

Sidewalks Stamps and Scoring Patterns - Meeting of August 6, 2003
Staff Prepared Notes, Including Issues for Staff Comment

Staff presentation by various departments per agenda on issues and background; types of right of way work; which departments performed or oversee work; what are the current or proposed procedures; powerpoint presentation; followed by open discussion.

The following are comments made during the open discussion.

1. Think about not using the word “historical” when talking about preserving and replacing sidewalk resources.
2. Make sure the new council policy is consistent with council policy 200-12.
3. the community has appreciated a design engineer accompanying the contractor [?] and the community representative in the field.
4. There needs to be better coordination in formally designated [historic district] areas.
5. Come up with standard alternative designs for pedestrian ramps where scoring or stamps could be impacted.
6. Keep the actual council policy content to a minimum – agrees with staff. Belock’s memo contains much information.
7. Agree that policy statement should be kept general.
8. Some suggested minimum performance requirements on specifications because “match adjacent sidewalk” is not specific enough.
9. Need to do a better job matching colors.
10. Add a texture requirement.
11. Do a buff wash.
12. Can old sidewalk slabs be lifted and placed back in?
13. Best to contact community planning group reps during the scoping phase.
14. Community planning group pre-identification of locations for stamp preservation is helpful.
15. Staff do a training with contractors on these requirements.
16. Ministerial permits will be a challenge.
17. Urge communities to photograph existing stamps.

Individuals in attendance generally believed that the procedures established by the April 12, 2002, City Engineer’s memo were appropriate and generally working, and they supported a council policy that contained brief policy statements that referred to appropriately located adopted plans, regulations, and department procedures.

In summary, staff indicated that a draft policy and outline of current or proposed procedures would be prepared. The item would return to Natural Resources and Culture Committee, however the exact order of further public review and reports to NRC to be determined but attendees will be kept informed and will be provided with copies of any produced documents.