



TO:

Members - Planning/Public Works Committee

FROM:

Michael G. Herring, City Administrator

RE:

Sidewalk

DATE:

November 30, 2009

As detailed in the attached memo, a sidewalk "gap" of approximately 500 feet currently exists, adjacent to Claymont Estates Drive, in Ward 3. The proposed FY2010 Budget does not contain specific funding for construction of a new sidewalk, at this location. As you know, during the recent F&A Committee-of-the-Whole "budget workshop", I did not identify this as a project that would be coming forward, for City Council consideration, as I was not aware of the existence of this project, at that time. Please understand that, while Staff is NOT opposed to this project, Staff is NOT requesting funding for it. The information contained within the attached memo was prepared in response to inquiries from Councilmember Casey and the Trustees within the subdivision, who have requested that the City construct a sidewalk, at this location, as it is, apparently, the only gap within their subdivision. Claymont Estates Drive is a public, City-maintained street.

You will note that two different easements would be required, in order to construct this sidewalk. FYI, Staff has no idea, at the present time, if the homeowner, at 1717 Claymont Estates Drive, would be willing to grant the necessary easements. As noted above, the estimated cost, of \$25,000, is not specifically budgeted, although the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Budget contains \$225,000 for "repairs/replacements" to existing sidewalks. I have been told by both Mr. Geisel and Mr. McGownd that these funds have not been used, in the past, for "new construction". It is, however, within City Council's purview to allocate \$25,000, from this \$225,000, for this purpose. Otherwise, it will be necessary to transfer \$25,000 from the Capital Street replacement account, or from General Fund Fund Reserves. Another option would be to suggest that the subdivision fund this expense, either via a special assessment or via the establishment of a Neighborhood Improvement District.

If the Committee is supportive of this request, it would, of course, ultimately require City Council review/approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Geisel, Mr. McGownd or me, prior to Thursday's meeting.

CC: Mike Geisel, Director of Planning/Public Works Brian McGownd, Public Works Director Kelly Vaughn, Dir. of Finance and Administration

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 16, 2009

TO: Susan Mueller, Principal Engineer

FROM: Mark Wilson, Project Manager

RE: Claymont Estates Drive Sidewalk



Attached is a rough drawing for the Claymont Estates Drives Sidewalk extension. The requirement would be an extension the existing sidewalk at 1719 Claymont Estates Drive to Woods Bluff Drive. In order to complete the sidewalk, the following requirements would need to be completed:

- An easement from the homeowner at 1717 Claymont Estates Dr. in order to run the sidewalk around the cantered curb inlet.
- An easement to construct a small retaining wall along the sidewalk in front of the same address due to a 10% slope in the front yard.
- The connection of a drain pipe into the curb inlet, requiring approval from MSD. The current drain pipe runs from the homeowner's downspout to the back of the curb inlet.
- The construction of one handicap ramp at the intersection of Woods Bluff Drive.

The approximate cost of construction for this proposal would be approximately \$25,000.00

Please review and let me know if you need any other information.

Cc: Brian McGownd, Public Works Director

CLAYMONT WOODS SIDEWALK ADDITION



