

Chm. Gionfriddo

Item Number 4.1 Wesleyan Hills Blue Acres completion of sidewalk. We have a memo filed this evening indicating that Wesleyan Hills has offered to construct a bustop up in Wesleyan Hills in lieu of that portion of sidewalk originally planned for in the Blue Acres Area. George, do you have any comments?

Dir. Reif

Yes. Remember the issue was whether or not to force Hill to put the sidewalk in and it seemed that obviously the people who live there would prefer not to have the sidewalk and then the question came, well why should Hill get their money back if they did not do all the work that they were suppose to. Well, during discussion with Joe Lombardo, the idea came up, how would he like to do something else with the money and the other thing seemed to be a possible bus shelter which is on the bus route and so that's why he's offering this as an option.

Chm. Gionfriddo

Before I make a comment. Are you suggesting that you are in favor of this? I guess the comment I would make is that once the Planning and Zoning Commission approves a plan and requests sidewalks to be placed in, is it going to be our policy from now on that once the people move into the area if they don't want the sidewalks, so we are going to allow them not to be built? Cause if we are, why do we even bother making decisions?

Dir. Reif

The answer to that is that you ought to make them put the sidewalks in before the people move in. And there will never be.

Chm. Gionfriddo

You know, even if they don't put them before they move in because they are bonded, the object is that they're still suppose to be done. Correct?

Dir. Reif

Correct.

Chm. Gionfriddo

So why would you be suggesting that we allow them not to do it?

Dir. Reif

Either that or put the sidewalk in. The only reason this came up is that it is a way not to let Hill get away without spending the money they saved for not putting in the sidewalks.

Comm. Leinwand

I don't understand. We have not taken any action here that allows them not to do the sidewalk yet, have we? So this is an offer to us. This is a peace offering, they'll do the bustop instead of the sidewalks.

Dir. Reif

Right. They will spend at least as much money.

Chm. Gionfriddo

I want to clarify one thing. At one meeting the vote we took here was to leave the decision to staff. That was the decision that we made. We told George and Nino to work it out with him. So obviously, George, rather than make the decision unilaterally is decided to bring it back here which is fine with me.

Comm. Leinwand

I don't remember that.

Chm. Gionfriddo

Yes, we did. But we also directed that it be worked out with staff and we left it to staff to be determined what the situation was. It's back here so it is back in our ball yard so to speak. Use the microphone if you're going to speak.

Comm. Leinwand

We all have.

Dir. Reif

There is a great variation. There are some neighborhoods in Wesleyan Hills without any sidewalks. There are some with sidewalks on one side of the street. There are some with and I'm hard pressed to remember if there are some with sidewalks on both sides.

Comm. Leinwand

There are houses. There are sidewalks.

Dir. Reif

Not in all of Wesleyan Hills. The number of sidewalks increased as time went on. Many parts of Wesleyan Hills are not served by any sidewalks, any walkway at all. There are some.

Chm. Gionfriddo

There are sidewalks in this area. On the other side of the street, is that what it is?

Dir. Reif

Yes, that's right. What happened is they stopped short of going all the way around the circle. This circle that makes up the Blue Acres' neighborhood.

Chm. Gionfriddo

The cost of this bus shelter is the same cost of the sidewalk?

Dir. Reif

Two thousand dollars involved is what the City is saving. I'm sure that the cost of a bus shelter is going to be more than \$2,000.

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Comm. Leinwand

Let's bring it to a head. Move to deny the request and to require the sidewalks that were in the original plan.

Chm. Gionfriddo

Is there a second to that motion? A motion by Commissioner Leinwand and a second by Commissioner Loffredo. Any discussion?

Chm. Gionfriddo

Commissioner Robinson

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What about the fact that we have George and Nino the permission to settle it a different way?

Chm. Gionfriddo

They chose not to do it by bringing it and putting it on the agenda so we'll settle it.

Commissioner Robinson

Okay.

Chm. Gionfriddo

Any other discussion? If not, all those in favor of denying the application requiring the sidewalks be put in say, aye. Any opposed? That motion carries. So you'll have to notify Mr. Lombardo that we expect the sidewalks to be put in.