

CANBY CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting to discuss N Juniper and NW 3rd Avenue
March 29, 2000

Mayor Scott Taylor presiding. Council members present Walt Daniels, Shirley Strong, Barry Lucas, and Randy Carson. Arriving late was Roger Harris and Terry Prince.

Also present for the special meeting was Don Kylo, Bill Haas, Bill Fenton, Curtis & Lila Gottman, Jim & Carol Burdett, Donna Palmer, Wayne Austen, Curtis Austen, Tony Gonzslez, Dick Crites, Jason Frankl, Connie Austen, Community Development Director Jerry Pineau, City Administrator Mark Adcock, and Joyce Peters.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor at 6:05 p.m. followed by the opening ceremonies. The agenda included a conversation on the report from staff on issues concerning NE 3rd between N Locust and N Ivy and N Juniper between NE 3rd & 4th.

DECISION POINTS

NE 3rd Avenue between N Locust and N Ivy designate as a two-lane collector per the Transportation Plan. No concern from Council or property owners.

Forty-four foot wide collector street. No concern from Council or property owners.

Two traffic lanes and left turn lane at N Ivy Street intersection. No concern from Council or property owners.

Eight foot sidewalks in downtown commercial zone.

Citizen input

- Don Kylo - Why were 5 foot sidewalks put in the commercial zone at Thriftway's parking lot?
Response: When the down town plan is complete, things will change.
- Wayne Austen - I was told the sidewalk would be five feet in the 300 block of NE 3rd Ave in the residential zone.

Response: The sidewalk will be 5 feet from Knott east and be aligned with the 8-foot sidewalk closer to the road rather than closer into the property.

Five foot sidewalks in the residential zone. No concern from Council or property owners.

Planter strips between the curb and sidewalk. This is an 8-foot planter strip, between the curb and the sidewalk. This could be grass (which is proposed for now) or it could be paving stones and planters etc.

Citizen Input

- Don Kylo on NE 2nd at Thriftway's parking lot their sidewalk is next to the curb, and you can step from your car to a curb, not on to wet grass. If I take a hose across the sidewalk to water the planter strip, and someone should trip on the hose, it ends up being the homeowners' liability.
- Donna Palmer - (233 NE 3rd Avenue) Recommends no planter strip because the distance between the sidewalk and house we will continue to maintain. If there is a planter strip, someone on the Council committed the city to maintenance.
- Bill Haas - (165 NE 3rd) We had the planter strip/row of poplar trees and would like to have it back like it was. My area is already commercial
- Question Councilman Carson, is there any idea about what the downtown area wants?

Response: Because the downtown plan is not complete, we don't know what the downtown will want. The easiest thing to change is grass.

Councilman Prince indicated the sidewalk should be against the curb, most of this area is still residential, it requires a different neighborhood look. The city can't keep up with the maintenance on the grass.

Mayor Taylor said we are in a place where things will be in transition and sidewalks and planter strips will be a patch work. The long term is to have a planter strip and then a sidewalk down town as well as in this area. We believe there will be an area between the curb and the sidewalk that will be different. It may be grass or maybe brick work but something different from cement.

Vote on the recommendation by staff for a planter strip between the curb and the sidewalk: In favor 3, opposed 2. As Councilman Harris just arrived and was not prepared to vote, Council would return to this issue.

Parking - Proposed parking on one side of the street

Citizen input

- Donna Palmer - With the widening of the street most people are losing most of their driveways. Where are people supposed to park?
Response: Jerry Pineau - It appears that there are one or two residences that will have a parking problem.
- Bill Haas - Where are people from the commercial area supposed to park?
- Susan Gonzalez - We do not have a driveway. If parking is only on one side, we will be walking across the street. The church parking is a big issue as they park everywhere. Often we now park down the street and carry groceries and two kids. With parking only on one side of the street, this could be a bigger problem.

Mayor Taylor stated parking continues to be an issue.

Councilman Prince stated this is a complex area being both commercial and residential, the sidewalks against the curb gives the residents more area between their homes and the sidewalk. This is a transitional zone and may be a long time before it is all commercial. He wanted to see both bike lanes and parking on both sides of the street. This area will continue to be a neighborhood for some time.

Councilman Daniels stated they didn't know how fast the commercial area would grow. If we put the sidewalks against the curb, there is greater expense to remove them later. By keeping the sidewalk back, it allowed more flexibility.

Councilwoman Strong indicated that this is residential, when commercial comes in we can change it at that time. Is it not for the commercial developer to make the changes and shoulder the expense to change?

Lila Gottman indicated that the transportation plan wanted the planter strip to be a take-up area between the sidewalk and the street so if we need more pavement there can be less planter strip to a minimum of 5 feet. Parts of 3rd Avenue already had parking only on one side.

Recommendation for parking on one side only vote 3-3.

Councilman Harris stated that whether this is residential or commercial, people count on parking on both sides of the street and if possible we should accommodate that.

Councilman Daniels said if they decreased the planter strip, they could make parking on both side of the street.

Councilman Prince stated it didn't make sense to make planter strips in place of parking.

****Motion by Councilman Lucas to narrow the planter strip to accommodate two 6-foot bike lanes, two 11-foot travel lanes, and parking on both sides of the street. Second by Councilman Daniels. Motion passed 6-0.**

**Bike Lanes, no problem
Return to Planter Strip.**

- If the sidewalk is next to the curb, the driveways have that extra 6 feet of space for parking. Even though the sidewalk is against the curb, the area or land is still property of the city and could be available at a later time for sidewalks, etc.
- Don Kylo. Would like to have the Council notice the planter strip on Grant. This is not being maintained.

Recommendation by staff is that there be a planter strip between the curb and side walk.
Motion fails 4-2.

**** Motion by Councilman Prince that the sidewalks be against the curb in that area, both commercial and residential. Second by Councilman Harris and tied 3-3. Mayor Taylor voted in favor, and motion passed 4-3.**

N Juniper between 3rd and 4th

Staff recommended temporary asphalt sidewalks. Motion passed 4-2.

Mayor Taylor adjourned the special session at 7:20 p.m.



Scott Taylor Mayor