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TO: Comprehensive Planning Committee
FROM: Michelle Beaulieu, Bill Dermody, Anton Jerve, and Jamie Radel, Planning Staff
RE: CIB Proposals: Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan

Background

Administrative Code chapter 57 states that the Planning Commission shall make recommendations about the Capital Improvements Budget to the CIB Committee, determining projects' compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan. These sections are cited below.

Sec. 57.06. - CIB committee function and duties.

*To receive from the mayor's office, budget section, descriptions of projects which department or office directors and other agencies desire to have included in the city's annual capital improvement budget and to analyze the same; to study and consider the long-range capital needs of the city, methods of financing such needs, the city's capacity to support the financing, **and the recommendations of the planning commission**; to assign priority ratings to the capital improvement projects considered and reviewed by the committee; and to make recommendations to the mayor and city council which shall include a proposed or suggested annual capital improvement budget and five-year program;*

Sec. 57.07 – Submission of capital budget requests and recommendations.

*Upon receipt of capital improvement budget requests from city departments or offices and other agencies, office of financial services shall transmit copies of the requests to the CIB committee for its consideration as provided in section 57.06, **and to the planning commission staff for its consideration to determine the projects' compliance with the city's comprehensive plan and other appropriate city policies as determined by city council**. The planning staff shall provide a copy of their recommendations to the planning commission, the CIB committee, and the office of financial services.*

The Planning Commission's input is explicitly requested to determine Comprehensive Plan compliance; however, there has been interest from the Comprehensive Planning Committee to provide additional feedback. Planning staff has created a spreadsheet indicating which projects meet certain planning and development goals for the City, categorized into 5 themes: 8-80 Vitality; Jobs & Economic Development; Environmental Sustainability; Arts & Beautification; and Strong Neighborhoods.

Review for Comprehensive Plan Compliance

The attached spreadsheet has tabs for each of the three CIB categories. Each project is rated as being in compliance or in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan. Some projects are found to be neutral, typically when related to uses that are not explicitly covered by the Comprehensive Plan such as fire houses. The projects are also then reviewed for conformity within the five planning themes listed above. Here is a summary of the findings of staff:

Streets and Utilities projects (62 total)

59 projects were found to comply with the Comprehensive Plan

2 projects were neutral

1 project was found to conflict with the Comprehensive Plan (see notes)

~~13~~ 33 projects meet 8-80 Vitality goals

12 projects meet Jobs & Economic Development goals

1 project meets Environmental Sustainability goals

13 projects meeting Arts & Beautification goals

33 projects meet Strengthening Neighborhoods goals

Community Facilities projects (51 total)

45 projects were found to comply with the Comprehensive Plan

6 projects were neutral

0 projects were found to conflict with the Comprehensive Plan

19 projects meet 8-80 Vitality goals

2 projects meet Jobs & Economic Development goals

7 projects meet Environmental Sustainability goals

2 projects meeting Arts & Beautification goals

4 projects meet Strengthening Neighborhoods goals

Residential and Economic Development projects (21 total)

21 projects were found to comply with the Comprehensive Plan

0 projects were neutral or found to conflict with the Comprehensive Plan

1 project meets 8-80 Vitality goals

1 project meets Jobs & Economic Development goals

0 projects meet Environmental Sustainability goals

3 projects meeting Arts & Beautification goals

21 projects meet Strengthening Neighborhoods goals

Discussions in Committee

Staff met with both the Comprehensive Planning Committee and the Transportation Committee to review these recommendations before forwarding them to the Planning Commission for review. The Transportation Committee requested additional review of projects for conformance with the 8-80 Vitality goals and objectives, feeling that projects intended to benefit pedestrians should all be included in that thematic goal check list. Staff revisited these projects and updated the list. These revised numbers are reflected in the summary above. 20 additional projects were included in the 8-80 Vitality theme.

Staff Recommendation

Planning staff recommends that the Comprehensive Planning Committee forward the attached spreadsheet of Comprehensive Plan conformance ratings to the Planning Commission for a resolution to the Capital Improvement Budget Committee.