SIDEWALK WORKSHOP MINUTES NOVEMBER 7TH, 2024 6:00 PM

PRESENT:

John Vogel II, Mayor Caitlin Bolender, Building & Zoning Commissioner Blaze Drinkwine, Parks Commissioner Marissa Morales, City Clerk Adam Ray, Public Works Director Will Plazewski, Water Clerk

ABSENT:

Kevin Damic, Water Commissioner Randy Huckabee, Mayor Pro Tem

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Marissa Morales

1. COMMISSION COMMENTS

- A. Mayor Vogel recommended creating a priority list of proposed sidewalk locations, filtered by feasibility.
- B. Commissioner Drinkwine suggested focusing on connecting new sidewalks to existing structures and placing them in areas where pedestrian safety can be enhanced.
- C. Commissioner Bolender recommended creating more connections to the City's parks and business areas.

2. STAFF COMMENTS

A. City Clerk Marissa Morales recommended focusing on smaller-scale sidewalk extensions to accommodate current budget constraints. Additional factors such as ADA compliance with new installations, ROW acquisition needs, and utility conflicts would need to be considered prior to committing to any construction projects.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Don Kandalec of Dunne Road asked about extending the existing sidewalk on Pompanic Street toward Dunne Road. Construction of a sidewalk by the developer of the Meadows of San Antonio subdivision was previously discussed. Installation of a sidewalk on Dunne Road would require verification if the ROW was owned by the City or Pasco County.
- B. Jorge Varino of 7th Avenue suggested a loop of sidewalks tying into the existing ones on Michigan and Pennsylvania Avenue. Addition of sidewalks near Railroad Avenue and Oak Street near the county park was also discussed. Safety concerns for parents and children walking from San Antonio Elementary school, primarily along Antonio Way, were also addressed.

3. ADJOURNMENT: Workshop adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marissa N. Morales, City Clerk