

HMDAC December 21, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Present on the Zoom meeting for HMDAC, Byrne Conley, Bob Schussel, Chris Brittle and Laurie Foster. Present for the City were Jason Lacey and James Olson.

- The night before, the City Council unanimously passed the motion to approve a contract on the Parkway project. A copy of the agenda and action item is copied separately.
- <https://vallejoca.civicclerk.com/Web/Player.aspx?id=2048&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>
- The linked video at 41:20 to 45:28 shows the council approval.
- We talked about an abandoned car parked at the cutout of the Parkway near the fountain. It turns out this is Napa County territory, though the City of Vallejo will police it, and had the car tagged and towed. The county line runs from part of the intersection of the Parkway and McGary Road to the olive trees on the Parkway, with an agreement between the City and Napa County re maintenance.
- The Parkway project contract is awarded to McGuire and Hester, first pre construction meeting is 1/5/2023, and an HMDAC representative will attend for informational purposes. Jason suggested we might hold off on public announcements on the project until after that meeting since the start date and other details will be established then. Sam Kumar will manage the project for the City. Staging, mobility, and traffic control issues will be discussed.
- There is a “sticker” with the Hiddenbrooke logo on the Welcome Center that is quite faded, James is going to see if he can get quotes for a new one. It might be replaced by a hanging sign or another one that adheres.
- HMD is going to look into the feasibility of adding ground cover to some bare areas, for example Washburn Court, Shade Tree Circle, near Marshfield west of the monument, and the area near the monument on Landsdowne. There has already been replanting on Shade Tree Circle and they found some irrigation lines had been chewed by rodents. There are some areas adjacent to the golf course that could use replanting. On Landsdowne the turf can be improved through a change order in the current New Image contract (there is pop up irrigation there already). James will have to check the HMD budget to see what is left in the miscellaneous line item, to see if it can be done this fiscal year, or has to wait for the next fiscal year. The City is hoping to have an insurance recovery on a controller that was hit by a car at Bennington/Songwood which recovery would go back to HMD.
- Some of all this will involve inspecting bubblers and drip systems to see what still works, and mixing and matching appropriate drip heads.
- These are “better” issues to have now that the weeds and poor maintenance under the LandCare contract have been rectified. It will involve inspecting irrigation systems that had been shut off and trying to match existing, mature landscaping. Now that poor maintenance issues have been resolved, we can chip away at areas needing improvement. Typically in January and February of a calendar year, the City brainstorms with

homeowner groups about areas in need of enhancements. Then decisions can be made to prioritize projects and budget for the following fiscal year.

- James is going to look into fence repair on Deer Creek Circle.
- We will have more conversations in January about taking over the PD's Flock camera when its year to year lease ends (HMD has one also now, but we want two so as to cover inbound and outbound traffic). Jason still holds out hope that the PD will honor its original promise to fund one camera made with its initial request that HMD fund the second, but the Committee is skeptical and thinks if we need to, we should have the HMD fund both. The PD has been declining to pay for their camera as promised, simply sending the bills to HMD.
- Jason's estimate is that there is about \$15K available still in FY 2022-2023, so we can add some change order items, but cautions "let's be realistic."
- [Side note, we were able to convince the City to lower the HMD tax by \$85 per home in FY 2022-2023, so there is no surplus funding in the annual budget, though there is a \$50K "miscellaneous" line item for unforeseen expenses. However, the HMD has built up a substantial surplus of \$3.6 million over the years, starting with a \$600K developer contribution against landslide risk, and supplemented by tax collections exceeding costs annually over two decades. So the City agreed to budget at the expected cost for FY 2022-2023. If we add projects for the next fiscal year, it likely will result in an increase in the HMD tax. The Parkway project, by contrast, is a capital improvement project funded by the HID bond account, and will not affect the HMD budget or surplus.]
- We did not set a date for another HMDAC-City call yet, we will wait for news on the 1/5/2023 initial meeting with the Parkway contractor.