



Council Committee Notes – Streets, Sidewalks and Playgrounds

Date: January 13, 2010 **Time:** 3:30 PM **Location:** Town Hall **Chair:** Councilmember Barbara Robertson (absent) **Attendees:** Councilmember Randy Moubray, Town Manager Tom Saunders, Community Development Strategist Susan Cockrell, Public Works Superintendent Franklin Carter

Notes on Discussions:

1. TM Saunders asked the Committee if it was pleased with the Town's holiday decorations, since this is the time to plan changes if anything different is desired. Councilmember Moubray said that he thought the town looked very good and he had not heard of any complaints. Susan Cockrell said all her feedback had been positive and TM Saunders said other Council members had reported similarly positive comments. The Committee recommends that no changes take place in the design of town decorations for the 2010 holidays.
2. The Committee discussed the poor response to the Town-sponsored holiday decorations contest. Councilmember Moubray suggested that for 2010 the "People's Choice" portion of the contest be dropped and the cash awards for the residential and commercial categories be eliminated in favor of certificates and yard signs.
3. TM Saunders reported that the main street island repair was expected to begin the following Monday.
4. Saunders reported that one quote for approximately \$125,000 to install video monitors at the major intersections in town had been received and a proposal from at least one other vendor is expected soon.
5. Susan Cockrell reported on the status of maintenance plans for Town Playground and gave the Committee a schedule of decoration events for the first quarter of 2010.
6. The Committee asked staff to give it some options for dealing with the remaining 'Bradford' pear trees that were planted years ago along Main Street. The few remaining trees are unsightly due to radical pruning and create something of a hazard for anyone walking under them on the sidewalk.
7. The Committee reviewed construction drawings from Progress Engineers for the walking/bike path along Town Centre Drive. The Committee recommends that Council authorize TM Saunders to put the drawings and specs out to bid with the intention of awarding a contract this spring if prices are in line with expectations.

Recommendations to Council:

Action item: Urge Council to solicit bids for Town Centre Drive walk/bike path.

Recommended for further study: The 'Bradford' pear trees along North Main Street.