
**ROELAND PARK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
NOTES of the MEETING
Monday, December 14, 2009**

Present:

Betsy Mellor	Chair
Marek Gliniecki	Co-Chair
John Carter	City Administrator
Adrienne Foster	Mayor
Megan England	Council Member
Scott Gregory	Council Member
Mark Kohles	Council Member
Robert Myers	Council Member
Bill Cunningham	City Engineer
Pat Mundis	Manager - Public Works
Rex Taylor	Chief of Police
Roger Cooper	

Location: City Council Conference Room
Notes by MG

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

Committee Handouts

Update Report dated 12 October 2009.
2010 Street Maintenance Program Schedule

RC 12 – 12 STORMWATER PROJECT

The City Engineer stated the project is about 99% complete. The schedule for progressing outstanding items and issues is dependant on the weather. Items related to the Sanderson property were discussed. Items related to the R. Harris property were discussed, mostly in regard to a difference in expectations regarding reinstatement of the Resident's fence – a major issue was the 2" difference in height between the old and new fence. There is still an ongoing disagreement about replacement of basement carpeting at the Rome residence. There has been substantial positive feedback from residents about the project, indicating general overall project satisfaction.

The proposed meeting with residents about the Rain Gardens is still to be finalized. The City Engineer indicated there are costs associated with community education and staff training.

There was discussion about the concrete revetment at the south end of the open channel a piece of which was cut out and replaced; a similar item occurred at the south end of the tunnel at the intersection of Mission Road and 53rd Street; also the marshy conditions at the channel south end.

RC 12 – 14 STORMWATER PROJECT

The Contractors bonding and insurance documentation have been referred to the City Attorney as there were issues of a few missing components with the insurance.

There will be a Pre-contract meeting with the utility companies and a Meet the Contractor event for the community. Both meetings will be scheduled after the holidays. Ward 3 has scheduled a Ward meeting for the 16th January which will be an opportunity to provide information to the residents.

AT&T has indicated a conflict at 54th Terrace similar to the issues in regard to the RC12-12 project on

Reinhardt Drive. Proposals are being developed to deal with the issues.

The Contractor wants to start preliminary works but is not in a huge hurry due to the season and weather. The Contractor may start this month.

CARS Program

Interlocal agreements with Fairway and the County for the Buena Vista and 53rd Street project are near completion. The City Engineer will present the finalized proposals to the Council soon. There was discussion about the placement of a sidewalk along Buena Vista. Roeland Park, Fairway and the County did not include a sidewalk as part of the project. However, there was a consensus that the best placement of a new sidewalk is on the East side.

2010 Street Improvement Program

Discussed the 2010 program schedule hand out. ADA access ramps would incur extra costs and could be included as a bid alternate. Fontana and Elledge estimated at an additional \$10,000 but might get included with a favorable bid. 50th Street from Mission to Reinhardt Drive is indicated as an alternate bid item – 13th item on priority list. Public Works indicated it would not be an issue if put on schedule for next year. Except for a small portion, 57th and Ash has been designated to be incorporated into the RC12-18 Stormwater Project.

There was discussion about retaining an historical record of work done for the Street program. Staff stated it is has been necessary for Auditing purposes for the past five years.

There was discussion of the spalled patches on Howe. The City Engineer stated there are ongoing discussions with the RC12-12 Contractor in regard to liability and responsibility for repairs. One issue is the quality of construction of the present pavement. There are issues with deterioration caused by pre project drainage. There was a consensus that whatever the outcome, the replacement work needs to be done to a good standard. There was discussion about underdrainage issues on Birch, estimate to correct is about \$40,000. Homes on Ash and Sycamore also discharge a lot of water via sump pumps but amelioration of the issues is not part of the project.

A schedule to progress the project was discussed. To obtain a project start in March, a bid must be awarded in February. The Council needs to approve the bid award at the 15th February Council Meeting. So a Request for Bids needs to be approved at the 4th January 2010 Council Meeting and the Request for Bids to be published by Friday, 15th of January. Bids would be opened two weeks later on the 2nd of February with the winning bid presented for approval at the 15th February Council Meeting.

Miscellaneous

Parking - There was discussion about a resident's concern about parking on 51st Street from Nall to Cedar which included snow removal, driveway access, traffic calming issues. There was a consensus that no change in the parking conditions is needed.

Stormwater Flood Plain Maps and New Surveys – There was a long discussion regarding the long-standing issue of updating the FEMA floodplain maps. Many residents affected by floodplain issues would like the City to carry out update surveys with the intent to remove them from the floodplain. There was discussion about the pros and cons of the City doing this and about the actual process for removal from floodplain status. There are problems regarding the City's liability if the City carries out the surveys. The City Engineer discussed the bureaucratic process which can contain many steps, cost thousands of dollars and take time. There was discussion about participation in costs by the County which may have designated funds available for updating floodplain elevations and the associated documentation required by Federal authorities. Individual owners will probably have to bear the costs and go through the process of updating their floodplain designation(s). A big issue is the status of

current floodplain maps which are out of date due to the long process to develop and approve them and all the new stormwater projects constructed in the mean time.

Old Pool Site Building – Public Works needs around \$1,500 to dispose of an existing Chlorine Gas cylinder found at the site. It is considered a Hazardous Waste disposal issue. They will need authorization from the Council before proceeding further.

Meeting Adjourned.