents reported that a Contractor accessed their water supply without asking or permission for both concrete work and to water a neighbor's grass. The Engineer stated this was contrary to specifications and policy and would discuss it with the Contractor.

The Engineer was asked about the collapsed wall section along the East side of the channel East of 5201 Howe. It was explained the collapse was caused by a unique combination of topography and water run-off, creating a condition at the inner wall face that caused it to give way. The Engineer discussed this with the wall system supplier who said this probably will not recur. The Engineer was not satisfied that this assurance was adequate and therefore designed a concrete buttress / plug and channeling system behind this part of the wall to ensure it did not recur. The topography of the surrounding area has also been altered. The cost of this revision to the project is estimated at around \$8,000 but this expense is offset by savings made by removing some rain garden coverage elsewhere and there will be no change order request to the Council for this item. The Rain Garden offset is around \$11,000.

**RC 12 - 14;**

There was a public information meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September at the Community Center. There was discussion of the program timelines in regard to Council approvals, bids, etc. The Specifications are ready for approval by the Council. Utilities issues need to be clarified. Kent Lage of the County Stormwater will be contacted for signing off on the project. Then the Specifications, etc. will be sent to the utilities for their programming. There was concern that the utilities be given enough advance notice to satisfy their program requirements. There was discussion that the utilities can be problematic in regard to communications and retention of information and their project timeline needs. The water utility was an instrumental part of the RC12-012 project. It was suggested there be a process in place to ensure the utilities are progressing the project at their end.

BC will be away for some of the approval process but an informed and qualified substitute will be available.

Timelines for the approval and bidding process were determined. The Specifications will be set for approval by the Council on the 21 September 2009. The recommendation by the City Engineer of the Contractor will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2009.

There was a recommendation that the Council consider incorporating the design of the pocket park on Juniper at some stage into the project. It could be an addendum to the contract saving some expense to the City as opposed to doing it as an independent project afterwards.

The Engineer stated that the Corps of Engineers very recently made a very unexpected demand for Wetlands Offsets for the project as a certain amount of the open creekbed needed to be covered over. The Corps did not mention this requirement to the City Engineer during a series of extensive discussions and site inspections of the project. The Corps quoted a need for

the purchase by the City of 3,000 Wetland Credits for the project. The Credits are traded on an open market and usually go for around \$30 to \$35. This would incur an expense of around \$100,000. This would impact Residents' assessments by about 8 cents a square foot. There was discussion about how this affects the project and how, where and what expense would be incurred by obtaining Wetland Credits. It was suggested to obtain Credits from Kansas entities and to approach the County in regard to assistance or participation in this process. The Engineer will develop a list of potential sellers and the consensus was to request bids for the best price to the City.

### **CARS Program**

The City Engineer is preparing the interlocal agreement with Fairway which will be brought before the Council. There was discussion about the sidewalk issues along the south end of Buena Vista.

### **2009 Street Improvement Program**

The contractor, McAnany, was quick and efficient in completing the program. Only some punchlist items remain to be resolved. The program went well. The under drains issue was resolved satisfactorily.

### **2010 Street Improvement Program**

The streets are currently being marked up for measurements and costs. The project is on schedule for a late winter bid.

### **Old Pool Site Building;**

The Engineer received two bids for demolition and removal of the old pool facility building. McAnany was for \$10,605 and Deco was for \$11,350. Deco are specialists in this type of work and are very quick and efficient. Although a higher bid, they may be the better choice. Deco included items for "killing" utilities, but some of these may already be done, lowering the cost. Deco included slab removal but the City Administrator reminded the Committee that removing the slab would leave a problem in regard to filling in the void it would leave. There was some consensus to leave the slab in place. The Engineer will obtain a revised bid comparing "apples to apples" which can be presented at the next Council meeting or the one afterwards.

Meeting adjourned.