

# COV - HMDAC January 11, 2021

## Meeting Minutes

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**Present on the call for the City** were Jason Lacey and Rick Navarro, and **for HMDAC**, Doug Link, Byrne Conley, Chris Brittle, Bob Schussel and Kathy Wildermuth.

### **Parkway Capital Improvement Project (CIP):**

The City has contracted with landscape architect Brian Kilian and intends to have 35% of the architectural work toward a master plan done by January 27. The contract calls for three submittals by the architect, each with more detail than the prior one. The first submittal would be discussed at our next meeting, getting our input on how to proceed. With that input, the second and third steps would follow. The third submittal would be the 100% Master Plan.

We emphasized that we were concerned about cost and resisted Brian's notion of removing all of the landscaping (except trees) in favor of installation of all new laterals and all new plants. Replacing the laterals seems appropriate, but there are stretches where there is mature landscaping that looks OK, and given the estimated price of \$4-5 per square foot we do not like the idea of removing plants that can be saved, unless installing the laterals makes it absolutely necessary to remove them. We understand that all new plants gives the architect more design freedom, but there are other needs for the funds as well.

Rick is targeting March 31 for final plans.

**We are going to have further Zoom meetings on February 2, March 1 and March 15 (10 a.m. each time).** This will be to review the plans in progress.

We asked about Glen Cove. Rick indicated that on that project, they had to remove more plants than originally intended because of need based on installing new irrigation. They left in Redlands Acacia that was well established. The "jury is still out" on lessons learned; that project is per a general plan with 10 phases. Phase 1 drew down the resources a lot because it include installing new laterals.

We talked about the interaction between Public Works and the Finance Department, which had planned to refinance the HID bonds and use the surplus to pay down bonds, without consulting Public Works. They have now met and Finance is now award of claims on the surplus including the Parkway, geotechnical claims, and road resurfacing. Public Works is going to *finally* produce an estimate re future road resurfacing (which we have been asking about for years).

### **Welcome Center**

The City Engineer has the documents to sign with plans. The City wants bids by 2/2/2021 and plans a job walk with bidders 2/26/2021.