

DRAFT Minutes
June 9, 2016
Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report
2. Officers and Staff Report

Points Committee Summary:

The neighborhood conservation representatives from each of the five neighborhoods with projects proposed for funding summarized their projects at the meeting. Then the views of the Points Committee were received. Rob Swennes, who chaired the earlier Points Committee meeting, reported that the committee recommended to the NCAC that all five projects be sent forward to the County Board for funding. However the street improvement proposal from Waverly Hills for improvements on 20th Rd. N. deserved special attention. That project was estimated to cost almost \$1.9 million -- twice the cost of any earlier NC project. Those participating in the Points Committee meeting discussed a range of approaches to address this issue. For several reasons any effort to split the project into two separate project would simply make the situation worse. Since this was the initial project from Waverly Hills after approval of its new Neighborhood Conservation Plan update, the committee recommended that as a condition for funding of this project, it be recognized as two projects rather than one as regards allocation of extra points to future Waverly Hills projects. Thus the next Waverly Hills project that the neighborhood might propose would be accorded only 25 extra points rather than the 30 points that a second project (following the adoption of an updated NC plan) would normally garner.

Funding Round Discussion:

Darcy Cuffman - Was there any option to do anything else on the Highland Street project? How much property in front of your house would you lose? Matt Cohen – We would lose about 8' of county owned property. We have been concerned about parking since the church has cars that park on our street. Thora Colot - I respect what Matt Cohen has to say and I respect the entire process. The sidewalk was able to be narrowed from 5' to 4' and the county looked into various options. Ed Hilz - Were you aware that it was all county right of way that was being used for a project for the public good? Matt Cohen – Not initially,

but I spoke with the county and they provide a land survey for me. Alexandra Bocian - What caused the change in project scope as you went through the process? Scott Milam – The neighborhood wanted to solve a problem and we looked at the tools that we could use within NC. We would continue to support additional measures that would support our street. Bill Braswell - We are talking about pedestrian safety and speed. You can't protect pedestrians unless you have a sidewalk. The county has had a major revision in its speeding management. The Complete Streets Program is up and running but is not ready to approve projects. Alexandra Bocian - Were the retaining walls discussed in the 20th Road project? Paul Bolejack- Yes, all the affected homeowners were told about the retaining walls. It was also discussed at the neighborhood concept design review meeting. There have not been any issues with the walls they build. Sena Wijesinha – In the second petition, it was explicated noted that the retaining walls were part of the project. Parker Harrington - I like your idea about extra points. I had a project that I had to split up so I think it's fair that the neighborhood use an additional project because of the cost. Alexandra Bocian - What are the neighborhood's thoughts about having to use two projects in order to fund one? Paul Bolejack - The neighborhood understands it given the cost. Ed Hilz - Are we talking about making a policy change in this funding round? Rob Swennes – No, we are not making a policy change. We will be looking to penalize neighborhoods in other ways depending on the circumstance. We are taking the least bad option here. Ed Hilz - What if we had another project where there wasn't a plan. Rob Swennes - We will have to deal with that when it happens. Maureen Tankersley - Was there any thought about doing the streelights as another project? Sarah - We did look at that and it just wasn't the right thing to do. Ed Hilz - Will there be any mention of the costs to the County Board? Sarah McKinley - I feel comfortable supporting this in front of the Board. Bill Baswell - Motion to recommend to the County Board to approve projects with the condition that the 1.9 \$M project will be considered as two projects. Phil Klingelhofer- Second. 23 - in favor. 0 opposed 0 abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm