

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Meg Williamson, Interim Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Installation of a Pedestrian Walkway around the Marlowe and Acorn Buildings
DATE: April 20, 2004

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider approving the installation of a pedestrian walkway around the Marlowe and Acorn buildings.

FACTS:

1. The December 22, 2003 earthquake damaged the Marlowe and Acorn buildings.
2. Both buildings are owned by the Mastagnis Family.
3. The City Council approved the demolition of both buildings on February 3, 2004.
4. In preparation for reconstructing both buildings, Portney Construction, on behalf of the Mastagnis', will need to construct a pedestrian walkway around their buildings.

**ANALYSIS
AND**

CONCLUSION: The applicant has submitted a plan to install the pedestrian walkway. The Building Department reviewed the plans to ensure that their design meets codes for pedestrian safety.

The applicant has stated that the footings of the future buildings will be very close to the existing sidewalks. Therefore, it is necessary that the walkway be installed in the street area. This would mean that about sixteen parking spaces will be eliminated. The flower beds at both corners would also be eliminated.

It is expected that the walkway would need to be in place for the duration of the building reconstruction, approximately 9-12 months. Staff, therefore, recommends that the colors and aesthetic design of the walkway be reviewed and approved by the Development Review Committee.

POLICY

REFERENCE An Encroachment Permit will need to be issued.

FISCAL

IMPACT: None.

OPTIONS:

- a. Issue an encroachment permit as requested by Portney Construction, subject to the Development Review Committee's approval of the colors and/or design of the pedestrian walkway
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

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