

MEETING NOTES

Members Present: Jeb Bladine, Walt Gowell, Kelly McDonald, and Marilyn Worrix

Ex-Officio Members Present: Kem Carr, Scott Hill, and Cassie Sollars

Staff Present: Marcia Baragary, Mike Bisset, and Doug Montgomery

1. Administrative Items

Approval of Meeting Notes – Chair Gowell opened the meeting at 4:00pm and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the meeting notes of October 8, 2014. Hearing none, Jeb Bladine MOVED for approval of the meeting notes as submitted. The motion was SECONDED by Kelly McDonald, and passed unanimously.

2. Action / Information Items

McMinnville Street Improvement and Repair Bond Discussion – Doug Montgomery briefly recapped the committee's prior conversation regarding the street improvement bond and the impact it may have on the urban renewal district, should it be passed by the electorate on November 4, 2014. As part of that conversation, Mr. Montgomery noted that the committee had directed staff to invite Community Development Director Mike Bisset to this meeting so they could hear his thoughts on the matter, particularly as they relate to the capital projects and their priority, and how Alpine Avenue may fit into that schedule. Mr. Montgomery then introduced Mike Bisset who provided an overview of the recently passed bond measure and tentative schedule for implementing the projects described in that measure. Specific to the capital improvement projects, Mr. Bisset suggested that 5th Street improvements may be first on the priority list, with Alpine Avenue to follow. On the tentative calendar, both of these projects would see construction starting in Spring 2016. Hill Road improvements would follow those projects, with Old Sheridan Road last.

The committee members discussed with Mr. Bisset the need for them to define the design and look for Alpine Avenue, and that it would have to be done fairly soon in order to not compromise the tentatively scheduled design and construction phases. Marilyn

Worrix stated that it would be important to get neighborhood involvement in the design process and that a plan for that be put together soon. The committee then spent some time discussing the issue of whether the project should focus on the north or south end of the street, but no strong consensus emerged. In addition, the committee members asked if it might be possible to provide influence/input on the 5th Street project and 2nd Street project, such as in the use of historic light and signal standards, such as those that are found on 3rd Street, to which Mr. Bisset indicated that would be possible. Discussion around the high cost of undergrounding overhead electric main lines, some of which pass through the Northeast Gateway district, also occurred. On this latter point, Kem Carr explained that costs to underground such lines rise “exponentially” relative to the cost of undergrounding other (smaller) electric lines.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the committee directed staff to put together a draft timeline that illustrates critical steps and benchmarks for the process leading up to the construction of Alpine Avenue. That draft should be shared with the committee in advance of their January 7, 2015 meeting; the timeline would be the centerpiece of that agenda, as would discussion regarding future bond issues.

3. Other Business

Future meeting schedule – Chair Walt Gowell noted the future MURAC meeting schedule, as shown on the bottom of the meeting agenda. The next meeting would be held January 7, 2015, with subsequent meetings held every other month.

4. Adjournment

There being no other business, Chair Gowell adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.