

City/University Special Projects Fund Committee
Minutes of Meeting
April 30, 2014

Members Present: Chair Jeff Koenig, Bob Strawn, Jim Sherow, Dolly Gudder, and Megan Walden

Members Absent: Adam Bonewitz, Eileen Meyer, Michael Silva, and Matt Brill

Kansas State University: Cindy Bontrager and Mark Taussig

City Administration: Ron Fehr

Other: Will Clark, KSU History Student; Bryan Richardson, Manhattan Mercury Reporter

Chair Koenig called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Fehr reported that orientation of new members was completed just before the meeting.

The minutes from the March 27, 2013, meeting were reviewed. Gudder moved approval (second by Walden). The motion was unanimously approved 5-0.

Strawn nominated Gudder for Vice Chair. The motion was unanimously approved 5-0.

Bontrager provided the Committee with information about the process and details about last year's projects (2013) and current projects (2014). As part of the discussion on process, Fehr indicated that the City Commission will consider the committee's 2015 recommendation as soon as can be scheduled following a recommendation by the Committee. The Committee discussed current projects and asked questions.

Bontrager presented a history of the fund as well as updates on past and current projects prior to beginning the 2015 budget request. The Committee reviewed each project. (see attached PowerPoint)

Intersection Improvements at 17th St. & Anderson Ave. and Bluemont Ave. & N. Manhattan Ave.

No additional questions were raised about this project since it the third and final year of funding, and Fehr and Taussig provided more background information. Proposed expenditure \$107,000.

Safety Improvements on Denison Ave. between Claflin Rd. and College Heights Rd.

Denison Avenue, west of the campus is a highly congested pedestrian and vehicle traffic area. The section of Denison Avenue between Claflin Road and College Heights Road is further congested with several pedestrian crossings and parking lot intersections. This request will provide new signalization and crosswalks as a part of other improvements in the area to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion. Proposed expenditure \$248,000.

Discussion was held and questions asked and answered about the project.

City Park/Aggieville Parking Lot Project

City/University funds are requested to prepare sixty-two all-weather parking spaces that are safe and accessible for Aggieville customers and students, residents, and families using the City Park. The parking is located on the north side of City Park, along North Manhattan Avenue. Proposed expenditure \$218,000.

Triangle Park Improvements

Triangle Park is a historic park creating a lovely green space between the campus and Aggieville. In addition to the park creating a relaxing recreation place it is often scheduled for community activities. This funding will complete the brick paver restoration and upgrade the parks electrical service. Proposed expenditure \$45,000.

Campus Tree Replacement

This funding will be used to plant approximately 25 trees across the K-State campus. Proposed expenditure \$10,000.

At 6:55 pm, Committee Member Walden had to leave and the Committee no longer had a quorum.

Committee Member Sherow informed the Committee of a concern as the faculty representative that some of his colleagues had an issue with how potential projects are reviewed and selected on campus. He then spoke to a project concerning the Historical Marlatt House and Barn and a proposal that some of his history class had been working on. Bontrager spoke to the University selection process and indicated the project wasn't selected for this 2015 proposal because she didn't believe there was sufficient cost and budget information available. The Committee heard from Will Clark, who was a student researcher on the project.

Koenig and Fehr discussed charge of the Committee doesn't provide for the Committee to have any official part of how the University selects its projects from within the University.

While Sherow acknowledged that the committee and city do not play a role in the university recommendations, understanding the process by which the recommendations are made is important as it determines what the committee is to consider for recommendation. The committee should know if the university recommendations have wide-spread support on campus.

Gudder questioned whether the paved parking in City Park was necessary as she remembered when it didn't exist and was grass and more green space.

Strawn indicated the recent "North Campus Corridor Plan" would be far more appropriate for the City/University fund expenditures than the City Park Paving Project, which should be left to Parks and Recreation funding. He also questioned the Campus Tree Replacement.

Discussion was held on whether there could be substitute projects or if some of these projects were not supported whether the funds could be carried forward.

Fehr indicated he would have a representative from the Park and Recreation Department at the next meeting to provide more information on the City Park parking. Bontrager and Fehr indicated they would look to see if there could be any alternative projects that were ready to consider as alternatives.

Fehr indicated he would try to convene the next meeting within two weeks.

