

HCC Recommendation

TOPIC:

The HCC would like to recommend that the Helena City Commission take steps necessary to encourage the developers, property owners and City Public Works to extend the sidewalk system along Rhode Island Street to connect the Crestview subdivision with the existing city sidewalk system

SUMMARY

The HCC has gone on record as supporting a network of sidewalks throughout the City. The developers of the Crestview subdivision are being required to put in sidewalks in the subdivision and along Rhode Island Street where it is used as to access their property. This only leaves a short piece of the street that will be without sidewalks. This seems like the ideal time to complete the project and provide for pedestrian traffic in and out of the development and the city park beyond.

VOTE: 14 Proponents 0 Opponents 0 Abstain

PROPONENTS:

There will be parking problems if people drive into the subdivision looking for access to city park land.

Can the city force a developer to build sidewalks on land that he does not own –probably not. It is to late now anyway.

It seems that there is an opportunity for the City, the developer and the property owners to get together and craft some type of equitable solution.

OPPONENTS: None

DISCUSSION: There was a very lively discussion by the HCC members regarding the trail access, traffic, sidewalks, and street paving. It was generally agreed that it would have been good to have HCC involvement prior to the preliminary approval. This is probably where we can be most effective.

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