Thursday, January 31, 2008

Public Hearings and Possible Actions RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 137

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-6 of the City Code to require sidewalks for new buildings, major additions to buildings, and relocated buildings; to provide for administrative waivers from sidewalk installation requirements; and to allow a person to pay into a sidewalk fund instead of installing a sidewalk.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Planning Commission.

Currently sidewalks are only required with new subdivisions or site plans. This amendment specifies that sidewalks may be required at the time a building permit is issued for new construction or a major addition to an existing structure. The amendment also allows an applicant in certain cases to contribute to a sidewalk fund in lieu of constructing a required sidewalk. Additionally, it makes all waivers from sidewalk requirements administrative. At present a waiver may be granted administratively if requested with a site plan but must be approved by the Land Use Commission if requested with a subdivision.