There being no other action, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Fehr
City Manager

City/University Projects Fund
Calendar Year 2015 Budget Request



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City/University Projects Fund
created as a result of
annexation of KSU in 1994.

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Participants in the Process

- KSU President
- Student Senate, Faculty Senate, Classified Senate, Council of Academic Deans
- KSU President's Council
- KSU Vice President for Administration and Finance
- City Staff
- City University Projects Fund Committee
- City Commission

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Calendar of Events

- August – President solicits requests for proposals from campus groups
- October to December – Proposals are submitted – final approval by President’s Staff - University Budget Office prepares request
- January to February – Request submitted to Mayor and City Manager
- March/April – City/University Projects Fund Committee hears presentations on new proposals. Makes recommendation to City Commission



Calendar of Events

- May/June – City Commission considers Committee recommendation
- August – Proposals are included in Capital Improvement Program (CIP), part of City’s budget development process
- Following January – Half of the funds are made available to complete approved proposals with the remaining balance available in July.

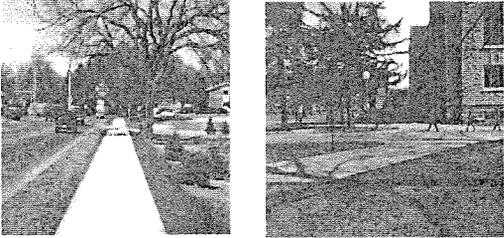


Summary of Requests CY 1996-2014

Approximately \$7.6 million has been expended or approved for improvements to city and university from calendar year 1996 through calendar year 2014



Prior year City/University Projects



New sidewalks and improved lighting



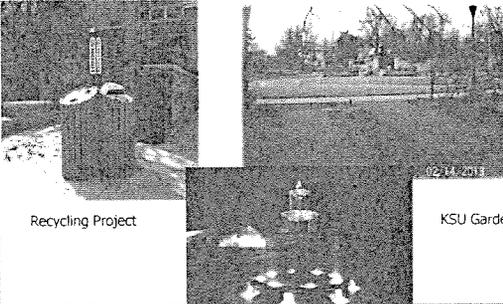
Prior year City/University Projects



The Denison Avenue project includes widening road to three-lanes from Elaine Drive north to Kimball Avenue. The project will include intersection improvements, lighting, curbs and gutters, storm drainage and additional sidewalks.



Prior year City/University Projects



Recycling Project

KSU Gardens



Prior Year City/University Projects

Good Neighbors started with city/university funding

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Prior year City/University Projects

Replacement of Trees Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements

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Prior Year City/University Projects

ALERTUS
EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM

ALERT

Alertus alarms

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Prior year City/University Projects

Provide support to the city for construction of Innovation Center and construct a sidewalk on the south side of Todd Road from Denison Avenue to Jarvis Drive.

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Prior Year City/University Projects

Extend stone wall on Anderson Ave and on Denison Avenue bordering the Alumni Center and install flashing lights at strategic intersections on Manhattan Avenue.

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Prior Year City/University Projects

Replace sidewalk along east side of Triangle Park

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Calendar Year 2013 and 2014 Allocations

- KSU Garden Sidewalks
 - 2014 – Construct a walkway that connects the parking lot to the gateway at Denison Ave. Install light fixtures and poles along walkway. (\$130,000)
- Bike Racks on Campus
 - 2014 – Install additional bike racks on campus at the Leadership Building and back of Seaton Hall (\$18,000)



Calendar Year 2013 and 2014 Allocations

- Sidewalk south of Dickens Avenue
 - 2014 – Construct a sidewalk south on Dickens Avenue connecting to the Georgetown Apartments (\$105,250)
- Replace Turf and Track in Memorial Stadium
 - 2012, 2013 – Multi-year project to replace the turf and track at memorial Stadium (\$429,700, \$270,300)



Calendar Year 2013 and 2014 Allocations

- Sidewalk Construction at College Heights
 - 2013 – Construct a sidewalk on the north side of College Heights Rd. between Denison Ave and 17th St. (\$75,000)
- Crosswalk Improvement Denison Ave.
 - 2013 – Straighten crosswalk on Denison Ave. north of Platt Street (\$72,000)



Calendar Year 2013 and 2014 Allocations

- Aggieville Business District Improvements
 - 2013 – Replace the sidewalk on the east side of Triangle Park from Bluemont Ave to Moro (\$25,000)
 - 2013 – Powerwash the streets and alleys in Aggieville (\$10,000)
- Visitor’s Center
 - 2013 – Matching funds provided for grants and private funding to begin design and the site development phase (\$50,000)



