

## MANCHESTER ROAD GREAT STREET COMMITTEE

October 20, 2014

The regular meeting of the Great Streets Committee held at the West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce offices, was called to order by Chairman Craig Larson at 3:30 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Dr. Craig Larson, Chairman	Frank Karr, Business Executive Group	Bill Schwer, Ellisville City Manager
Gary Kramer, Ballwin City Engineer	Ryan Thomas, Wildwood City Engineer	Tom Montes de Oca, MoDOT
Bob Kuntz, Ballwin City Administrator	Lori Kelling, West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce	Michelle Voegele, MoDOT
John Bopp, West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce Member	John Sullivan, West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce President	Barry Gernstetter, President Elect West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce
John Calvert, Ellisville	Linda Reel, Ellisville Council Representative	

John Sullivan introduced President –Elect, Barry Gernstetter.

The minutes of July 23, 2014 meeting were approved.

Michelle indicated that the curb ramps on sidewalks (westbound) are complete. She added that over the next weeks they will start millwork, then in weeks 3 and 4 they will do the final top for westbound from 141 to Holloway, afterwards the work continue on eastbound pavement repairs in same section.

She added that in October/November, work on gas line renovation is set to begin, and if completed the retaining wall work can get started. She added that they are looking to start the retaining wall mid to late November. Potential bollards and way-finding signage may start in January. Tom Montes de Oca added that November 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for asphalt work for westbound lanes from 141 to Holloway.

Michelle has not heard any complaints. Found contractor working during the day and her was kicked off the job. She stated, overall the project is going very well.

Bill Schwer provided an update regarding Ellisville's project. He stated the Council approved the funds necessary for the address bollards. He added that a grant application has been submitted for bus shelter and that he expects a decision regarding the grant by January.

Ryan stated that Wildwood decided not to proceed with any of the add-alternate.

Bob Kuntz stated they are discussing improving the intersection of New Ballwin and Manchester. He stated they are looking at costs and would like to coordinate with Manchester Road work. Gary Kramer stated they would like to do the work during summer break. Bob Kuntz stated they would like MoDOT to pick up the costs of replacing the loops at the intersection or omit the loops altogether. Michelle stated MoDOT has no funds. Bob stated that metro has indicated they want to charge to take down the existing bus shelter and to store the shelter while a new location is found.

Ballwin and MoDOT discussed the retaining wall and water line in relation to the proposed sidewalk.

The group discussed grant opportunities. Ellisville indicated they would bid out the work for the bus shelter separately if awarded. Wildwood applied for a grant for a pedestrian bridge over Route 100. Bill added that Ellisville is currently planning for possible pedestrian bridges within Ellisville.

The group discussed future projects. Frank Karr suggested publicity for the project and area to help open some doors. The group discussed a marketing or branding effort. Dr. Larson indicated that the effort has failed in past for lack of support. Lori Kelling commented that branding and marketing are important as we move forward. Bob Kuntz stated that the branding and marketing effort is tough to justify for municipalities. John Sullivan suggested coming up with a 'handle' i.e. Manchester 250, Boulevard West, Lewis and Clark Commons. The group discussed funding for a branding marketing effort. Linda Reel stated that Ellisville would be interested in participating to fund a branding effort. John Sullivan indicated he believed the businesses may be interested in help to fund a marketing effort.

The group discussed installing "Great Streets Project" signs. Michelle suggested that a groundbreaking could be scheduled in November.

The group agreed to meet again on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35PM.