



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: October 14, 2003
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barb Johnson, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Construction of Midtown Greenway Fence at Calhoun Isles Condominiums**

Recommendation:

1. Accept gift from the Calhoun Isles Condominium Association of approximately \$25,000 for the construction of a fence along the Midtown Greenway
2. Resolution to increase the Permanent Improvement Fund (4100-943-9464) by \$25,000 and increase the revenue source 3845 by \$25,000.
3. Authorize layout approval and construction of the fence on Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) property as permitted per City of Minneapolis/Hennepin County lease agreement #A09775
4. Authorize proper documents to be executed with the Calhoun Isles Condominium Association with the provision that they will be responsible for major repair and replacement costs.

Previous Directives:

- None

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Approved by:

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Donald Pflaum, Transportation and Parking Services

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

Construction of Phase 1 of the Midtown Greenway was completed in 2000. As part of the project a number of wood privacy fences within Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) right-of-way and along the HCRRA property line were constructed as part of the project to mitigate the effects of the trail to neighboring properties. Due to budget constraints and the adjacent property owner's desire to install a higher-grade fence, the proposed fence near the Calhoun Isles Condominiums was not constructed as part of the project.

Since the construction of the Midtown Greenway, the Calhoun Isles Condominium Association has reported a significant problem with trail users trespassing on their property. To mitigate this problem, the Calhoun Isles Condominium Association has agreed to gift the City of Minneapolis the necessary funds to construct the proposed fence. It is estimated that this cost is \$25,000. The fence will be wrought iron with brick treatment.

Enclosed is a map showing the location of the proposed fence. This location has been reviewed by Minneapolis Public Works, Hennepin County, the Midtown Greenway Coalition, and the CIDNA neighborhood. Due to the topography of the area and for maintenance purposes it is difficult to place the fence on the HCRRA/Calhoun Isles property line. After much discussion, the enclosed layout is being recommended for approval.

Funding:

Construction costs for this project are estimated at \$25,000. The Calhoun Isles Condominium Association will pay all capital costs associated with the construction of the fence. The Calhoun Isles Condominium Association has also agreed to assume major repair costs. Public Works will maintain the fence at the same level in which other city owned fences in this corridor are maintained. The City of Minneapolis will assume ownership of the fence as permitted by City of Minneapolis/Hennepin County lease agreement #A09775.

Recommendation:

Same as above.

Exhibit A – Fence Layout

CC: Council Member Lisa Goodman – 7th Ward

Jeff Laux – Calhoun Isles Condominium Association President

Bob Corrick – President Midtown Greenway Coalition/ VP CIDNA Neighborhood

Dennis Morris – Public Works ROW

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