

**CITY OF TAMPA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2007-2008
December 12, 2007**

Block Club: Area II

Neighborhoods: Palmetto Beach, Historic Ybor City, Belmont Heights/Jackson Heights, College Hill Community, Live Oak Square, South Nebraska, Woodland Terrace, and River Cove.

Boundaries: Sligh Avenue/Hillsborough River (north); McKay Bay (south); 40th Street (east); 15th Street (west).

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Need and Recommendation 1. Refurbish and Upgrade Existing Building

Palmetto Beach Community Association, Inc. has a building located at 308 22nd Street. The community would like to merge with DeSoto Parks and Recreation. The roof needs to be repaired, the building painted, and the electrical box upgraded to handle all the power being used in the center.

The residents of Palmetto Beach would like to see the building used for the older youth of the community (ages 13 and up). The park already has an after-school program for the children up to the age of 12. However, we need a place for the teens to come for after-school activities, including a game room and an area with computers set-up for research and school homework. The center could be open from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. The City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department could use one of their employees to work at this location part-time to

supervise the youth. This would be a more controlled environment for the community youth, instead of them being out on the streets. The Youth Organization used to be located in this building and it was a tremendous help for our community youth. Now, our community is seeing an increase in crime in our area, due to our youth not being in a more controlled and supervised environment.

Response: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The roof is in the process to be repaired and should be completed by July 2007. The department will work with the association to investigate the feasibility of partnering with this new building location. Department of Public Works is working on the bid to replace the roof.

Update: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. After further review of the site, this building is not on park land. Due to this reason the Parks and Recreation Department can't fund the repairs.

Need and Recommendation 3. Additional Lighting at Desoto Park and Picnic Shelter

We request more lighting at DeSoto Park Pavilion (26th Street and Corrine Street) and covered picnic areas with tables.

The community requested some gas lamplights to be installed along the pier area and around the park to help bring out the beauty of Palmetto Beach Park at night. We need some lights installed in the northwest area of the park. This area is very dark at night. The community has wanted a covered picnic shelter installed on the grounds in addition to the one on the pier. Some families are scared to use the pier shelter, due to the danger of small children falling in the water.

Response: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The department will look into the need of additional security lighting at the northwest area of the park and review the need for shelters in the park and lights at the pier.

Update: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The only areas in the park that are open after dark are the community center and the skate park. The park area is closed and the department will continue to monitor the security lighting to ensure there is enough for the safety of our patrons. The shelter located on the jetty (boardwalk) does have security lighting and staff will make sure it is operational and will evaluate the shelter area for safety issues.

Need and Recommendation 4. Beautification of Bermuda Boulevard

Beautification of Bermuda Boulevard requires the seawalls being repaired with added sidewalks. We need help to prevent illegal construction and illegal dumping. The mangroves need to be cleaned out and trimmed by a certified professional. A lot of trash has accumulated the past few years from so many storms.

Response to seawall: From Jim Burnside, Engineer, Street Design, Transportation Division, Department of Public Works, 274-8054. The consultant completed the inventory of the many problem areas and submitted their final report which includes recommendations for various types of repair in those areas. The administration has reviewed the report and is considering the allocation of funding in the near future. Prior to work being started, the city intends to have a public meeting with the neighborhood to explain the scope of work and the requirements for permitting and easements.

Response to added sidewalks: From Jan Washington, Engineer, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8303. Our records indicate there is an existing sidewalk along the west side of Bermuda Boulevard for its entire length from 22nd Street to 24th Street. The City of Tampa's ultimate goal is sidewalks on both sides of every roadway, but due to budget constraints, our current policy is to ensure that there is a sidewalk on at least one side of a requested location. There are many streets without sidewalks, so those locations are considered a priority over those with a sidewalk already on one side.

Response: From Jim Pinkney, Manager, Clean City Division, 931-2143. Clean City Division has initiated and is using an illegal dumping hotline number (931-2133) that citizens are encouraged to use to report illegal dumping activities as well as through the city's customer service center at <http://www.tampagov.net>.

Need and Recommendation 5. Renovation work at Desoto Park pavilion

The Pavilion at DeSoto Park (DeSoto Park and 26th Street) needs to be renovated as follows:

- a. **The roof needs to be replaced.**
- b. *The south side needs a retention pond or culvert to be installed to help drain off standing water from the north side entrance of the building. When it rains, the sidewalk is covered in ankle-deep water. The grass retains too much water during the rainy season. In summer, it becomes a major problem with the summer programs and the children who attend these programs. The children have to walk through the water to get inside the building, and then they have wet feet in an air-conditioned building.*
- c. **More lighting is needed near the stairs on the north side of building. Even with the new lights in place at the pavilion, the park is still dark in many areas and it is very dangerous for residents who come to the park in the evenings.**

Response to a: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The department will contact Facilities Management to assess the roof of the pavilion.

