

HMDAC January 9, 2024

Meeting Minutes

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

- We talked about the budget for next year. Jason needs to check with the engineer on what effect the Grove lots foreclosure will have on the levy. In the past, they were billed .6 Equivalent Building Units per lot, but went into a tax sale and about 78 of 84 received no bids and were foreclosed upon. The County clawed back significant amounts from HMD and HID for past tax collections credited to these districts, but not paid by the Grove lots. The Allied Security contract was increased this year, from \$230K to \$271K, and is up for renewal and possible further adjustment on 6/30/2024 since labor costs are going up. Jason asked for a copy of the current extension amendment.
- We indicated we would check with Chuck Cochongo, on whether another one year extension is in order, or if the contract needs to go to bid. In September he reported a significant improvement in service, but there have been some no-show night shifts recently, which Allied promised to remedy.
- The roundabout plans are expected soon at 90% complete. Any changes from these would be minimal. Added maintenance costs to HMD are expected to be minimal. Input given at our October, 2023 meeting was all incorporates and James meet on site with the planners to discuss landscaping issues. Mark Helmbrecht promised to provide the plans as soon as received, which we will review particularly for landscaping, not structural issues. It will be a City contract, though in the CalTrans right of way.
- There was some discussion of putting a sign on the roundabout. Jason indicated if it was to direct people to the Park or Bay Trail that would be fine, but if it was for businesses such as the golf course or Commercial Center tenants, he would expect them to come forward with a request and funding contribution.
- Mark Helmbrecht at Public Works indicates they will proceed with rumble strips before the Welcome Center and ladder striping on Bennington at the Parkway and at Songwood. These have already been approved by Gary Hansen, but there is a new traffic engineer and Helmbrecht is going to run it by that person as well. HID will be billed for the actual cost.
- James will look into having New Image refresh the tan bark in front of the Welcome Center. The contract calls for 20 or 30 cubic yards of tan bark. The current tanbark is old and weathered, in contrast to the new material laid down in the Parkway project. Jason indicates that raking the current tanbark and mixing in some new material may do the trick.
- James indicates the City is going to replace nozzles and put in new planting in the median just past the Welcome Center, which was outside of the Parkway project boundaries.

- On the strip on Bennington near the 18th hole, there are 7 valves, four of which go to areas where we could use some new planting. The others were hard to trace but appear to be related to trees just inside the golf course fence, or the strip between the fence and sidewalk. Replacing emitters and installing new plants is a job that will cost about \$40K; we asked that this be funded out of surplus rather than in the annual budget and levy, since there is about a \$3.3 million surplus in HMD and administrative overhead has already been charged on those funds. Also, there is other pressure on the budget with costs going up and the Grove lots likely no longer contributing. This project will likely be for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.
- Bob and Ian are interested in looking at St. John's Mine Road to get a better idea of what, if any costs it might add to HMD. Currently it is a utility corridor with an easement for emergency access only, so there is no annual maintenance by HMD. However, if problems arise with the force mains for water or sewer, expenses could arise. Ian and James will include this on their next drive through.
- We talked about the idea of increasing night time staffing from Allied Security in light to break ins at the Commercial Center, where criminals burglarized the premises when the guard went off duty. The cost of a second guard could be prohibitive, but we will check for quotes. Jason noted that the Commercial Center does not pay into HMD, though, and so there is a question whether this is an appropriate expense. It was also noted that the Commercial Center's burglar alarm company should call Allied Security directly, since the time of police response to property crimes is problematic.
- **Next meeting, by Zoom Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 9 a.m.**