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CORRIDORS COMMISSION LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

APRIL 15TH, 2021
12:00PM
ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order - Brown**
- II. **Approval of March 18th, 2021 Meeting Summary – Brown (1-5)**
- III. **Versailles Road Project Funding Update - Wuorenmaa**
- IV. **Median Beautification Working Group Update - Brown**
- V. **Versailles Road Welcome Sign Update – Yanik (6-7)**
- VI. **Richmond Road Beautification Update – Yanik (8-10)**
- ~~VII. **FY 2021 Budget and Project Update (No Update)**~~
- VIII. **Resignation Announcement - Plueger**
- IX. **Beautification Projects Ribbon Cutting Dates – Brown**
- X. **Next Meeting: May 20th, 2021**
- XI. **Adjournment – Brown**

"It shall be the purpose of the Corridors Commission to assess the major roads of Lexington-Fayette County, especially the major or minor arterials, regarding but not limited to aesthetic qualities, landscaping, fencing, signage, litter control, bike and pedestrian considerations and other elements the Commission may deem appropriate."

2021 Meeting Calendar-3rd Thursday of the month. 12:00pm via Zoom. No meetings in June, July, November, or December.

Jenifer Wuorenmaa is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Corridors Commission
March 18th, 2021
Via Zoom Teleconference
Meeting Summary – **DRAFT**

Commission Members in Attendance: Roger Damon, Liz Pattengill, James Brown, Patricia Knight, Amanda Mays Bledsoe, Lane Boldman, Mark Swanson, Susan Lamb, Maxine Rudder, Shane Tucker, Charles Ellinger, Robert Trimble, Jimmy Emmons, Jill Barnett

Others in Attendance: Mike Sanner, Jenifer Wuorenmaa, Mark Yanik, Alicia Larmour, Layton Garlington, Brandi Peacher, Mark Feibes, Doug Burton, Nancy Albright, Liz Sheehan, Tyler Reynolds

Brown read the Covid-19 statement for virtual meetings.

I. Call to Order

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

II. Approval of January 2021 Meeting Summary

Motion by Ellinger to approve the January 21, 2021 meeting summary. Seconded by Boldman.

Wuorenmaa said that she needed to add Barnett to the meeting attendees list.

Motion passed without dissent.

III. Town Branch Commons (TBC) Project Update

Brandi Peacher, the Director of Project Management, presented an update on the TBC project.

Peacher discussed each of the four Zones and noted that construction on Zone 1 (Vine Street/Midland Avenue) will begin in March.

Peacher said that construction on Zones 3 and 4 were currently underway and noted that the Newtown Pike section is now complete.

Peacher said that the project is on schedule noting they are 30-40% complete. The anticipated completion date is December 2022.

Lamb asked how many benches would be along the TBC.

Peacher said they would be along the whole path. She said it would be sporadic; there are areas that have tighter spaces. Anywhere there is space they will be installing walls.

IV. Versailles Road Project Update

Doug Burton, the Director of Engineering, presented an update on the Versailles Road project.

Burton told the Commission that the project replaces sidewalks and moves them away from the roadway. It also replaces curbs, paves, adds a median island and retaining walls.

The project extends from Parkers Mill to Mason Headley on Versailles Road. The budget is \$3.2M and is funded with bonds.

Burton told the Commission that the construction budget was \$2.96M and the lowest bid came in at \$3.75M. This meant that a decrease in scope was necessary. They reduced the scope by removing the following items:

- Sidewalk pavers at Mason-Headley and Alexandria - \$141K
- Small walls and benches at mason-Headley and Alexandria - \$258K
- Banner poles - \$18K
- Trees - \$44K (Working with DES to add trees back over time)
- Traffic signal upgrades to mast arms - \$184K

Burton noted that those items could be installed as funds are available. Burton said that nothing that is being installed today precludes them from adding in the future, with the exception of sidewalks that would need to be altered to install pavers.

Burton reminded the Commission about the timeline:

- Awarded contract in August 2020
- North side constructed first
- South side delayed briefly due to wall issues (now resolved and construction to begin soon)
- Median construction underway
- Paving and striping (last item)

Burton said that the project should be completed by summer.