Update to a: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The contractor is scheduled to start work on October 22, 2007 and work is to be completed by November 2, 2007.

Response to c: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The department will look at the need for additional lighting near the stairs of the building.

Update to c: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The department has determined that additional lighting is needed on the stairs of the building. The lighting will be installed in FY08.

Need and Recommendation 10. Traffic directional turn signals

Traffic directional turn signals are needed for east and west turns at North 34th Street and East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and for east and west turns at North 22nd Street and East Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

During certain hours of the day, it is very difficult making east or west turns, due to the high volume of traffic.

Response: From Mike Scanlon, Traffic Signal Engineer, Transportation Division, Department of Public Works, 274-8105. The above requested locations are under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation, District 7, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa. The contact person is Mr. Anthony Chaumont at 975-6250. Please call him directly with your concerns.

Need and Recommendation 11. Continued Upgrades to 18th Avenue Park

The park located at North 32nd Street and East 18th Avenue (between East 21st Avenue and East 18th Avenue) needs additional shelters and grills. In addition, the community needs a recreation building for organized activities.

Response: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The department will look into the feasibility of a new building, an additional shelter and grills at the park.

Update: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The department is still looking at developing a master plan to properly develop the park. Funding for the plan has not been determined and the department will consider this plan when funding comes available.

Need and Recommendation 12. Resurfacing of road

East Palm Avenue between North 15th Street and North 18th Avenue needs to be resurfaced.

There are some areas that are really rough and need to be resurfaced.

Response: From Scott Shaw, Traffic Operations Chief, Transportation Division, Department of Public Works. Resurfacing was completed on March 12, 2007.

Need and Recommendation 13. Traffic directional turn signal

Traffic directional turn signals are needed for east and west turns at North 34th Street and East Hillsborough Avenue.

During certain hours of the day, it is very difficult making east or west turns due to the high volume of traffic.

Response: From Mike Scanlon, Traffic Signal Engineer, Transportation Division, Department of Public Works, 274-8105. The above requested location is under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation, District 7, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa. The contact person is Mr. Anthony Chaumont at 975-6250. Please call him directly with your concerns.

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Need and Recommendation 14. Sidewalks

Place sidewalks on 10th Avenue between 23rd Street and 27th Street.

Kids stand on the street while waiting for school buses. High-speed traffic passes on 26th Street and semi-trucks drive up and down 10th Avenue. This area has significant pedestrian and bike traffic, as well as children walking, which presents a safety concern since the roadway is so narrow.

Response: From Jan Washington, Engineer, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8303. This location has been selected for construction in the FY07 season, Contract 7-C-6, PW5276 with CIT funding. Anticipate construction on 10th Avenue between 22nd Street and 27th Street by mid 2008.

Update: From Jan Washington, Engineer, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8303. The above requested location is scheduled for construction in December 2007.

Need and Recommendation 15. Speed calming devices

Request a completed study and implementation of speed calming devices on 26th Street between Columbus Drive and 7th Avenue.

26th Street north of 7th Avenue is a popular cut-through to Columbus Drive. Vehicles, including semi-trucks, use this frequently and speeding is a regular occurrence.

There is a new park on 26th Street and children must cross this dangerous road to access the park.

Response: From William Porth, Traffic Studies Technician, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. Before consideration is given to the installation of speed tables or any other traffic calming measures on local residential streets or Neighborhood-Collector roadways, a documented speeding problem must exist. This documentation takes place once the Transportation Division staff conducts a speed study and substantiates the existence of a speeding problem. In rare circumstances, such as an intersection with a documented history of pedestrian accidents, other site specific traffic calming measures may be implemented.

Speed studies determine the 85th percentile speed. The 85th percentile speed is the speed at, or below which 85% percent of the observed free-flowing vehicles travel. The Transportation Division, in cooperation with the Tampa Police Department, considers speeding to be a problem at a point in which 85% of the motorists are traveling 10 mph or more above the designated speed limit.

The City of Tampa currently has documented 154 locations City-wide with speeding problems on local residential streets, Neighborhood-Collector roadways, and the higher volume Collectors and Arterials. Of the 154 locations, 83 of them qualify for traffic calming measures because they are classified as local residential streets or Neighborhood-Collector roadways. The remaining locations do not qualify for traffic calming because they are classified as Collectors and Arterials.

As each new speeding location is documented, they are added to the Speeding Location List (SLL). This list contains all of the locations in the City of Tampa that have documented speeding problems. The SLL is a prioritization tool and a prerequisite prior to considering a location for traffic calming measures. The SLL ranks speeding locations by the greatest differential between the 85th percentile speed and the designated speed limit. This sorting ranks the worst speeding locations first. Additionally, rankings will change when each new speeding location is documented. Currently, we are working to resolve the documented speeding problems in the order of severity (worst-case first). When we reach a requested location on the SLL that qualifies for traffic calming measures, we will work with the affected property owners and their neighbors to find the best solution to address the speeding problem.

North 26th Street between East 7th Avenue and East Columbus Drive was last studied a year ago and the findings indicated that the 85th percentile speed was 32 mph which is below the minimum qualifying requirement as outlined above. Because the study is a year or older, we will request a new speed study on your behalf and the estimated time of completion is approximately 12 weeks. After

the speed study is completed, our findings will be shared with you. If you have not received an update on the speed study after this 12 week period, please contact us.

Update: From William Porth, Traffic Studies Technician, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. On Wednesday, June 20, 2007 a 24-hour speed and volume study was conducted on North 26th Street between East 7th Avenue and East Columbus Drive. The designated speed limit for this section of roadway is 25 mph. The resulting 85% percentile speed was 31 mph. Based on the results of this study, North 26th Street between East 7th Avenue and East Columbus Drive does not appear to be experiencing a speeding problem.

Need and Recommendation 16. Curbing and proper roadway width

Request curbing and road width adjustments at 10th Avenue between 24th Street to dead-end, and 11th and 12th Avenues at 26th Street.

Dirt spills into roadway and money is continually wasted on a street sweeper to push dirt around. Semi-trucks tear up right-of-ways, knocking over signs, fire hydrants and destroying our yards.

Improper drainage is also an effect of lacking infrastructure.

Response to curbing: From Michael J. Burwell, Planning and Environment Division, Stormwater Department, 274-7864. This will require a complete street design by the Transportation Division of the Department of Public Works. I have requested information from the coordinator on the “improper” drainage to determine if there is a need for a Stormwater capital improvement at this location.

Update: From Michael J. Burwell, Planning and Environment Division, Stormwater Department, 274-7864. I requested additional details from the coordinator of this project but have not received a response at this time. Please call me directly concerning progress.

Response to road width: From Steve Hiza, Engineer, Street Design, Transportation Division, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. Our records indicate that 10th Avenue is 20 feet wide, and appears to be adequate for two-way traffic. Widening this local street and putting in curb would be very costly and very disruptive and I don't believe it would address the real issue of trucks through the neighborhood. I understand that complaints about trucks on 10th Avenue were received in our Customer Service Center some time ago and the issue has been under review ever since to determine if there is a possible solution. Apparently, the trucking company has been operating for some time at this location. Tampa Municipal Code Sec 25-183 allows trucks to deviate from established truck routes but requires that they minimize the distance over no truck routes and return to a truck route by the shortest possible route. Trucks north and south on 21st Street and 22nd Street are using 10th Avenue since it is the most direct access to their business. Other trucks to and from the east on 7th Avenue are using 27th Street to minimize the distance. The city is considering alternative routes for the trucks and will hopefully find a solution to this problem in the near future.

Update: From Steve Hiza, Engineer, Street Design, Transportation Division, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. The area is still being studied for alternative routes for trucks. To inquiry about the progress of these studies, please contact Mr. Tony Rodriguez, Transportation Manager, DPW at 274-8333.

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Need and Recommendation 17. Sidewalks with landscaping

Request sidewalks throughout Ybor City, Area 2, from East Columbus Drive on the north to Adamo Drive on the south, and North 22nd Street on the west to 26th Street on the east, as follows:

- a. **North 26th Street from Columbus Drive to Adamo Drive on both sides of the street (none exist).**
- b. **10th Avenue and 11th Avenue from 22nd Street east to 27th Street on both sides. Sidewalks are a necessity for the safety and well-being of our residents, especially the children.**

Landscaping of these sidewalks will also attract others to move into our neighborhood. How an area looks is so important.

Response to a and b: From Jim Pinkney, Manager, Clean City Division, 931-2143. Clean City Division will partner with Transportation and Parks and Recreation project planning to discuss the needs regarding enhanced landscaping along these sidewalks.

