

Hiddenbrooke Maintenance District Advisory Committee
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Minutes – June 28, 2016

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Discussion:

- We should meet quarterly
 - There is a new maintenance contract effective 7/1/16 and awarded to Landcare
 - Only 4 bids were received:
 - ✓ Coast Landscape bid @ \$146,196
 - ✓ Landcare @ 111,960
 - ✓ New Image @ \$252,000
 - ✓ Rubicon Landscaping @ 136,800
 - Monthly drive-through should continue with a punch list
 - We should email to document requests so we have a record

Brandon was working on an RFQ for the parkway improvements but the project is transferred back to City Engineering with Brandon's move to Finance

We need to articulate in writing what we want from the City so the record is clear and we speak with one voice. What we want:

- Within the current HMD budget, the grass median on Bennington just past the Welcome Center needs to be re landscaped. Currently it is grass and is not being watered. It needs drought resistant landscaping such as stone/bark, perhaps with some drought resistant plants or trees that do not require irrigation or only drip irrigation.
- With funding from the HID surplus, the Hiddenbrooke Parkway needs a major makeover. Due to drought conditions, the City has capped off irrigation, taken out a large amount of landscaping, leaving unsightly bare spots and a choppy appearance. It needs re-landscaping under a design plan taking into account the need to conserve water going forward. It needs to run from the "trailhead" down to the Welcome Center. Some of it might be done in phases, but some might need to be done as a single project depending on expense and engineering considerations.

- This would include replacing the 20-year-old irrigation system with modern, water-conserving drip system and new controllers where needed.
- This would include filling in the bare spots with new landscaping and removing/replacing existing landscaping where indicated, but we are opposed to removing mature trees or “starting over” by clearcutting everything. Existing landscaping should be preserved where it can be prudently preserved, both for economy and appearance.

The Entranceway waterfall project previously considered proved to be too costly. It is not going to be done. The HMD is going to replace the electrical feed for decorative lights, out of the existing HMD budget. Due to the needs further down the Parkway, we do not think improvements to the Entranceway need to be part of the above referenced HID capital project; instead, if the Interchange Fund is used to put in a roundabout in front of the waterfall, the Interchange Fund could also be a proper source for landscaping at the Entranceway. Parts of the engineered design from the prior project can be considered, and incorporated, into the roundabout project if economically feasible.

The Columbus Parkway improvements seem to provide a good model for the approach we should take for the Hiddenbrooke Parkway, particularly on the median, except that in the Columbus Parkway project some roadside areas were left unaddressed and are unsightly.

The Summit HOA is looking to install myoporum. Here is a link with a description of the ground cover: http://grounds-mag.com/mag/grounds_maintenance_ground_covers_dry/

We discussed Donny Burton’s desire to remove trees as part of installing new irrigation. All of us are opposed. Apparently it is easier to remove existing landscaping when installing new irrigation, but we don’t want it to look like the first stage construction project many lived through 15-16 years ago.

The landscaping does not have to be dense. Spacing out bigger plants is OK. Not every spot needs to be covered. We should pick some spots along the Parkway to “make a statement.”

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Minutes taken by Byrne Conley