

**DATE:** November 21, 2002

**TO:** Michael G. Herring, CA

**FROM:** Brian McGownd, DDPW\ACE



**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, PW\Parks 11/20/02**

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A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2002. Councilmembers in attendance were Chairperson Barry Flachsbart (Ward 1), Bruce Geiger (Ward 2), Mike Casey (Ward 3) and Connie Fults (Ward 4). Also in attendance were, Mike Herring – City Administrator, Mike Geisel – Director of Public Works/City Engineer, Brian McGownd - Deputy Director of Public Works\Assistant City Engineer, Bonnie Hubert – Superintendent of Engineering, and Darren Dunkle - Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Arts.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Agenda Item #1:** Councilmember Geiger motioned to accept the meeting minutes of the PW\Parks Committee from September 25, 2002, as submitted. Councilmember Fults seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4 – 0.

**Agenda Item #2:** Chairperson Flachsbart briefly summarized the results of the survey conducted by the River Bend Association regarding the improvement of River Valley Drive. He stated that the survey indicated that there was strong support for the following items to be incorporated into the project: a traffic circle at River Bend and River Valley, raised crosswalks, and a median island near Olive Boulevard. Mr. Geisel stated that the raised crosswalks were actually speed humps, which not only the Chesterfield Fire Protection District opposed, but the Council did not support, as was evidenced by the removal of the humps from the Schoettler Valley project. He said that he had discussed with the River Bend Association the possible alternative of installing brick pavers or textured pavement at various locations that would not be raised, but that would provide a different texture and sound that would be noticed by motorists. Mr. Geisel stated that this project was currently a maintenance project, designed only to address the poor condition of the road, and unless directed by Council, none of the enhancements requested would be incorporated into the project. He also mentioned that, under any scenario, easements would be required from various property owners, and absent these easements, the project would be jeopardized. Discussion ensued regarding the traffic circle. Councilmember Casey stated that the traffic calming project on Schoettler Valley was also strongly endorsed by the residents prior to implementation of the project, and that these same residents became opposed to the project after it was put in place. He said that he would like to see traffic count information, accident statistics, and speed study results, as compared to Schoettler Valley. Chairperson Flachsbart stated that he did not think a comparison could be made between the two projects, because the traffic circle at Schoettler Valley and Highcroft was offset, and medians were used to constrict the traffic. He said the River Valley project did not include medians to constrict the traffic, and that the traffic circle would not be offset. He said traffic volumes were around 2,000 vehicles per day, and that the average speed was between 28 and 30 MPH. He said that MoDOT projected that traffic could double or triple after the Page Avenue extension is completed. Mr. Geisel stated that no engineering review had been made to date regarding this issue and that he was in no way suggesting any traffic calming benefits as a result of the installation of a traffic circle. Councilmember Geiger asked about the cost associated with adding these additional items. Mr. Geisel said that the Council previously authorized additional engineering work that would be used to design these items, if so directed by the Committee, and that the cost of constructing the traffic circle would be virtually the same as rebuilding the current

intersection. Councilmember Fults asked who would maintain the median island and the landscaped portion of the traffic circle. Mr. Geisel said that he would not include these items in the plan unless someone other than the City agreed to maintain the areas, and that he had discussed this with the River Bend Association and trustees who had indicated that this should not be a problem. **Chairperson Flachsbart motioned to direct Staff to initiate engineering review and studies, and if possible, to incorporate into the River Valley Drive project the following: a traffic circle at River Bend and River Valley, a median island at the south end of River Valley near Olive Boulevard, and to consider textured bands of pavement at various locations. Councilmember Fults seconded the motion.** Additional discussion was held regarding alternative methods of improving the River Bend and River Valley intersection, such as constructing a traditional "T" intersection. **The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.** After the vote, several residents of the River Bend area addressed the Committee.

**Agenda Item #3:** Mr. Herring stated that Midwest Waste conducted a survey of approximately 70% of the residents who called to complain about their trash service back in July and August of this year. He said that over 90% of those surveyed indicated no further problems with the service. He complimented Mr. Tony Lamantia of Midwest Waste for conducting the survey, and pointed out that Mr. Lamantia personally telephoned the residents. Mr. Lamantia indicated that this has been a positive action for Midwest Waste as well, and that he intended to continue the personal contacts with customers. The Committee also complimented Mr. Lamantia and Midwest Waste on their efforts, and thanked him for conducting the survey.

**Agenda Item #4:** Mr. Dunkle stated that after the last meeting, the CCE had discovered that the grant could also be used to purchase native Missouri wildflowers, therefore, the CCE requests approval to include in their grant application, the purchase of \$500 worth of wildflowers. **Councilmember Casey motioned to authorize the CCE to apply for the 2002 Residential Recycling Mini-Grant, in the amount of \$2,100, \$1,600 to develop a flyer promoting backyard composting, and \$500 to purchase native Missouri wildflowers, recognizing that there will be no direct cost to the City. Councilmember Geiger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 4 - 0. As is the case with all other grants, if the CCE is successful in obtaining this grant, it must be brought back to this Committee for a formal vote to accept the grant.**

**Agenda Item #5:** Mr. McGownd summarized the spreadsheet that Mr. Geisel developed that outlines the groups that can use the building for free, those groups that would be charged a fee to use the building, and the time and day of the week that the use would be allowed. Mr. Herring pointed out that, at this point in time, it was his feeling that City Council would not support the addition of another Building Attendant, and that this would be further discussed in the budget meeting to be held at 6:30 pm later this evening. After some further discussion, the Committee agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #8:** Mr. Geisel summarized the agreement, and stated that Mr. Beach had reviewed the agreement, and had no issues. **Councilmember Casey motioned to recommend approval of the STP- Urban Agreement regarding the Long Road interchange, and to forward to City Council for consideration and approval a recommendation authorizing City Administrator, Mr. Herring to execute said agreement on behalf of the City. Councilmember Fults seconded the motion,**

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**which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.**

**Agenda Item #7:** Mr. Geisel stated that the Engineering Staff reviewed the project notification process regarding street reconstruction projects, and developed a revised set of actions to be utilized, which includes the use of step stakes, temporary signs and pre-project mailings. Mr. Geisel complimented Mike Lambert of his staff, for all of the work that he put into investigating this issue. After some discussion, the Committee received and filed the information, and complimented Mr. Geisel and his staff for their work.

**Agenda Item #6:** Mr. McGownd stated that, as directed by the Committee, Mr. Beach was asked to review the proposed policy, and that his letter, stating his opinion, was included in the packet. Mr. Geisel stated that Mr. Beach was concerned about any perceived acknowledgement that the City has any responsibility regarding this matter. After some additional discussion, **Councilmember Casey motioned to recommend approval of the Street Migration Policy, and to forward to City Council for further consideration. Councilmember Fults seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

The next meeting of the PW/Parks Committee is scheduled for January 29, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room No. 101 located at City Hall.

cc: Mayor John Nations  
Department Heads/Executive Staff