

City of Newton Sidewalk Beautification  
Meeting Notes  
January 20, 2015 2:00 P.M.

Attendees:

Lee Beckman	Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC
Nick Burrus	Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC
Steve Rubsam	City of Newton
Larry Dorn	City of Newton
Joe Stoops	City of Newton
Matt Tarr	City of Newton
Lukas Pirok	Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende
Raymond Reynolds	City of Newton
Melissa Brooks	City of Newton
Robert Reisner	City of Newton
Carl Baker	City of Newton
Barb Thomas	ERTC
Melissa Brooks	City of Newton
Mike Swick	Newton Police Department
Rosie York	City of Newton
Mark Bolander	City of Newton

- Project status was discussed:
  - Nick gave a brief overview of the project outlining the limits of the project.
  - Sidewalk along Van Buren from Water Street to Jourdan will be 5 ft sidewalk with grass boulevard.
  - Sidewalk around the square will all be concrete with a stamped concrete boulevard
  - Proposed route will be ADA accessible
  - Lighting was recently approved (approximately 8+ months in review)
  - Proposed project timeline is as follows:
    - Pre-Final plans to IDOT September 18<sup>th</sup>
    - Final plans to IDOT October 16<sup>th</sup>
    - Letting January 15, 2016
    - Work to begin near the first part of April 2016
  - Preliminary dates for Strawberry Fest and the Fall Festival were discussed and Rosie will forward dates to M&G when they are set.
  - It was noted these dates will be added to the specifications outlining the contractor shall not be working around the square during this timeframe and all the items shall be cleaned up and finished prior to the festivals.
- Final plan coordination:
  - Sidewalk heat has been removed from the plans
  - The proposed concrete boulevard around the square will be full depth colored concrete and stamped with a herringbone pattern.

- All sidewalks will be built to meet adjacent thresholds or access points to meet ADA requirements
  - ADA handrails will be powder coated black
  - There are 2 existing cameras around the square
    - NW corner of Jackson and Jourdan
    - SW corner of Jackson and Washington
    - Mike Swick will contact security companies regarding wireless options for cameras.
    - If wireless options would not work a 2” conduit would be added around the square and then connect into City Hall.
    - Power concerns were discussed for cameras as they would need to have constant power. (\*discussion was held after meeting that an outlet could be wired on poles, so top plug would operate off photo cell and bottom outlet could be set to constant power, if that is what the City requested)
  - Hand holes and conduit to be routed to the center of each building for building accent lighting.
  - Existing fiber that stretched across square has been removed.
  - Power needs outside of standard lighting will not be eligible under the standard cost sharing but rather paid for 100% by City.
  - Raymond to work with BHMG to compile specifications for proposed festival power hand holes and requested conduit sizes
  - Each light pole will have two outlets, one at the top and one at the bottom. The electrical outlet service at the bottom will be increased as much as possible to allow power for events.
  - City would like access at the bottom of each pole if hand holes are not provided, so they can disconnect power to light if needed.
- Other Items:
    - Mark discussed the idea for a dedicated location for sculptures around the square
      - He is working with the Arts Council and Tourism Board to look for ideas and help with funding.
      - It was decided that if a location was decided at a later date it could be added in the field or an area modified after construction.
    - The question was raised if the curb along Van Burn from Jourdan to Water street would be replaced.
      - It was noted the intention of the ITEP grant is to enhance pedestrian access, lighting, etc.
      - The project is not intended to replace curb and gutter or roadway unless it is necessary to meet ADA standards.
    - There was discussion if the existing lights and landscaping along Water Street was to be removed.
      - It was noted that it would be part of the sidewalk work along Water Street.
      - There was a question if fence should be installed as part of this project to keep people out of the rock pile.
      - The decision was made that if a fence was needed it could be added after the project was complete.

- Mark asked about the limits of curb at the SW corner of Jourdan and Jackson as the section heading west along the south side of Jourdan is in poor condition
  - It was noted the curb ended at the sidewalk, which was just past the existing radius.
  - It was noted the City may replace the section of curb after construction is complete.
- Raymond noted a number of lights around the square that he would like replaced with this project.
  - Nick and Raymond walked through them and they were all covered with the proposed project
  - Nick left a full set of plans with Raymond for their review and comment.
- Carl Baker noted there was a service line adjacent to the gas station that needed to be fixed when the sidewalk was replaced. A plan note will be added to the plans so the contractor knows to contact the city.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30