

HMDAC September 20, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Present on the Zoom meeting for HMDAC, Byrne Conley, Bob Schussel, Ian Forsyth, and Laurie Foster.

- Bid solicitations are finally published on the Parkway project. Bids are due October 11. Barring something unusual the bid will be awarded subject to City Council approval. The process will take a couple of months since spots on the Council agenda can no longer be reserved until all of the underlying work is done. Money had already been transferred from the HID into a capital improvement account but the contract still has to be individually approved by Council vote. Jason Lacey estimates that work will begin in January, 2023.
- The Police Department per Deputy Chief Ta and HMD per Jason Lacey have both agreed to have the lease on the Flock camera transferred to HPOA. Jason also has agreed that HMD could reimburse HPOA for the lease cost through the Welcome Center management contract. We need to check the contract to see whether this will require an addendum or can be done under the current language as a pass-through cost. Once this is done, Chuck Cochongo will have access to the data; and we can determine whether a second camera is advisable. We were given conflicting answers from Flock, the sales person claiming one camera could capture incoming and outgoing lanes, but the Flock technical people said that would not work, the camera angle could not accurately capture four lanes across with a center median.
- We talked about the landscape maintenance people putting down pre-emergent weed retardant. Jason Lacey said the City can do that under its contract with New Image. It is regulated and the City reports to the Water Board all applications, amount, etc. It needs to be installed at the right time, usually in winter in advance of a rain event. It is eco-friendly and pet safe. We need it on access areas. Ian Forsythe will work on a chart showing which areas are of concern. This is not treating the entire open space area, it refers to access trails and other certain spots.
- The City on 9/19 was to receive bids on tree trimming services as a City-wide contract. This would be for City owned property including all of the LMDs. With this contract they can have call outs several times a year as needed. This is heavier work than the occasional trimming a landscape contract calls for.
- A controller was taken out at Songwood and Bennington by an out of control motorist. The cost to replace is \$20K. Jason Lacey indicates the City will seek a recovery from the driver's insurer.
- We had earlier requested a traffic engineer review of that intersection because of speeding and pedestrian vs. auto issues. Jason sent our request to traffic engineering and they acknowledged they would look into it. We may want to send a further reminder request with pictures. There is a City website portal for submitting requests, as well.

- Jason did not know the status of our request to have the Welcome Center sign repainted. We will need to follow up.
- Chuck has reported problems with Allied Security employees sleeping on the job. He complained to management and was not satisfied with the response. Chuck and Bob Schussel met with a new supervisor last Friday and thought she expressed a better attitude and will listen to our feedback. One guard was replaced already.
- We all agreed there is a continual problem with speeding and stop sign running at the Welcome Center and the intersection past it at Bennington. We intend to add a request to the traffic engineers to look at the intersection for any “calming” options, whether more signage, rumble strips, etc. Very recently, the crosswalk running from the Welcome Center on either side was repainted, and is much more visible.
- On November 5, 2022 there will be a volunteer gathering on Highgate to upgrade a trail on the hillside on HMD territory.
- We do not have another Zoom meeting with the City landscape maintenance people yet, but will contact them after the October 11 bid deadline on the Parkway project, and meet with them shortly after that.