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# Porters Neighborhood Progress Update

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February 18, 2008

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## Background:

### Project Timeline to date

- \$80,000 budgeted for Porters in 2007
  - Project updates provided to DRAB and CRA at all subsequent meetings
  - \$131, 502.29 approved in the 2008 budget
  - Full Porters presentation at the August and October 2007 CRA meetings
    - CRA requested Staff continue to budget, plan and implement Porters improvements
    - CRA requested that Staff continue to report back on new progress
  - Update on continued Porters progress, February 2008
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# Background

- CRA strategies in the neighborhood include both long-term and short-term initiatives
    - This approach allows for large-scale improvements that may require coordinated planning and budgeting
    - Simultaneously allows for on-going implementation of smaller projects
      - Immediately visible, showcase reinvestment
      - Indicative of future improvements
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# Large-Scale Improvements

- Staff continues to plan and budget for large scale infrastructure improvements
    - Street repair/resurfacing, curb gutter installation, sidewalks, drainage, lighting, utility undergrounding, etc
  - With funding aid from Public Works, GRU, surveys along key neighborhood corridors complete.
    - SW 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets, SW 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues
  - Engineering feasibility work to begin
    - SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
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# Large-Scale Improvements

- Engineering feasibility study will provide vital information related to infrastructure improvements
    - Once complete, Staff will be able to begin design and implementation phase
    - Will be able to effectively budget, plan long-term projects, costs, timelines
    - Coordinate projects to maximize efficiency, budget
  - SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street will likely be first corridor to receive implementation
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# Short-term Improvements

- Staff coordinated with Public Works to have numerous street signs replaced and installed throughout neighborhood
    - Roadway and speed-bump striping also completed
  - Staff also moving forward with improvements and new amenities at Lynch Park
    - New dog park, garden areas will bring activity to the park, reconnect it with the rest of Downtown
    - CRA has support of Parks & Rec staff, is working with Parks boards for additional input
    - Plan to have dog park in place by Summer 2008
  - Façade grants awarded along S. Main will also contribute to area revitalization
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# Short-term Improvements:

## Porters Oaks Fence

- Major priority
  - Highly visible structure serves as negative gateway to the area
    - Undermines other Porters reinvestment projects
  - CRA is removing the deteriorated structure along Depot Ave
    - Working closely with Porters Oaks neighborhood association; residents provided much input related to new fencing
    - Attractive, durable, high-quality, site built.
    - Reflect residential, historic nature of the neighborhood
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> phase along SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street possible in the future
    - Growth behind fence will likely need maintenance
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# Additional Projects

- CRA will provide fencing information to Housing
    - Coordination to achieve cohesive fencing between the new Porters Oaks fence, Depot Gardens development
  - Staff also plans link between short and long range projects
  - Engineering work will provide information to implement streetscaping, lighting, etc at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Depot
    - Take advantage of synergy of multiple projects to create maximum visual impact
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# Fiscal Note

- \$80,000 budgeted in FY 2007, \$131,502.29 budgeted in 2008
    - Fencing along Depot Avenue will cost approximately \$8,000
    - Lynch Park dog park implementation is estimated at roughly \$12,000
    - Engineering feasibility studies for SW 5<sup>th</sup> and SW 3<sup>rd</sup> streets will cost roughly \$25,000 per corridor
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