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Community Improvement Action Team
Tuesday, August 16, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.
City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Gary Carlson, Bill Phelen, Steve Boka, Laura Liegois, Sarah Lande, Gary Wieskamp, Richard Klimes, Dyann Roby, Ann Meeker, Gregg Mandsager, Holly Thomas, Brenda Christensen, John Beckey, Rochelle Conway

Members Absent: Becky Garcia, Mayor O'Brien

Guests Present: Andrew Fangman, John Lutz, Barb Christensen, Randy Hill, Mike Ferguson, Steve Ford, Mike Knott, Barb Veal

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of the April 19, 2011 regular meeting. Moved by Phelan. Second by Lande. All ayes, motion carries.

Comments from Citizens

None

Comments from Mayor

None

Presentation – Streetscape for Houser St. – Steve Ford

Hill introduced Ford and said that the project could include such things as a trail, signage and a variety of trees/landscape. Ford said this is a first concept plan. It includes a 50 foot swath of land that the City may not currently own. Hill said the status of the trail is not confirmed at this point. The Hershey/Houser project would be approximately \$900,000. Klimes added that there are roughly 100,000 visitors to the Soccer Complex and at Kent Stein the 800 parking stalls are full Monday through Thursday April through July. One of the needs in the area is way finding.

The Community Improvement Action Team endorses the concept plan for the Hershey/Houser Streetscape project. Moved, Lande. Second, Phelan. All ayes, motion carries.

Presentation – Public Meeting Results – Stanley Consultants

Knott provided a handout with the comments from the Public Meeting. He said the concerns included flood protection, visual image, pedestrian safety, traffic slowing, overpass enhancements and roundabouts. The current project status includes agency coordination and data collection. The existing environmental analysis components include 1) cultural assessment 2) social economic 3) biological 4) Brownfield. The preliminary purpose and need statement and preliminary roadway geometrics has been submitted to the IDOT. There was much discussion regarding the project components including the roundabout and ideas for Carver Corner. Boka said that the Hershey and Carver Corner historical buildings need to be taken into consideration when changing the traffic alignment. Hill said it should be the DOT's sell on what would be the best option. The only reason buildings would be taken down is if there was a sound engineering reason to do so. The next public involvement meeting will be held on October 12, 2011 from 4:30-7pm with the presentation being at 5:30pm. There will be several project tasks that will be completed between the Fall of 2011 and Summer of 2012.

Concept Plan for Highway 38-61 Connector – Boka

Boka said that a connector is being looked at between highways 61 and 38. This would aid in development of the area with a mixture of commercial, retail, light industrial and residential. Mandsager said a study will be done on it, and it will be evaluated.

Hershey Avenue Project Update – Hill

Hill said the project is mostly on schedule and should be completed somewhere near the end of September.

Action Team Reports

- a. Community Landscape – no report.
- b. Community Trails – no report.
- c. Downtown – no report.
- d. Community Art – no report.
- e. Cultural – No report.

Other Business

CIAT meetings will now be held every other month.

Future meeting schedule

The next meeting will be October 18, 2011 at 3:00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Carlson