
Porters Neighborhood Improvements Status Update

August 18, 2008



Porters Neighborhood Improvements

- CRA continues to pursue both long-term and short-term improvements in Porters
- Current short term/smaller scale initiatives include
 - Staining and weatherproofing new Porters Oaks fence
 - Coordination with Porters Oaks Homeowners Assoc.
 - Working to establish new neighborhood garden
 - Lynch Park improvements
 - Dog park, landscaping/garden improvements
 - Surveying and design work currently underway
 - Groundbreaking anticipated for late 2008
 - CRA will receive detailed project update at a later meeting



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- Staff is working on large-scale infrastructure improvements in the neighborhood
 - SW 3rd Street identified as first corridor to receive major upgrades
 - From Depot through SW 4th Ave
 - Project will also encompass portion of SW 6th Ave that runs along Porters Community Center
- Working with engineering consultants DRMP to produce construction plans
 - Utilities undergrounding
 - Completing sidewalk connectivity to Porters Community Center
 - Upgrading sidewalks for ADA compliance
 - Improving aesthetics – CRA streetscape standards
 - Lighting upgrades
 - Roadway resurfacing
 - CRA also partnered with Parks Dept to conduct tree assessment to determine the condition of any trees that may require removal due to sidewalk construction
 - Majority of trees are in poor to fair condition



Porters – SW 3rd Street



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- In order to move forward with utility undergrounding, CRA engineer, DRMP have met with representatives from all utility companies within the corridor
 - GRU, Cox, AT&T
- All agree that joint-trenching the utilities is best course of action
- CRA has solicited designs from each utility.
 - Information needed to create 30% construction plans
 - CRA currently awaiting utility designs
- Once CRA has received information from utility companies, preliminary construction plans can be compiled



Porters Neighborhood Improvements - Coordination

- CRA staff is working to coordinate CRA improvements with other planned upgrades to neighborhood infrastructure
 - Both Public Works and GRU have future plans to address infrastructure upgrades, new utility undergrounding within this same area
 - The CRA 30% construction plans will help staff work with other departments to plan these activities in conjunction with current Porters initiatives, such as rebuilding SW 3rd Street
 - CRA plans to begin 3rd Street reconstruction in 2009
 - CRA will encourage coordinated effort, in order to ensure that resources are allocated as timely and efficiently as possible



Fiscal Note

- The CRA is contract with DRMP for engineering services. The cost for this contract is approximately \$24,200, funded from account 9999-610-W231-W07



Recommendation

- Executive Director to CRA:
 - Hear presentation from Staff

