

Downtown Streetscape Phase II Progress & Communication Meeting
Thursday, February 27, 2014
10:00am

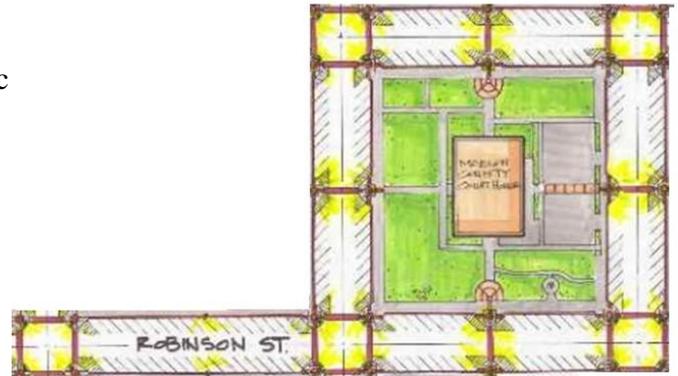


Present

The following is a summary of the discussions held during our progress meeting of the above date. The meeting was held at approximately 10 am in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The following agenda was generally followed. A sign in sheet was passed around and those present signed in. A copy of said sign-in is on file.

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Sign In sheet
3. Work to date (since last meeting)
4. Expected work this next period
5. Questions
6. City's comments
7. Business/Property Owner comments
8. Field Review as needed
9. Wrap Up



Punch list items along Second Street

Contractor has remaining work along Second Street including sidewalks, bumpouts, crosswalks, curbs and streetlights. Approx. 1 month until concrete work may begin again. Sign posts are being prepared. Also, parking area along Second Street, east side will be replaced. The contractor will reduce Second Street down to one lane as this occurs but will not close the intersection. Also, the stormwater grates along Second will be replaced.

Expected work this next period, beginning Monday, March 3, 2014

Beginning Monday, Contractor will begin installing fencing, traffic control and conduct safety training with the construction crew at the Public Library. Approx. 2 days are needed to stage and then street removals will begin. Approx. 1 month is needed for underground sewer installation, including vault replacement. Regardless of weather, the Contractor will continue with progress on the underground until complete.

City of Knoxville Public Works staff will assist with snow removal, if necessary, during the project. Other comments from the City include –

- Frost material will not be permitted as fill
- Storage at the brush dump will not be an option this construction year

- Recommended the contractor determine whether saw cutting with current temperatures is appropriate
- City staff will remove benches from Robinson Street
- Hawkeye Paving will replace 5 sewer cleanout castings along Second Street
- Hawkeye Paving will utilize blankets to cover underground utilities until the temperature improves.

Knoxville Water Works mentioned there will be some water service interruptions during street removals at Third & Robinson Intersection. They will provide 24-hours' notice to residents/business owners or as much time as possible.

Parking will continue to be an issue around the square. Comments were made to encourage alternative parking to "free up" spaces for downtown visitors and guests. Both public parking lots will remain open.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 11th.