

PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Present: Mayor Williams and Council Members Danforth, Jones, Rieffenberger, Solberg & Thorson

Also Present: Tom Drake, Sarah Caron, Mike Oletzke, Don Egert and Kyle Horst

Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Dana Jones to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes.

Motion was made by Steve Thorson and seconded by Mayor Williams to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Update on discussion with SDDOT for a pedestrian-activated signal at 16th Avenue NE and Highway 81.

As a follow-up to the January 22 Public Works Committee meeting, City Engineer Tom Drake gave an update on a possible pedestrian-controlled crosswalk at 16th Avenue North and Highway 81. An example of a crosswalk system with LED lights & motion detectors, was handed out in the agenda packet. SDDOT's proposed project for 2015 will reconstruct Highway 81 from 3rd Avenue to 18th Avenue North, making it an urban section with curb & gutter, and sidewalk on the east side. The City's recreation trail plan includes a trail to eventually be installed on the west side, but this will not be part of the DOT project. Staff has requested that DOT include a crosswalk at 16th Avenue N in their project, and they have agreed to consider it. A discussion ensued on what could be done in the interim to make it safer for students to cross from Northridge to Jefferson School, without having to walk down to the crossing at 14th Avenue. Staff will check with the state to see if a temporary signal could be installed. Also discussed was how to slow down traffic coming in from the north. A suggestion was made of a radar gun and LED lights in the speed transition zone. No action was taken.

Update on Sidewalk Cost Participation Program.

An update was given on the Sidewalk Cost Participation Program. In the two years since the program began, over 23,800 square feet of boulevard sidewalks have been replaced by property owners. The total amount of reimbursements for the two years is \$46,381.00, which leveraged \$181,864.00 of total work completed. This was an update only, and no action was taken.

Designation of an Engineering Consultant for Bridge Inspections.

Tom Drake explained that the city is required to designate a consultant from a list of pre-approved firms that are on retainer with SDDOT to inspect bridges. Staff recommends designating Aason Engineering to continue on as the consultant, as they have provided these services satisfactorily for the past several years. Motion was made by Steve Thorson and seconded by Mayor Williams to recommend designating Aason Engineering for the bridge inspection consultant. Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

None

Motion made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Steve Thorson to adjourn meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Marscheider