

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

Attendees:

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| Lee Beckman | Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC |
| Nick Burrus | Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC |
| Suzie McCann | J.C. Chamber |
| Larry Dorn | City of Newton |
| Joe Stoops | City of Newton |
| Matt Tarr | City of Newton |
| Verbal Blakey | Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende |
| Rich Lindemann | City of Newton |
| Melissa Brooks | City of Newton |
| Larry Short | City of Newton |
| Robert Reisner | City of Newton |
| Carl Baker | City of Newton |
| Paul Conlin | City of Newton Inspector |
| Scott Bloomberg | City of Newton |
| Mike Swick | Newton P.D. |
| Alice Addis | City of Newton |
| Mark Bolander | City of Newton |
| Ken Larimore | Community & Economic Development Extension |

- Project status was discussed:
 - Photometrics have been submitted to IDOT for review and approval.
 - When photometrics are approved, we can begin electrical design.
 - Categorical Exclusions have been submitted to IDOT for review and approval.
 - Preliminary schedule is to submit Pre-Finals to IDOT end of February.
 - Construction to roughly begin in September 2015.
 - City to begin Electric relocation in the next few weeks.
 - Water Main work currently awaiting IDOT permits to be approved before work can begin.
 - Newton Fall Festival will be September 11-12, 2015.
 - Strawberry Festival will be May 29-30, 2015.
- Electrical Relocation Work
 - No telephone or cable lines are currently connected to the existing poles around the square.
 - Proposed project will move aerial electric lines underground from Morgan Street to Water Street along the east side.
 - Services for the houses on the West side of Van Buren will be relocated underground as part of this project.
 - City to coordinate with City Attorney regarding relocating cable and telephone, which is currently connected to the poles which are to be removed along Van Buren Street.

- New underground electrical service will be brought in from alley, east of the square, and a new transformer will be placed adjacent to the courthouse to provide power for street lights and festival power.
- Electrical Department to compile construction cost and engineering fees for proposed work to possibly use as leverage for streetscape project.
- Milano and Grunloh (M&G) will forward Electrical Department & Verbal Blakey a map to locate cameras and existing power configurations.
- Light poles and overhead electric south of Decatur Street will not be relocated with City project.
- City discussed the possibility of adding conduit with ITEP project to allow for music to be to be played around the square in the future. (This will likely not be covered with ITEP money and cost will be 100% City.)
- There are existing police cameras around the square that will need to be relocated when the existing light poles are removed.
- City would like to incorporate the existing building lights into the streetscape project. Currently these lights a fed from controllers in the adjacent alleys. M&G and the Electrical Department will need to meet onsite to discuss options and proposed routes for existing building lighting.
- It was noted the bank and other businesses along Washington Street have expressed interest in the heated sidewalks, to help with snow and ice removal in the winter.
- It was noted heated sidewalks would be ineligible for state funds and would have to be paid for by the City and reimbursed by the business owners.
- The business owners would have to select the units and be responsible for maintaining and paying for their use.
- Bob was going to coordinate with the business owners regarding the heated sidewalks and then provide feedback to M&G.
- Discussion then moved to the preliminary plans and questions from previously sent email.
 - City requested downspouts to be routed through sidewalk and outlet in curb line or storm sewer.
 - City stated to their knowledge no sump pumps or sidewalk vaults where present in the project area.
 - City to compile a list of business owners east of the square that currently have grates adjacent to their building.
 - Proposed project limits for the ITEP project
 - Begin at Trail then travel east to Van Buren on north side of Water Street. (Area to include 5' Sidewalk with grass boulevard.)
 - Then continue south along the west side of Van Buren from Water St to Morgan Street. (Area to include 5' Sidewalk with grass boulevard.)
 - Continue south along the west side of Van Buren from Morgan Street to Jourdan St. (Area to include minimum of 5' Sidewalk and stamped concrete boulevard.)
 - Sidewalk to be replaced adjacent to businesses around the square (Area to include minimum of 5' sidewalk with stamped concrete boulevard.)

- Sidewalk to continue south of square along the west side of Van Buren Street as far as funds allow (Area to include 5' sidewalk and grass boulevard)
- City noted driveways and alleys to be poured as high early concrete to expedite access to homes and businesses.
- City requested the trees within the ROW north of Morgan Street shall be saved if possible. M&G to meet with City staff onsite to review the trees and discuss which ones must be removed.
- The apartments located north of Morgan Street is currently owned by Charlie Schackmann. M&G to call and discuss existing wooden handicap ramp with Charlie to ensure access is provide to ramp if required.
- Currently the preliminary plans for this project match the existing doorway if they are adjacent to the building face. If doorways are recessed the sidewalk will meet the existing pavement at the building face.
- Access to the existing antique store at the NE corner of Jourdan and Jackson was discussed as access is at the corner and currently contains a step into the facility. M&G noted that access could not be provided without creating a bump out into Jackson Street, which would provide ADA access into the building and also provide a switchback to allow for a curb ramp at corner. M&G currently coordinating the proposed plan with IDOT for review and approval.