

## FOUNTAIN CITY CONNECTIONS

Minutes from January 4, 2007 meeting 8am – 10:00 am  
Panera, Fountain City

**Present:** Bob Becker, Donna Bueckman, Bill Cole, Geordy Daws, Anne Wallace, Thea Yoder, Donna Young, and Ellen Zavisca

### **Report on action items:**

Geordy reported on his conversation with Robin Tipton regarding both the proposed ordinance and our questions about asphalt with alternative surfacing. She did not recommend an open policy on alternative surfacing. Right now the city will only make repairs on concrete and asphalt. Secondly, she didn't like the idea of requiring new construction to put in sidewalks and having no adjoining connections, creating a patchwork effect. Third, she noted that the city Plans Review and Inspection Division rather than the Engineering Division should probably be responsible for signing off on occupancy and dealing with renovations, because it is currently charged with those duties. Finally, she thought that the Fees In Lieu structure should be reviewed bi-annually, and that 3% may not be enough above the market price of construction (see page 3, first paragraph of the second revision of the Proposed Sidewalk Ordinance). Discussion followed about using city specifications for asphalt pathway construction but still looking for an alternative to the black asphalt now used. \*Donna B. may call Mark Johnson or David McGinley (both at 215-2608) to determine which Division within the Engineering Department should be listed in the proposed ordinance. \*Donna will change the draft to read "with bi-annual review" and set the percentage at five.

Donna B. went over each paragraph of the newly rewritten Proposed Sidewalk Ordinance. Revisions and discussion followed. Please note changes in the revised edition that will be sent out no later than Monday Jan. the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Anne asked if we should be in conversation with the county as well as the city. It was decided that the next draft of the Proposed Sidewalk Ordinance would be sent to all the city council members and that each member of this committee would also forward the draft to anyone they thought might have interest in it with the request that comments be made to Donna B. by email (dbueckman@bellsouth.net), phone (281-9165) and/or by attending our next committee meeting Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Donna B. reported that she and David Cass went to the Knox Road property after the last meeting and that he was going to pull together a list of needed materials (perhaps including a cost list), and that he will take over documenting these things. Anne suggested that we make an official request for help from the East Tennessee Design Center. \*She will work with \*Donna B., asking for drawings and using Geordy as a reference for city guidelines. \*\*Our hope is still to use a surface other than black asphalt.

\*\*Donna Y. will continue working on the timeline for our committee.

Ellen learned that STP funds are applied for each year. She noted that the competition for these funds is great but that it is feasible for us to put in a request for sidewalks.

\*Donna B. and/or \*Ellen will ask Mark Fenton to look over the Proposed Sidewalk Ordinance and make suggestions for improvement. We will then be looking for comments and suggestions from the broader community, perhaps holding a public meeting if that seems reasonable.

**Note: \* denotes Action Item.**

**\*\* denotes Old Action Item.**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, January 24th, Panera, Fountain City, 8am**

**If you would like to have a copy of these minutes available at the next meeting, please print a copy to bring along.**

**Also, please look over the third revision of the Proposed Sidewalk Ordinance (to be sent by Monday Jan. the 8<sup>th</sup>) and respond to Donna if you still see any need for change.**

Thanks,  
Thea Yoder

Please contact me for additions and/or corrections (by e-mail or 688-8286)