

CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE
Ad Hoc Street Improvement & Funding Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
July 11, 2023

Present in Chambers: Mayor Candace Solesbee, Councilor Greg Ervin, Councilor Mike Fleck, Councilor Jon Stinnett, Citizen Robert Reetz, Citizen Tiffanie Williams, Citizen Amber Bahler, Citizen Chris Holloman, Citizen Michael Laborde and Commissioner Burback

Present via GoTo
Meeting: None

Staff Present: City Manager Richard Meyers, Public Works and Development Director Faye Stewart and City Recorder Mindy Roberts

Media Present: None

Absent: Councilor Alex Dreher, Councilor Chalice Savage, Councilor Merryday, Citizen Michael Praegitzer and Citizen Jeff Conklin

1. Welcome

Chair Amber Bahler opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

2. Approval of June 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 28, 2023 were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion and Approval of Mission Statement and Goals

The Committee discussed the draft Mission and Goal Statements. It was suggested and agreed upon to create titles for each of the three goals, keep the narrative and eliminate the bullet points. The Goals Statements will read:

- **Level of Quality/PCI**
Create a funding package designed to address the Pavement condition Index (PCI). Package should cover costs to move the PCI up from 53(top of Poor) to 72 (bottom of Good) through major rebuild projects as well as looking for the smartest opportunities to preserve existing road surfaces to prolong the life.

- **Acceptable and of Benefit to the Community**
The package proposed would have to be acceptable to the community by balancing the benefit of increasing the PCI to 72 reducing the damage to vehicles using the streets.
- **Suite of Options. Marketing and Success.**
The funding package should contain a suite of options to reach the funding goals and avoid the reliance on one funding source. The funding package should provide a long-term strategy to fund and improve the condition of the street in the community and not attempt to do it all at once. The package should look to new innovative ideas for funding and doing improvements, create partnerships with other agencies and businesses, take advantage of state and federal grants (with the understanding that the grants are not a reliable long term funding source) and examine internal opportunities to use budget savings.

The Committee discussed the wording of the Mission Statement and agreed upon the following statement:

“Improve the quality of our streets through a fair and equitable use of funding means that improves and maintains the City streets to a PCI rating of 72 (good quality rating) for the long term improvement of property values and livability in Cottage Grove.”

There was in depth conversations regarding the total amount of revenue needed to improve the streets, revenue projections from existing sources and potential revenue from a variety of mechanisms including; privilege tax, TUF, bond measure, payroll tax, gas tax and marijuana tax.

Discussion was held about having a strategy of what streets to improve in what order, street conditions and associated costs.

Public Works and Development Director Faye Stewart said he would provide additional information prior to the next meeting. He will include estimates of projected revenue from the various funding mechanisms discussed and projection of costs to improve the streets that were identified in the Pavement Management Report by Emerio Designs.

Due to time constraints the committee was unable to complete Agenda item #5 - Discuss Public Outreach. The next meeting date was scheduled for August 1, 2023

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm