

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
ST. CHARLES CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION
March 9, 2011**

Members Present: Chair. English, Vice Chair. Schuetz, Potts, Kane, Dechene

Members Absent: Allen

City Staff Present: Matthew O'Rourke

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was convened by Chair. English at 7:08 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chairman. English asked for any additions to the agenda Member. Potts asked if a discussion of the Thompson project could be added to additional business to discuss continuing maintenance and a possible four-season grant for the Hunt Club to the agenda.

A motion was made by Schuetz and seconded by Dechene to approve the agenda with the addition.

Voice Vote: unanimous; Nays – None; Motion Carried. Members Absent: Allen

Motion Carried

3. Approval of minutes from February 9, 2011

Chairman. English asked for a motion to approve the minutes

Member. Kane mentioned that Potts was listed as both absent and present, and this should be corrected.

A motion was made by Kane and seconded by Schuetz to approve the February 9, 2011 minutes of the Corridor Improvement Commission.

Voice Vote: unanimous; Nays – None; Motion Carried. Members Absent: Allen

Motion Carried

4. Discussion Items

A. E. Main Street Four Season Grant Sign Program

O'Rourke asked the Commission if they still wanted to pursue these grants given the next year's budget. O'Rourke further stated that in order to ensure that the grants could be funded, that they would have to be approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget. This would entail creating the landscape plans and performing a recommendation on those plans no later than the April 6, 2011 meeting so Staff can place the grants onto a Council Committee Agenda in April.

Chair. English asked if the grants were approved during this year could the funds be available if the planting occurred at a later date. O'Rourke stated that the funds could be rolled over from this budget year into the next, provided that the grant agreements were approved. Chair. English asked if the Council did not approve the grants, but the Commission has performed a recommendation by the end of April, could they still move forward. O'Rourke stated that he was unsure about that and would look into that matter, and email Chair. English the response.

The Commission generally agreed to try and pursue the remaining four season grants, and have them approved by the end of April 2011.

The Commission discussed the type of plants materials that would be appropriate for the Warwick Publishing and Hometown Storage Sites. The commission suggested the following plant materials:

- Sedum
- Day Lilly
- Gro-low sumac
- The Commission wants to utilize native grasses and perennials.

The Commission discussed the type of plant materials that would be appropriate for the Tin Cup Pass location. O'Rourke reiterated that they should try to create a four-season color scheme. The Commission suggested the following plant materials:

- Chokeberry
- Panicum - grasses
- Heuchera 'Purple Palace'

Chair. English asked for Staff to provide some rough measurements for the area. O'Rourke stated that he could provide this.

O'Rourke stated that he will check on the ability to roll funds forward, and will then have the Commission members can contact the property owners.

5. Additional Business

Future Meetings

Chair. English stated that with the lack of funding there is not a need to meet. Unfortunately, even with volunteer projects there have been City funds utilized, so there is no opportunity for that either.

Thompson Middle School Plantings

Member. Potts mentioned that the Thompson planting area would need to be maintained and asked if Staff could contact community restitution regarding this maintenance. O'Rourke stated they he would ask them to place this item on the schedule. The Commission also mentioned the idea of meeting to weed the area during the summer.

Hunt Club – Possible Four-Season Grant

Member. Potts explained that she has been working with this group, and they have a gap along their retaining wall located next to Rt. 64. Member. Potts stated that there is an opportunity for a four-season grant to help plant some vegetation in this area. O'Rourke explained that they would fall into the same provisions as discussed with Warwick Publishing and Tin Cup with regards to receiving funding this fiscal year.

6. Announcement and Upcoming Meetings

Next CIC Meeting – Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Schuetz and seconded by Dechene to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: unanimous; Nays – None; Motion Carried. Members Absent: Allen

Motion Carried