

**FRANKLIN – OAK CREEK
JOINT 27TH STREET STEERING COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 24, 2009 – 8 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. p.m. by Chairman Olson in the Solarium Conference Room of the Oak Creek City Hall.

Members present were Chairman Olson, member Michalski and member Myszkowski. Also present from Franklin was Assistant City Attorney Brian Sajdak and City Engineer Jack Bennett. Present from Oak Creek were Director of Community Development Doug Seymour. Present from HNTB was Ashley Booth.

II. Citizen Comment Period

The floor was opened to citizen comments and closed upon no citizens expressing the desire to be heard.

III. Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2009

Motion made (Myszkowski) and Seconded (Michalski) to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2009 meeting. Motion carried Ayes (3) Noes (0)

IV. Business

A. Update on project element costs/cost share – HNTB

Ashley Booth presented preliminary cost estimates to the committee, including local cost share estimates prepared by WisDOT. A second handout was presented that compared the probable costs for streetscaping elements under the different intersection alternatives. The committee discussed the cost advantages (streetscaping only) of roundabouts vs. traditional intersections. (see handouts). Chairman Olson asked that the exhibits be sent electronically to the committee and staff. Mr. Booth described how the design of the different streetscape elements may change under a roundabout configuration as opposed to a traditional signalized intersection. Jack Bennett asked if these costs included the electronic signs. Mr. Booth replied that the costs did not include the electronic signage.

There was some discussion about pedestrian signals under the roundabout alternative. It was unknown as to the criteria that the State would use in deciding if or where to place these, or what they would look like. Jack Bennett asked that we bring the issue of pedestrian signals to our next State coordination meeting. Marie Myszkowski noted that pedestrian crossings are preferred in the urban village area in Oak Creek. This would be a WisDOT safety decision. There was some discussion regarding the money that Northwestern Mutual has already paid to the State in advance for the roadway improvements resulting from their traffic impact, and how that may relate to local cost share.

Preliminary costs were presented for the burying of utilities. Doug Seymour indicated that Oak Creek may be reluctant to pay half the cost of burying utilities, given the other

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commitments that they have made on the corridor/Drexel interchange. Steve Olson noted that most of the overhead utilities were on the Franklin side, but that it is important to the look of the whole corridor that they be buried. Jack Bennett asked if those costs could be assessed to the property owners.

It was noted that funding and financing alternatives for various improvements should be covered as a topic for another agenda.

B. Updates on WisDOT VE Study and last 27th Street Coordination Meeting – HNTB

A handout illustrating the proposed cross section was passed out at last WisDOT coordination meeting. WisDOT was advised of the committee's vote recommending the original cross section. This was explained to WisDOT. WisDOT indicated that the V/E study recommended alternative was the safest and most appropriate option. They may compromise on the shoulder width. Jack Bennett indicated that the V/E study recommended cross section would maximize the capacity of the facility, and would include an auxiliary lane, which was important to the State.

Brian Sajdak indicated that the WisDOT said that the burden of proof is on the cities to demonstrate that their preferred alternative would be as effective as the V/E preferred alternative.

Ashley Booth indicated that if we reduce the width of the terrace area, we would need to redesign or remove the wayfinding signage, which was important to the communities. Tom Michalski asked if it was possible to relocate the wayfinding signage out of the terrace area and into the median. Mr. Booth indicated that this was unlikely.

Doug Seymour asked about the cost difference between the committee's preferred alternative and the WisDOT's V/E preferred alternative (which presumably would be higher). He stated that the local cost share formula should not penalize the municipalities for accepting a cross section that they did not want.

C. Discussion of roundabouts and current status – HNTB

Ashley Booth indicated that WisDOT is hiring a consultant to do a safety audit on the roundabout alternative. This should be done by the end of July. They (WisDOT) are still pursuing the roundabout alternative. HNTB is preparing alternative element designs for roundabout alternatives for the late July meeting.

Steve Olson indicated that Franklin is reviewing roundabout resolution and that it is currently being studied by EDC. Oak Creek has passed the resolution in support of roundabouts. Franklin's mayor does not appear to support roundabouts. WisDOT confirms that the start construction would be in 2013 with a deliver date January of 2015.

D. Transfer of South27th.com Website Hosting from Zizzo Group over to the City(ies).

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Brian Sajdak addressed the transfer of the South27th.com website to communities. It is currently hosted by the Zizzo Group. The recommendation was made to transfer to the communities. Oak Creek (\$75 per year) volunteered to pay for first year of domain name.

Doug Seymour asked what, if any hosting requirements would accompany this. Steve Olson and Ashley Booth indicated that this did not address the website hosting issue; it just preserved the website name.

Marie Myszkowski made a motion to recommend that the City of Oak Creek be responsible for transfer of the South27th.com domain name to the communities for the first year at a cost not to exceed \$75. Motion was seconded by Tom Michalski. Motion carried Ayes (3) Noes (0)

V. Future meeting date(s) and location(s)

Steve Olson asked that the agenda for the next meeting include a discussion on the Committee's goal for a new or replacement organizational structure to sell and market the corridor.

The next WisDOT coordination meeting is scheduled for July 9th. The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on July 30th

VI. Adjournment

Tom Michalski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Marie Myszkowski. Motion carried Ayes (3) Noes (0) Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.