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## MINUTES

TH 61 Reconstruction Project - PMT #8

April 18, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Lake City - City Hall

Meeting Chair: Chris Hiniker

Minutes by: SEH

Present: Scott Jensen, Megan Smith, Mark Nichols, Nate Blanchard, Chris Hiniker, Bill Anderson, Phil Gartner, Mark Sievert, Greg Schreck, Andy Masterpole

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- I. Previous PMT Meeting
  - A. Reviewed MnDOT comments on preliminary geometric layout.
  - B. Discussed adding median at Elm Street
  - C. Decided to add bump-outs at select locations.
- II. Layout Status
  - A. Received MnDOT comments on final geometric layout. Only three minor comments. Layout is proceeding through the signature process. Signed layout is expected week of April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - B. Reviewed the updated cost estimate (approx. \$9.8 million). The total cost is slightly lower than the previous estimate.
  - C. The cost estimate includes approximately \$270,000 for lighting. Scott noted that City crews can help with lighting costs by retrofitting existing acorn lights with LED and can also reuse bollards if wanted.
- III. Aesthetics
  - A. Andy presented an initial aesthetics concept plan for the corridor that includes lighting, trees, benches, waste receptacles, and possible entrance features. Andy noted the information is a concept to begin the discussion and is based on the preference survey completed by the PMT last year.
  - B. In the lakeshore segment street lighting is included at each intersection, similar to existing. Lower pedestrian lights are included mid-block along the Riverwalk. Assumes two trees per block on each side and the median at Central Point Road could have an entrance feature.
  - C. Discussed options for landscaping, including low ground cover, turf, and native grasses.
  - D. Trash bins and benches approximately every other block,
  - E. Beginning at Jewell there is more pedestrian lighting (3-4 per block each side).
  - F. Between Chestnut and Dwelle with 12.5 foot sidewalks, propose using structural soils for trees to promote longer life and minimize sidewalk heave.
  - G. The plan includes an option for ornamental fencing in select locations to screen parking areas.
  - H. Option at Center Street for more landscaping and benches.

- I. Megan suggested using up-lighting to delineate and showcase the Riverwalk. Could be programmable to change colors and be motion-activated.
- J. Mark Nichols stated it is important to consider and discuss all possible options to minimize adding elements after the project is complete.
- K. City staff will complete an inventory of existing lights.
- L. Scott reviewed the staff comments on the preliminary aesthetics plan:
  - 1. Reduce conflicts with snow plowing
  - 2. Add irrigation and outlets in medians
  - 3. Reuse existing benches if a new style isn't preferred. Memorial plates would be replaced or reused.
  - 4. Less frequent waste receptacles
  - 5. Recycling receptacles at high traffic pedestrian areas
  - 6. Hanging baskets are preferred over ground planters
  - 7. Any planters need to be movable with a fork lift
  - 8. Design the trail to accommodate heavier loads (to avoid damage from trucks used to maintain the rip rap)
  - 9. It was noted that crosswalks across TH 61 will only be hatched at the median crossings, not every intersection. **SEH will verify whether MnDOT maintains the epoxy crossings.**
  - 10. Greg asked for samples of entrance features (**SEH will compile examples**). Megan suggested making them adaptable so they can be updated.
  - 11. Discussed options for surface treatments downtown (colored concrete, pavers, banding, etc).
  - 12. **SEH will coordinate a follow-up meeting with City staff to review the aesthetics options in more detail.** After sorting and prioritizing, the costs will be refined and presented to the PMT and then the City Council.
  - 13. City staff will communicate the proposed aesthetics plan to downtown business owners once it has been refined.
- IV. Other
  - A. SEH will prepare an overall project cost summary highlighting City costs (base and additional potential aesthetic elements).
- V. Next Meeting
  - A. PMT #9 is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

SEH believes that this document accurately reflects the business transacted during the meeting. If any attendee believes that there are any inconsistencies, omissions or errors in the minutes, they should notify the writer at once. Unless objections are raised within seven (7) days, we will consider this account accurate and acceptable to all.

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