

City Council Work Session

5:30 PM
Council Chambers
July 5, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor/Council (please check) Hanel, Cromley, Yakawich, Cimmino, Brewster, McFadden, Friedel, Swanson, Sullivan, Clark, Brown.

Swanson and Brewster excused

ADJOURN TIME: 7:05 pm

Agenda

TOPIC #1	Rimrocks to Valley Bicycle/Pedestrian Feasibility Study
PRESENTER	Scott Walker, Transportation Planner
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Scott Walker introduction. Danielle Sharf, Sanderson-Stewart: project oversight committee, study overview; feasibility study only, no funding sources; 4 trail alignment options; stagecoach – along Zimmerman Trail, Myers trail – Country Club circle, up slope and intersects east of Sky Ranch, existing trail; Morledge trail, starts at 17th street west/reservoir and tops same place as Myers trail; 27th Street, underpass at roundabout, behind guardrail to Rimrock Rd or Yucca St. Public input through 2 meetings; about 35 attendees. Results – preferred paved on east and west trails and natural for 2 in-between. Estimated costs of \$260k to \$1.2m. Action on July 11 for PCC on July 19.
- Friedel: when will Zimmerman Trail bid be in? Probably construction in 2018.
- Hanel: just a study but an important one, esp. on N. 27th St. Safety is an issue.
- McFadden: 26 mile race planned? Yes, they have been invited.
- Cromley: 8' paths – could it be done on N. 27th? Yes but some areas will need retaining walls. ADA compliant? Steeper than usually allowed under ADA but can demonstrate that city tried to meet it but can't due to terrain. Tried to get all as flat as possible but there are at least some areas in all that do not comply.
- Sullivan: stagecoach trail safety concerns for rock falls? Terracon reviewed and are advising. HRD working on slope stabilization. Lighting considerations? Probably not recommend additional lighting except access points.
- Clark: Zimmerman project include upper slope stabilization? Yes.
- Yakawich: report states urgency. What is urgent? Urgent may not be right word. Immediate or long term, greatest improvement.
- Brown: how does crushed stone hold up and who maintains? Allows things to move instead of paved trail cracking. City usually maintains. Brown: concerned about safety on 27th. Need divider between cars and bikes.
- Clark: allow wheelchairs? Guideline stated well compacted, firm and stable.
- Volek: Visual opportunity? Tried to provide at least 1 scenic view.

- Cromley: studies on speed on uphill and downhill? Same pace going up but different speed going downhill. Need lanes on both sides.
- Public Comment:
None

TOPIC #2	West End Multi-Modal Traffic Modeling Study
PRESENTER	Scott Walker, Transportation Planner
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Tina Volek, City Administrator: council requested additional time to discuss. Council action requested on July 11, PCC on July 19.
- Scott Walker: staff level view of road and intersection improvements that might be needed as west end developers over next 20 years. Esp. valuable for engineering staff.
- Brown: where do traffic projections come from? From traffic counts and the MDT model to predict traffic impacts at intersections and roads.
- Sullivan: issue was what we study beyond this. Looks at only a small, defined area and doesn't consider streets outside of it. Transportation plan looks at the whole urban area but this area ripe for development and need future guidance. Just greater detail for this area than what is contained in the Trans Plan.
- Hanel: concern about 62nd and Rimrock. Walker: discussed internally as area to look at. 54th and Rimrock also a concern.
- Clark: who will pay for that intersection? Multi-jurisdictional and all parties are talking. Clark: need to go back and look at 32nd again. Traffic is terrible.
- Public comments:
None

TOPIC #3	Council Discussion
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Hanel: any way possible for Grand Ave, 32nd to Shiloh, traffic to flow better? Volek: some alternatives been developed but will talk with PW about additional options. Hanel: Financial reimbursement for lost business? Volek: unlikely.
- McFadden: noise permit ordinance change – citizen comment urged haste on revisions. Volek: did cite a tavern recently for lack of permit. Staff has been working on the issue.
- Yakawich: speeding in neighborhoods. Aronson, Jefferson and Broadwater. Media or other campaign about speeding, esp. as school year approaches. Volek: will talk to police dept.
- Friedel: use outdated police cruisers for visibility. Volek: most vehicles are sold, but will follow-up.

- Sullivan: watering parks in daytime – ineffective, wasteful. Any policies about when we water? Volek: Automated systems run at night but daytime watering has to happen in parks that have manual systems. Will discuss with PRPL.
- Hanel: also PRPL about better controls on irrigation systems. 32nd after 9:30 pm or 10pm – waters the street.
- Cimmino: heights task force complaints about speeding on Aronson and turning around in driveways. Consider speed control measures. Use the speed trailer. Volek: can arrange that.
- Cimmino: thanks for agenda a week in advance. Growth policy resolution missing Page 4.
- Clark: Babcock Theater committee? Volek: Maybe on 7/18.
- Clark: public safety district research. Set up a committee to review? Want something to work on and have council consider for adoption. Council Ad-hoc committee? Volek: need an initiative.
- Clark: annexation map changes – work session as soon as possible. Volek: will add to agenda.
- Yakawich: working on minimum standard with Cromley and McCandless and will have more info in next week or two. Focus is on unoccupied housing but weeds, etc. are being mowed are our current priorities.
- Hanel: CityLink newsletter a very good edition. Q and A very good. Volek: Liz Kampa-Weatherwax does an exceptional job.
- Clark: question about city spokesperson should have included a cost estimate. Bruce McCandless, Assistant City Administrator: link on City website.
- Brown: compliments the website appearance. Navigation has a learning curve.
- Volek: Hired new City Clerk, Denise Bohlman.

TOPIC #4	Public Comment
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Dennis Ulvestad, 3040 Central Avenue, Billings, MT: enlighten council on Columbus Day vs Indigenous Peoples Day. Started bashing Indigenous People in Seattle. Research handed out to Council.