Response to a and b: From Jim Pinkney, Manager, Clean City Division, 931-2143. During the landscape design process and bid award, the contractor defaulted on the project, causing the city to take responsibility to complete this project in-house. A final inspection by FDOT is due by December 20, 2007.

Response to a: From Jan Washington, Engineer, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8303. 26th Street from Columbus Drive to Adamo Drive will be evaluated and added to the database for consideration in the FY08 construction season.

Update to a: From Jan Washington, Engineer, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8303. The above requested location will soon be evaluated for consideration in the FY08 season.

Response to b: From Jan Washington, Engineer, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8303. 10th Avenue from 22nd Street to 27th Street has been selected for construction in the

FY07 season, Contract 7-C-6, PW5276 with CIT funding. Anticipate construction by mid 2008.

11th Avenue from 22nd Street to 27th Street will be evaluated and added to the database for consideration in the FY08 construction season.

Update to b: From Jan Washington, Engineer, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8303. 10th Avenue is scheduled for construction in December 2007. 11th Avenue has been evaluated for consideration in the FY08 season.

Response to a and b: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. We will work with the Clean City Division if sidewalks are installed to see feasibility of landscaping.

Need and Recommendation 18. Traffic Calming

Speed limit signs and awareness signs are needed to slow traffic down at the following locations:

- a. **26th Street, East 10th Avenue, and East 11th Avenue around east Ybor Park. Signs that indicate children are at play or something similar, as well as speed limit signs are needed.**
- b. **10th Avenue and 11th Avenue need traffic calming from 22nd Street east to 26th Street, perhaps 4-way stop signs.**

Calming the traffic with speed limit signs and awareness signs (children present or at play) and the addition of a 4-way stop sign is a safety issue and a necessity.

Response to a: From William Porth, Traffic Studies Technician, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. The posted speed limit for North 26th Street, East 10th Avenue and East 11th Avenue is 25 mph. The non-vehicular Traffic Signs "Playground" warning signs will be installed on North 26th Street on north and south of the playground at East 11th Avenue. We will also install a "Play Ground" warning sign west of the playground on East 11th Avenue.

Update to a: From William Porth, Traffic Studies Technician, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. Work requests for "Play Ground" warning signs have been completed and are currently under review. Once the work request has been approved, the signs will be installed.

Response to b: From William Porth, Traffic Studies Technician, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. Before consideration is given to the installation of speed tables or any other traffic calming measures on local residential streets or Neighborhood-Collector roadways, a documented speeding problem must exist. This documentation takes place once the Transportation Division staff conducts a speed study and substantiates the existence of a speeding problem. In rare circumstances, such as an intersection with a documented history of pedestrian accidents, other site specific traffic calming measures may be implemented.

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Speed studies have been requested on your behalf for both East 10th and 11th Avenues between North 22nd Street and North 26th Street. The estimated time of completion is approximately 12 weeks. After the speed study is completed, our findings will be shared with you. If you have not received an update on the speed study after this 12 week period, please contact us.

Update to b: From William Porth, Traffic Studies Technician, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. Both speed studies were re-ordered and the field data has not yet been returned for analysis. After the speed study is completed, our findings will be shared with citizens.

Need and Recommendation 19. Street Repaving

East 26th Street needs repaving from Columbus Drive to Adamo Drive.

The potholes on East 26th Street are deep and dangerous. Vehicles traveling 25 miles per hour often require maintenance after encountering such holes. The work on I-4 has caused most of this problem. The trucks have damaged all of 26th Street from East Adamo Drive to East Columbus Drive, especially at the I-4 area between 12th Avenue and 13th Avenue, and the intersection of East 4th Avenue and North 26th Street.

Repairing the potholes of the streets prevent lawsuits and claims against the City of Tampa, improves public safety, and enhances the appearance of the area.

Response: From Scott Shaw, Traffic Operations Chief, Transportation Division, Department of Public Works, 622-1955. The area underneath I-4 has been restored by FDOT. The remainder between Columbus Drive and Adamo Drive shall be considered for paving in the near future by the City of Tampa.

Update: From Scott Shaw, Traffic Operations Chief, Transportation Division, Department of Public Works, 622-1955. 26th Street from Columbus Drive to Adamo Drive has been added to the list and will be considered for possible resurfacing next year.

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Need and Recommendation 20. 34th Street residential corridor beautification

Landscaping improvements on 34th Street from 7th Avenue to I-4 including cleaning up and a possible median are needed. This residential neighborhood has a commercial look that a median with simple trees and grass would help to alleviate.

