

MEMORANDUM

September 4, 2012

TO:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM:

Eric S. Stuckey, City Administrator

David Parker, P.E., City Engineer

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SUBJECT:

Discussion regarding a possible Sidewalk Project along Franklin Road, from the Harpeth

River Bridge to Liberty Pike

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) with the necessary information regarding the feasibility of a sidewalk project along Franklin Road (Harpeth River Bridge to Liberty Pike).

Background

Ordinance 2006-18 approved the concept plan for Jamison Station located along Liberty Pike. Sidewalks and connectivity with downtown were discussed at length during the Public Hearings on April 11, 2006 and May 9, 2006. The original recommendation stated the Applicant (Jamison Station) would fund the construction of sidewalks from Liberty Pike to the river, on both sides, and reimburse the City for right-of-way acquisition and its costs. Within the final conditions of approval, this was changed to state:

The applicant shall be required to contribute the sum of \$1,800.00 per residential unit to the city for construction of road improvements to Franklin Road, including but not limited to sidewalks as part of the Franklin Corridor and Connector Streets Economic Development project. Each such payment to be due prior to issuance of certificate of occupancy for each unit and a separate document memorializing this understanding be drafted by the City and returned to this Board for approval (amended 5/9/06 BOMA).

The City was approached by Jamison Station about going ahead and adding sidewalks, since there is no funding for the Franklin Road Streetscape Project. As part of this request, staff has looked at multiple options and routes for sidewalk to connect the development to downtown. The primary options would be along Franklin Road, and the other being along Eddy Lane and connecting through Fort Granger and Pinkerton Park. The latter option was not recommended because the sidewalk would mostly serve the development. The Franklin Road sidewalk routes were recommended because they would also connect The Factory and the adjacent neighborhoods off of Franklin Road.

Financial Impact

To date, the City has already collected \$466,200.00 in fees from Jamison Station for their first 2 phases (\$1,800.00 per unit, and 259 units completed).





A cost estimate was created that showed constructing sidewalk on the east side of Franklin Road, from the Harpeth River Bridge to Liberty Pike, which totaled \$528,000.00. This estimate included a possible \$114,000.00 in right-of-way (ROW)/easement acquisition costs. As part of the Engineering Departments FY2012-2013 budget the BOMA approved funding in the amount of \$528,000 for the construction of a sidewalk along Franklin Road.

An older 2009 estimate for the total Franklin Road Streetscape Project totaled \$9,740,203.00. This project begins at the Harpeth River Bridge and ends just past Harpeth Industrial Court.

Recommendation

No recommendation at this time. This Item is for discussion only and to provide a status update to the BOMA.