Reynolds said it has been great working with the team on the project, noting that they have been very responsive.

Reynolds stated her disappointment with the removal of the beautification items from the project. Reynolds said that she felt that the Versailles Road Corridor has not received the attention it deserves.

Reynolds said that she wants to find a way to include the items the items that were subtracted from the scope.

Reynolds said that ultimately she wants the project finished from Mason-Headley to Oliver Lewis Way. She has discussed this with the State and they are trying to move it up on their priority list.

Plueger asked Burton about the grassed median feature and the options for it.

Burton said they could not put anything in it beyond shrubs and ornamental grasses. Burton said that the current plan is to seed and straw it. This will require mowing in the future.

Burton said that it is nine feet wide and 1200 feet long. Burton said that the contractor plans to start construction on it next week. (Curbs and backfill)

Lamb said that this corridor has waited a long time for this love. Lamb mentioned the stimulus money that is coming and said that this corridor deserves the love.

Burton said that the large transmission poles are now metal and were relocated. Lamb said that there is a new list of acceptable trees for around transmission lines and stressed the importance of planting the appropriate trees.

Boldman said that she agreed that the corridor needs and deserves the love, noting multiple other projects underway to enhance the area. She said that she would love to explore options to find the additional funds.

Burton mentioned an additional project that added connectivity from Oxford Circle to the shopping area.

Tucker said that District 7 is currently prioritizing the upcoming highway plan. He asked CM Reynolds to send him a letter showing her support for the project.

Brown asked about North Broadway and Tucker said it has been ranked. Tucker said that when projects are local priorities it could help the scoring.

Ellinger asked how much funding would be needed.

Burton responded it is approximately \$800,000. Burton went on to say that it could be \$1,000,000 if pavers were put in because that would require demo of elements already installed.

Ellinger said that he had a meeting planned with the Mayor to discuss the stimulus. He went on to suggest a letter from the Corridors Commission to the Mayor urging more funding. Ellinger said it deserves the love and wants it done right.

Brown said that he wants to encourage the Administration to find the money wherever possible.

Bledsoe said that she would be more comfortable asking the Administration for more support of beautification projects in general and then having the Corridors Commission prioritize Versailles Road. Bledsoe said that they could use support overall for all infrastructure.

Lamb mentioned opportunities for collaboration and that it needs to be mentioned in the letter.

Lamb said that she would not support digging up sidewalks to put in pavers; it is not a good use of taxpayer money. Lamb said that she supports sending a letter.

Brown said that the next step would be to draft a letter, circulate it for comments and then send it to the Administration prior to the Mayor's Proposed Budget (MPB) speech.

Plueger reminded the Commission that they have a tree nursery. Environmental Services said that they can plant the corridor but the trees would not be large. Her staff is currently working with Engineering.

V. Median Beautification Update

Wuorenmaa told the Commission that the Mayor's Proposed Budget (MPB) would fund all the requests made by the Commission, including the new request for median beautification.

Brown said that sub-committee met and noted that two potential pilot projects may be North Broadway between Haggard Lane and New Circle Road and the intersection at Tates Creek and New Circle.

Brown said that the estimated cost is \$12 per square foot. There will be more information provided at a future meeting.

VI. Richmond Road Beautification and Versailles Road Welcome Sign Updates

Wuorenmaa displayed Yanik's memo. Plueger read the update:

- Versailles Road Welcome Sign - Trenching for the electrical system is currently taking place. Light fixtures have arrived and other necessary electrical items are currently being installed. The electrical work should mostly be completed later in the week weather permitting.
- Richmond Road Phase 2 - The fabricated stone wall materials have arrived. The contractor anticipates starting work on this project later this week. Anticipated completion date is on or around April 1.

Brown asked about the fence and the partnership with Keeneland. Plueger said that she did not have an update.

Yanik typed in the chat that he would send an update later in the day.

VII. FY 2021 Budget and Project Update

Plueger reviewed her memo. She said that they have a tiny amount of maintenance money this fiscal year. She also mentioned the Division of Environmental Services Personnel Payroll charged to the Corridors Commission.