This is a residential neighborhood! 34th Street is a major 4-lane road that runs right in between the neighborhood. It has absolutely no appeal – no landscaping, or no crosswalks whatsoever.

Response: From Jim Pinkney, Manager, Clean City Division, 931-2143. The median at this location is concrete. Clean City Division would partner with Transportation to identify the costs to develop and design 2-4 medians and identify plant material that could be drought tolerant using a xeriscape theme.

Update: From Jim Pinkney, Manager, Clean City Division, 931-2143. Transportation will evaluate the feasibility of the constructability of widening the road to include a landscaped median and crosswalk. Based upon the decision, Clean City will determine the costs of landscape design and maintenance.

Response: From Nina Mabileau, Engineer, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. 34th Street between 7th Avenue and I-4 is currently a four-lane undivided Collector roadway 50' wide with Level of Service A. It would not be possible to install a median within the existing pavement area because of the required reduction in the width of the lanes below the standard 12' wide. In order to accommodate a minimum 8' wide landscaped median, the roadway would have to be widened at least 4' on each side. This would be very costly and very disruptive. This request will be forwarded to the Transportation Manager and Street Design Engineer for evaluation as to feasibility and constructability of widening the road, and consideration for the installation of crosswalks where they are warranted. If they determine it is a viable project, then the city must allocate a considerable amount of funding for design, permitting, and reconstruction of the

roadway including the installation of medians as well as irrigation and landscaping. In addition, there would have to be an annual funding commitment for required maintenance of the landscaping and irrigation within this six block segment of the 34th Street corridor.

Update: From Nina Mabileau, Engineer, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. The City recently solicited a "Request for Qualifications" (RFQ) to select a design consultant. The design will be for an enhancement project to investigate traffic concerns and beautification of the roadway. City staff review of the proposals is continuing. A shortlist of consultants is planned to be released in December 2007. Design is anticipated to begin by April 2008. Contact James Jackson in Contract Administration, 274-8773 for inquiries as to the status of the project.

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Need and Recommendation 21. Sidewalk repair

Complete and repair sidewalks from 22nd Street to 24th Street on 5th Avenue.

On this two-block stretch of 5th Avenue, one house has been restored to historic standards, my own house is almost complete, and three more are to be started in January of 2007. There will be a significant increase in the tax base. The existing sidewalks are in disgraceful condition and need to be repaired and the gaps filled in.

Response: From Jan Washington, Engineer, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8303. The City of Tampa restored sidewalks in Ybor City during the FY06 construction season. A small amount of construction is scheduled in FY07, but all restoration efforts have been suspended because of new development activity. The 5th Avenue location will be evaluated for restoration and construction in the FY08 season.

Citizens who are restoring homes are responsible for sidewalk restoration. Please see Tampa Municipal Code Sec. 22-103.

Update: From Jan Washington, Engineer, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8303. 5th Avenue has been evaluated for restoration and consideration in the FY08 season.

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Need and Recommendation 22. Request pedestrian crossing be placed at the intersection of 21st Avenue and 34th Street

Request a pedestrian crosswalk be placed at the intersection of 21st Avenue and 34th Street. Continuing east on 21st Avenue is Franklin Middle School; west of the intersection is the 18th Avenue Park and a community church.

Major thoroughfares in the immediate proximity include: Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard, 40th Street and Columbus Drive. As the community undergoes revitalization, so increases traffic, residential and commercial. New homes and the promise of new businesses in the area place the children of the community at a greater risk of injury/death at this particular intersection.

At a minimum, youth must cross this intersection twice daily to get to and from school. After school hours, when traffic is heaviest, presents the greatest propensity for harm.

Response: From William Porth, Traffic Studies Technician, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. Prior to the installation of new marked crosswalks, pedestrian facilities such as pedestrian curb ramps are required to meet American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines. A field review of East 21st Avenue and North 34th Street intersection found no accessible pedestrian curb ramps in compliance with ADA. Without these facilities in place, marked pedestrian crosswalk can not be installed. We will submit this request to our city Traffic Engineer and Chief Design Engineer for an intersection re-design feasibility study.

Update: From William Porth, Traffic Studies Technician, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. A request has been forwarded to the City Traffic Engineer and Chief Design Engineer for consideration to implement a re-design feasibility study.

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Need and Recommendation 23. Sidewalks Neighborhood Watch Grid 055 is requesting a walk around at the edge of Woodland Terrace park, (Paved) for walking for fitness.

Response: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. Presently there is not a trail/walking path around the park. The department will evaluate the need to establish a trail/walking path.

Update: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. There is no funding for this project, but we will consider this project in the future when funding becomes available.