

**SIDEWALK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**City Commission Room**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 2014**  
**5:15 PM**

Committee Members: Jeff Lechner, Arnold Baltzer, Sharon Knapp, Anita Weidaman, Joe Keffeler.  
Exofficio Members: City Commissioner Jeremiah Corbin, City Engineer Chad Comes.

The following members were present at the meeting: Jeff Lechner, Arnold Baltzer, Sharon Knapp, Anita Weidaman, Joe Keffeler, and Chad Comes. Other Officials Present: None.

Motion by Knapp, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keffeler to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Knapp, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baltzer to approve minutes of May 28, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed and discussed potential locations for assessments in 2015 based upon their observations and previously identified locations and input from public, City Commission, and Sidewalk Committee.

Keffeler ask about the possibility of selecting lots in particular areas for installing sidewalk while omitting city's improvement of corners to which Comes and the committee described the utilized method of selecting specific routes as listed in 1996 plan to, among other things, continue improving connectivity along specific corridors and/or areas of town and also striving to meet ADA goals and objectives. It was also mentioned that in the 1996 plan a priority no. 1 item was installing sidewalks within 2 blocks of schools. Perhaps an alternative approach of selecting non-route specific areas, as mentioned by Keffeler, in school priority areas but without necessarily installing ADA ramps at every ramp location could be implemented in subsequent years to provide for more prompt "filling in" of missing sidewalks because of delays caused by waiting upon annual funding for corners.

The Committee also discussed priority of avoiding assessments affecting corner lots in the same or consecutive years due to the potential financial burden. This affected the consideration of 8<sup>th</sup> Street North as sidewalk was installed on Roosevelt in 2014. Both 8<sup>th</sup> Street North and the remainder of Maplewood discussed as priorities due to proximity to school, but dealing with corner lots on these streets will result in improvement timelines to be extended.

After much discussion the sidewalk committee agreed to review in further detail the following locations, in no particular order of priority, for installing of sidewalk in 2015 after costs estimates are prepared by City Engineer– a) 11<sup>th</sup> Street North from Lincoln Avenue to Maplewood Avenue; b) 5<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest from Union Avenue to Kansas Avenue; c) 5<sup>th</sup> Street Northeast from Egan Avenue to Washington Avenue; d) Center Street from Washington Avenue to Division Avenue; and e) 4<sup>th</sup> Street Southeast from Washington Avenue to Egan Avenue.

Adjourned at 6:07.