

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: Park Board

Agenda Item #: VII.A.

From: Ann Kattreh
Parks and Recreation Director

Action
Discussion
Information

Date: September 10, 2013

Subject: Weber Park Sidewalk Proposal

Action Requested:

Approve the plan for sidewalks at the west and south sides of Weber Park.

Information / Background:

This project is part of the 2014 Morningside B Neighborhood Roadway Improvement Project. Please see the attached report from Chad Millner, Assistant City Engineer. A drawing of the west sidewalk is not included because no trees will need to be removed. A member of the City's Engineering Department will make this presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Memo from Chad Millner to Ann Kattreh

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Date: September 4, 2013
To: Ann Kattreh – Parks & Recreation Director
cc: Wayne Houle – Director of Engineering
From: Chad Millner – Assistant City Engineer
Re: Sidewalks along Weber Field Park

The Morningside B Neighborhood Roadway Improvement Project is scheduled for construction in 2014. Figure 1 is a detailed project location map. Figure 2 shows the existing and proposed sidewalks in the area. Sidewalk improvements associated with the project are adjacent to Weber Field Park along both the south and west property lines.

42nd Street has been identified as a sidewalk facility in the Comprehensive Plan. The City Council has approved a sidewalk prioritization list which included 42nd Street from France to just past Oakdale Avenue to the border with the City of St. Louis Park. Council also received a petition for consideration of a sidewalk along the east side of Grimes Avenue from 42nd Street to Inglewood Avenue along Weber Field Park.

Location of Sidewalk

The north side of West 42nd Street was selected as the preferred alignment based on the amount of potential conflicts along the south side with existing retaining walls, steep slopes, landscaping, and trees and the ability to connect to the existing sidewalk at Weber Field Park and the Golden Years Montessori School.

Limited impacts would occur during the installation of the sidewalk along the west side of Weber Field Park. The sidewalk would be located behind the existing trees with some grading of the existing berm.

Proposed Sidewalks

Staff is proposing a 5-foot wide concrete boulevard style sidewalk. The grass boulevard that separates the existing curb and gutter from the proposed sidewalk will vary between 4-feet and 6-feet in width depending on existing conditions. The separation from the vehicle traffic creates a more pedestrian friendly environment and allows most of the utility poles to remain in place.

Trees and brush exist along the south side of the park that would be removed for installation of the sidewalk. Much of that vegetation is volunteer in nature and would be replaced within the park. Figure 3. shows the draft plan for the south side of Weber Field Park.



Figure 1. Project Location Map

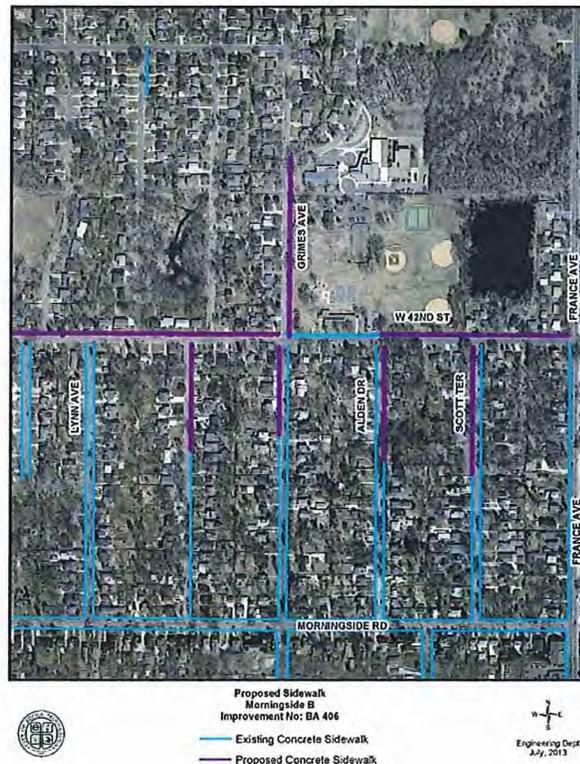


Figure 2. Existing and Proposed Sidewalks



Figure 3. Draft Sidewalk Plan along South Side of Weber Field Park