

Minutes of HMDAC Meeting: 7 pm, May 30 2012, 2378 Lansdowne Place.

Attending: Mike Baldwin (Chair), Ginger Bryant, Joyce Estes, Jane McWhorter, Paul Norberg, Robert Schussel, Kevin Smith, Richard Tirrell, Kathy Wildermuth.

The objective of this meeting was to review the draft Engineer's Report for 2012-3 and prepare for a meeting to discuss the budget with the LMD staff. An updated version of the Rehab Matrix was also available for discussion.

1. Engineer's Report. The committee noted a number of salient points from the proposed budget and requested that any discrepancies are resolved before we meet with LMD staff.
 - The District Administration charge is going from less than \$50k to more than \$70k. We need details of charges to other LMDs to justify this (Ginger). Without this information we cannot support the budget.
 - Direct costs have increased by more than \$100k, mostly due to 2 items. The sum of \$85k for the Entryway project is far more than anticipated. Street tree maintenance has increased three-fold (\$10k to \$30k).
 - The total rehab costs in the ER do not match up with the figures for FY 12-13 in the Rehab Matrix.
2. Entryway Project. It was agreed with the city that we would meet with the landscape consultants during the process of drawing up plans for the entryway. Despite written reminders from Mike to James N, this did not happen. Now we are to be presented with the plans and a budget that has expanded way beyond the scope of the original ideas. The committee is not satisfied with the way this has been handled.
3. Possible up-grading of the Parkway landscaping. We had previously expressed dissatisfaction with the state of the plants on the Parkway, large areas of which were obviously dead or dying. Ginger had conducted a survey and made recommendations for areas to be rehabbed. The budget we had been considering was less than half the figure of \$450k which is now in the Rehab Matrix. The committee needs to know what is planned for the Parkway.
4. Dissatisfaction with the Landscaping and action to be taken. The committee members were unanimous in expressing dissatisfaction with the state of the landscaping, with a noticeable deterioration over the last 12 months. What is not clear is the extent to which this can be blamed on Coast and how much is due to inadequate supervision and management of the contract by the City staff. The HMDAC resident inspector Jane has met with James O on a regular basis and has pointed out numerous areas that need improvement, with specific suggestions of plant selection and quality. This has been supplemented by significant input from Joyce and Kathy, but the three of them are very critical of the inadequate response and the consistent failure to meet acceptable standards.

The committee believes the time has come to take drastic action, including instituting regular meetings between the LMD and HMDAC members to set goals, evaluate progress, and to determine whether Coast is competent to carry out their contractual obligations. It is proposed that these meetings be held on a monthly basis, with dates arranged at least 3 months in advance.

5. Update on repairs at the Welcome Center. Richard reported on minor repairs including fixing a leak at the base of the toilet. Dry rot has been repaired in the arbor at a total cost of \$12k. There were some problems with one of the security personnel but the individual has been dismissed.
6. Status of the HB Park. It appears that construction of the park will go ahead but it might be quite modest due to reduced funding. The budget for park maintenance may not be adequate and HMD may be required to cover some of the costs. This might be approximately \$20-30k. per year.
7. St John's Mine Road. Robert reported that he had attended several meetings in 2011 between the Vallejo Dept. of Public Works and various regulatory agencies to discuss proposals for repairs to erosion, but all action appeared to have ceased since the departure of Associate Civil Engineer, Bianca Gomez, who had been directing the project. He had sent a series of emails to Sam Kumar with copies to David Kleischmidt but had received no response. Meanwhile the erosion from December 2005 remains and continues to worsen every winter. The committee agreed to a proposal to send a letter to the City Manager to request a meeting, and to inform the City Council of our extreme dissatisfaction at this failure to deal with the ongoing problem.