

CITY COMMISSION MEETING - WORKSHOP

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2014

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT:

Maria Lowe, Mayor
Melinda Pletcher, Vice Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner
Rick Falkenstein, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Gregory Premer, Commissioner (excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
Ian Wade, Project Manager

1. Pass-A-Grille Way Construction Discussion and Update

Wayne Saunders, City Manager, welcomed participants to the meeting and provided an update on the weekly meetings held at the Warren Webster Community Center. Mr. Saunders requested audience members speak at the podium when commenting on their aesthetic preferences.

Steve Tarte, CPWG Engineering Firm, reported that the design phase is the next step in the project. Mr. Tarte provided display boards depicting various design options to encourage discussion and develop ideas to enable the Commission to provide direction to staff. Also provided were comment forms and design concept sheets for specific areas. Mr. Tarte reviewed the following items:

- Roadway and bike lane widths
- Signalized intersection at 21st Avenue
- Sidewalks (concrete, stamped concrete, pavers, brick, hexagon)

- Crosswalks in addition to 21st Avenue
- Washingtonian Palm Trees
- Street ends
- Signage (stop signs, road name signs, speed limit signs, parking signs)
- Driveways and bus stops
- Utility undergrounding
- TECO Peoples Gas service and connections
- Lighting fixtures

Mr. Tarte noted that traffic maintenance will be addressed at a separate meeting.

Following Commission discussion, Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Ron Waters, Gulf Boulevard, commented on the costs associated with different designs.

Kris Self, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on shade trees, bridge lights, artwork on the side of the Don Vista Building, sidewalks in compliance with ADA standards.

Craig Shier, Sunset Way, commented on budget limitations and undergrounding costs.

Warren Mack, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on vehicle and bicycle lane widths and gutter installation.

Amy Loughery, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on varying road widths.

Jay Anderson, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on road width, bicycle lanes and curbs and stressed quality over lowest bidder.

Hayward Chapman, Gulf Way, commented on costs incurred through numerous change orders.

Richard Norinberg, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on lane and bicycle width.

Sam DiCicco, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on center line of existing road and center line of new construction, sidewalk width, Washingtonian Palm Trees, green space between the road and sidewalks.

Bob Douglas, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on road width.

Chris Core, 11th Avenue, commented on bicycle lanes and sidewalk width.

Max Alfery, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on bicycle lanes and scored asphalt.

Ron Holehouse, 12th Avenue, commented on vehicle and road widths.

Kris Self, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on road width.

Jackie Hollenback, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on bicycle lanes, sidewalks, green space and wheelchair access.

Ron Holehouse, 12th Avenue, commented on soft shoulders for bicycle lanes.

Rich Lorenzen, 22nd Avenue, commented on bicyclists and riding requirements.

Jay Anderson, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on surface texture and vehicle lanes separated from bicycle lanes and sidewalks.

Jack Slosburg, 29th Avenue, commented on the beginning point of construction and an emphasis on an entryway south of the Don Cesar Hotel.

Kim Turner, 2nd Avenue, commented on funding for Phase II.

Kris Self, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on the construction phases and traffic during peak tourist season.

Sam DiCicco, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on a preference for plain concrete.

Ron Holehouse, 12th Avenue, commented on hexagon sidewalks south of 21st Avenue.

Jay Anderson, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on hexagon sidewalks south of 21st Avenue.

Mayor Lowe reported that additional meetings will be scheduled and thanked audience members for their continued participation.

2. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

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