

## **Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting**

### **Meeting of: April 20, 2010**

The Leawood Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. The meeting was held in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Adam Abrams  
Julie Cain, Councilmember Ward 4  
Ken Conrad  
Mike Gill, Committee Chair and Councilmember Ward 3  
Michael Dement  
Jon Grams  
Marsha Monica  
Kip Strauss  
Sherman Titens

#### **Committee Members absent:**

John Burge

#### **Staff in Attendance:**

Joe Johnson, Director, Public Works Department  
David Ley, City Engineer, Public Works Department  
Julie Stasi, Administrative Services Manager, Public Works Department

Chair Gill called the meeting to order at 7:34 AM.

Committee Members and staff present introduced themselves.

- **Old Business-Past Minutes.**

Jon Grams motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting held February 16, 2010. Sherman Titens seconded the motion to approve. All members were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

- **New Business-Condolea Terrace-Drainage on Street Concern**  
**Topic of Discussion: New business-Condolea Terrace-Drainage on Street (Leawood South Subdivision)**

Joe Johnson presented the Committee with a letter from resident Sam Keith of 2233 Condolea Terrace. Mr. Keith had sent Councilman Mike Gill and copied the Mayor and Council a letter concerning drainage on his street and in front of his property in the Leawood South Sub-division. Mr. Keith was invited to the Public Works meeting on this date, however declined to attend advising staff that the City was well aware of the situation and that he appreciated their time reviewing the letter and complaint of water "ponding" in the gutter area in front of his home.

Joe Johnson presented a recommendation of a fix and probable cost and noted that easements would be needed from the homeowners along the project area.

One of the concerns of Committee Members was that this area had been a private street years ago and when the City took it over, it was not designed to handle water

run-off the way our current standards require. Joe Johnson advised that this had happened in the early 80's. Since then, the City has made it a policy to require private areas to bring their streets up to the City's Construction Standards before the City accepts them and they become public.

Joe Johnson advised that Leawood South was probably the first private sub-division that was accepted. After that the City took a look at requirements and set a policy to be followed. In the 90's, we took over a few more. In one instance, the City created a Benefit District (for Normandy Place) to assess the owners the cost of repairs needed. Berkshire Villas was another. Berkshire Villas was similar to this one. The City required them to re-plat their development because each homeowner owned out to the center of the road. We had them re-plat establishing the right-of-way for the street and then a utility easement along the curb so we have the ability to go in and maintain the street and curbs without having to obtain easements from the property owners every time we have to get in and make repairs.

The committee also suggested in their discussion that residents in Mr. Keith's area could also look to private options of repair (with City approved permitting) and install their own type of drain or fix as an alternative until this project is available on the City's schedule.

After discussion and review of photos of the area, a motion was made.

Committee Member Titens made a Motion to recommend to the Governing Body to add this street as a project in the Street Reconstruction or Mill and Overlay Program and that the City should look at combinations of funding including stormwater to accelerate the timing of the project.

Committee Member Michael DeMent seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 AM.**

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