

City-University Special Project Fund
Report for April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011

PROJECTS PENDING FROM 2010

Campus Sidewalk, Bicycle and Lighting Improvements (2010 - \$104,300) -

The 2010 funds are to provide lighting and sidewalk improvements north of Waters Hall and to install bicycle racks in strategic locations throughout campus. The construction drawings for the sidewalks are 95% complete and will be available for bid in two weeks. The construction drawings for the lighting are 75% complete and will be available for bid soon.

Campus Tree Walk Inventory (2010 - \$5,000) –

Funds are to be used to label 130 specimens of trees on the campus tree walk and to develop and print maps and brochures highlighting the campus tree walk. The University has identified most of the initial 150 trees to be used. A brochure is being developed and is scheduled for final review in July. The brochure should be ready for printing and tree signs made in early August. The Powercat enhanced phone application that was developed for campus utilizes Google earth to locate different items of interest on campus. This application should be available soon for tracking the tree walk.

Visitors Center (2010 - \$50,000) –

The City gifted the funds to the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce – Convention and Visitors Bureau to match a federal grant to conduct a feasibility study for a Flint Hills Visitors Center along I-70. The team of Verner Johnson, Inc. (museum planners and architects) and Economic Stewardship (financial/marketing analysis) was selected for the project. The final report of the feasibility study is expected to be completed in August.

2011 PROJECTS

Pedestrian Lighting along the Trail Surrounding City Park (2011 - \$90,000; 2012 Request - \$70,000) –

The lighting equipment was bid earlier this summer, but only one bid was received and it exceeded the project budget. The City is working with the bidder, Mercer Zimmerman, to re-scope the equipment needs to fit within the budget. Meanwhile, specifications are being developed for the best routing access to transformer service already in place at the park. Master electricians will be invited to bid on the installation once the specifications are complete.

Crosswalk Lights at the Corners of Moro and 11th Sts. and Claflin Road and north of Haymaker (2011 - \$28,000) –

Both sets of crosswalk lights have been installed, but the wiring on the fixtures has a malfunction. Therefore, the units are currently not operating. The installer has been contacted and repairs are anticipated before July 31, 2011.

Campus Emergency Lighting and Bicycle Path Improvements – (2011 - \$27,500) –

Funds are available to install three blue emergency/information lights: (1) parking lot north of Rathbone and Fiedler Hall; (2) between Kedzie and Fairchild Halls; and (3) south of Justin Hall on sidewalk east of the President's residence. The lights are currently out for bid and should receive final notice in August. Schilling Asphalt is scheduled to repair the bicycle path east of Rathbone Hall.

Manhattan/K-State Innovation Center – (2011 - \$50,000) –

Project complete. No new updates.

Emergency Prevention, Coordination, and Communication – (2011 - \$100,000) –

Funds are available to secure large classrooms with locks and centrally controlled building communication devices. Bluemont Hall is the most recent building to be completed. Call, Kedzie and Myers Hall will be completed in the fall.

Manhattan Good Neighbors - (2011 - \$8,000) -

Funds are used to continue Manhattan Good Neighbors (MGN) to educate K-State students and engage Manhattan residents in collaborative partnerships to serve our neighborhoods. This year MGN piloted a new educational program called *Beyond Campus: A Renter's Reference*. Five interactive workshops were conducted to educate first-time renters about City of Manhattan ordinances, the Rental Inspection Program, the complexity of lease agreements, and the potential financial pitfalls of living off-campus. 99% of attendees said the presentations were beneficial. MGN hosted a student-led clean-up event in the neighborhoods surrounding Aggieville and City Park following Fake St. Patty's Day. Twenty-five volunteers removed three truckloads of trash and recyclables. A community-wide spring clean-up was held in April. Twenty-four volunteers served six elder households and two public sites. Furniture Amnesty Day will be held this year on July 29, 2011, to coincide with the high move-in, move-out traffic before leases start on August 1st.

City-University Transit System Planning - (2011 - \$120,000) –

The City used \$20,000 to match an \$80,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to complete the Implementation Plan for the *2001 Transit Plan Update*. The City Commission also authorized \$46,904 as a local match for a KDOT grant to purchase three new buses to serve the proposed fixed route transit system that was anticipated to begin in October 2011. In June the City Commission declined to execute the interlocal agreement and 2012 System Operating Plan to initiate the fixed route transit plan. City Administration recommends that a maximum amount of \$15,200 be made available to the Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency (ATA) to equip the three buses to be used for SafeRide or other services. The remaining funds will be carried over to 2012 to supplement the Memorial Stadium Turf Replacement project.

Recycling and Sorting Center – (2011 - \$50,000) –

Funds are available to purchase a skid steer loader and fork lift and purchase a vehicle door for the north entry. The University is currently requesting bids for the equipment and should have the final bids by August.

Jardine Drive Sidewalk – (2011 - \$97,200) –

Funds are available to construct a sidewalk on the south side of Jardine Drive from Hillcrest Drive to International Court. The construction is complete. Seeding of the disturbed areas will be completed when the weather turns cooler, likely in September.