Calendar Year 2015 Request

<input type="checkbox"/> Intersection Improvements	-	\$107,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Improvements Denison Ave	-	\$248,000
<input type="checkbox"/> City Park Pavement Improvement	-	\$218,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Triangle Park Improvements	-	\$ 45,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Campus Tree Replacement	-	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> TOTAL		\$628,000



City/University CY 2015 Request

Intersection Improvements

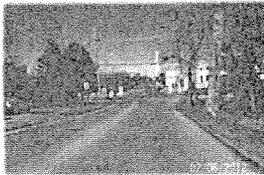


Intersection Improvements

- Intersection improvements on Bluemont Ave. and N. Manhattan Ave. 3-year project with estimated costs totaling \$165,000 allocating \$55,000 each year.
- Widening 17th St. from Laramie to just south of Anderson Ave. 3-year project at an estimated cost of \$156,000 allocating \$52,000 each year.
- Request \$107,000- Third year of three year

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Intersection Improvements



Widen 17th St. from Laramie St. to south of Anderson Ave.

Intersection improvements on Bluemont Ave. and N. Manhattan Ave. Add crosswalk on east side.



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City/University CY 2015 Request

Safety Improvements Denison Avenue between Claflin Rd to College Heights Rd.

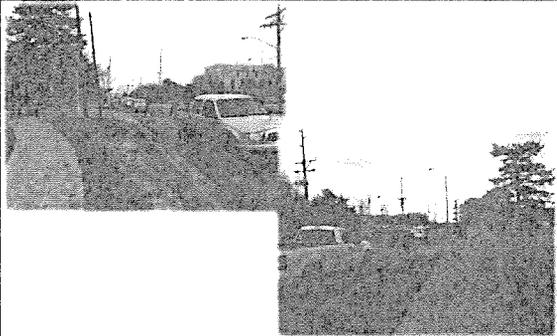
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Safety Improvements Denison Ave

- Enhance pedestrian safety and traffic flows on Denison Avenue
- Consolidating the 2013 Denison crosswalk improvements funding of \$72,000
- Removal of parking lot intersections
- New pedestrian signals
- Request \$248,000

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Safety Improvements Denison Ave



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City/University CY 2015 Request

City Park/Aggieville Parking Lot Improvements

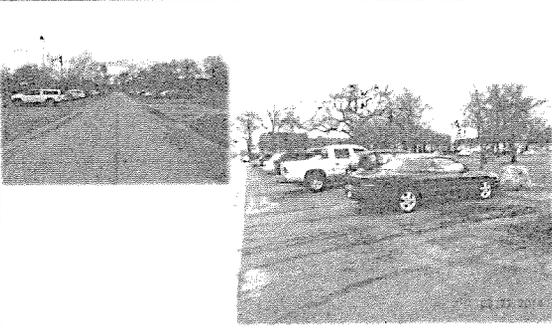
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City Park/Aggieville Parking Lot

- Pave approximately sixty-two parking spaces in parking lot
- Also enhance lighting, drainage and landscaping
- Request \$218,000

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City Park/Aggieville Parking Lot



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Triangle Park Improvements

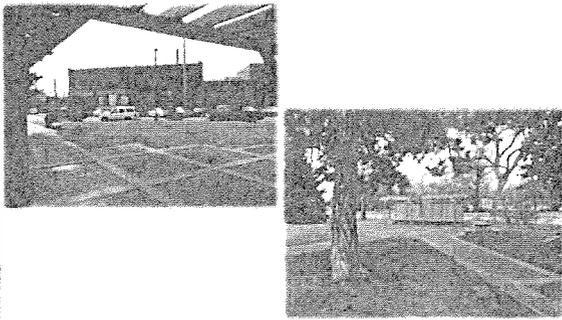
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Triangle Park Improvements

- Restore brick pavers
- Upgrade the electrical service
- Request \$45,000

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Triangle Park Improvements



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City/University CY 2015 Request

Campus Tree Replacement

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Campus Tree Replacement

- Plant approximately 25 new trees
- K-State was recently named a 2013 tree campus USA
- Request \$10,000

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Campus Tree Replacement



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Any Questions or Comments?

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