- Unspent Corridors Enhancement Grant Money - \$7,042
- Unspent bonds - \$40.40 (Finance said they can use it for mulch to zero the bond out)
- Old PO still open with DesignWorks - \$12,500. Plueger suggesting leaving it in the PO at this time.

Plueger presented an overview of FY 2020 budget and expenses:

- FY 2020 Budget Overview
 - Maintenance and Repairs - \$110,000
 - Division of ES Personnel Payroll - \$147,500
 - **Total Budget - \$257,500**
- FY 2020 Actual Expenses
 - Maintenance and Repairs - \$62,802.23
 - Division of ES Personnel Payroll - \$133,264.67
 - **Total Expense - \$196,066.90**

Plueger told the Commission members that the maintenance contracts were cancelled in March due to Covid – 19 budget constraints. Her personnel took over and maintained them well enough.

Plueger pointed out the concrete cleanups. They have 35 project areas. This is currently funded out of the ES budget, not Corridors.

Brown said that he appreciates how her staff stepped up during the pandemic.

VIII. Beautification Projects Ribbon Cutting Discussion

Brown said that there is value in doing the events. He wants to discuss potential dates at the April meeting if Covid continues on its decline.

IX. Next Meeting – April 15th, 2021

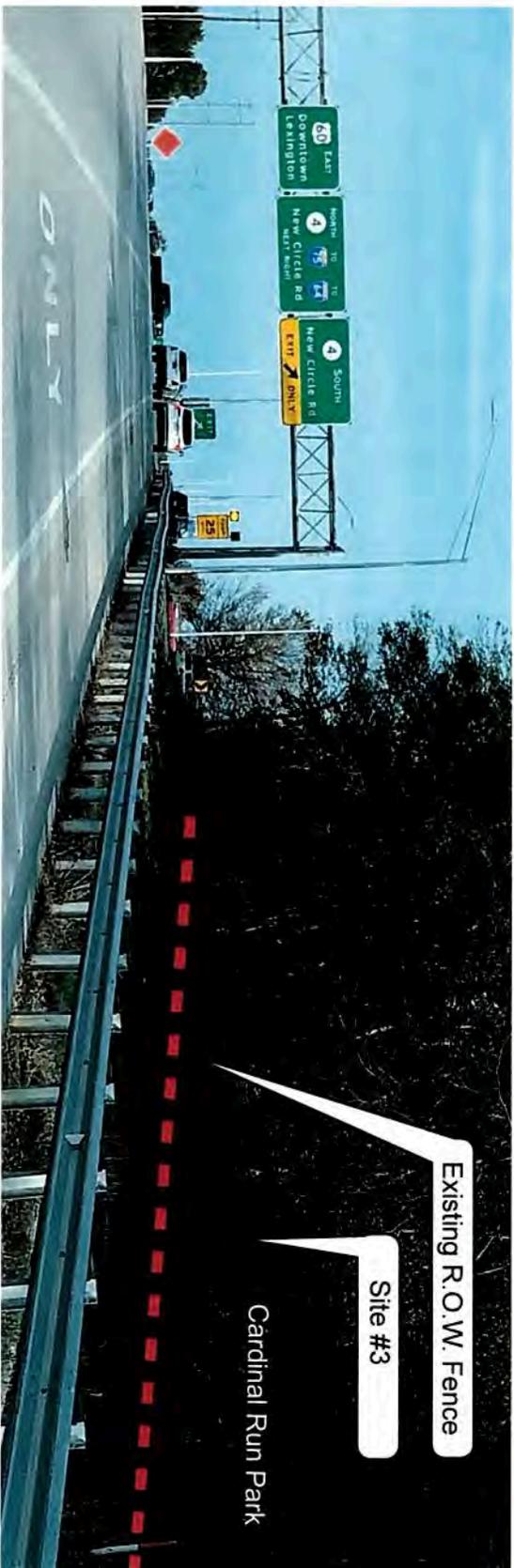
X. Adjournment

Motion by Bledsoe to adjourn. Seconded by Lamb. Motion passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

Site #3 - Inventory & Analysis

Site #3, Pros & Cons



View of Site from Versailles Rd



View of Site from Cardinal Run Park



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