



Council Committee Notes – Streets, Sidewalks and Playgrounds

Date: November 5, 2009 **Time:** 3:30 PM **Location:** Town Hall **Chair:** Councilmember Barbara Robertson **Attendees:** Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Randy Moubray, Town Manager Tom Saunders, Community Development Strategist Susan Cockrell, Public Works Superintendent Franklin Carter

Visitors: none

Notes on Discussions:

1. TM Saunders reported that survey work for the Town Centre Drive sidewalks/bike paths has still not been completed, despite the fact that the work was authorized two months ago. He said that all available means are being employed to get the surveyor to finish the job so design work can be completed.
2. A Planning Commission suggestion that the Town investigate the creation of a “Drop Off Zone” in the vicinity of Lee’s Restaurant on Main Street to allow the elderly and infirm easier access to the restaurant. TM Saunders reported that VDOT’s rules for such would result in the loss of at least three parking spaces in that section of town. The Committee asked staff to discuss it with the owners of Lee’s to see what their wishes are and if there are other options available.
3. TM Saunders reported that the Town is soliciting proposals to install video cameras at the major intersections of Town as a crime prevention measure, in response to comments made at a Planning Commission meeting. So far the only steps being taken are to gather rough cost estimates.
4. The recent radical pruning of the ‘Bradford’ pear trees that remain along North Main Street presents the opportunity to consider the streetscape in that area once again. The Committee will consider whether it is time to develop a replacement plan and will discuss it again at its next meeting.
5. Susan Cockrell and Franklin Carter reported to the committee the status and schedule of holiday decorations. Susan also reported that American flags will be displayed for Veterans Day.
6. The Committee asked staff to keep a closer eye on the American flag displayed in front of Town Hall, as the one currently flying is in poor condition.

Recommendations to Council: none at this time

Recommended for further study: The street side landscaping along North Main Street.