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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Land Use and Development Committee

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: June 12, 2013

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CONDITION OF THE STONES IN THE 1100 BLOCK OF LINCOLN ROAD**

At the December 12, 2012 Commission Meeting, the Commission referred this item to the Land Use and Development Committee for discussion.

BACKGROUND

The item was also brought up for discussion to address concerns regarding the cleanliness of the 1100 block and the handicapped accessibility of the Pedra Portuguesa stone surface.

City staff has met with UIA Management, LLC (UIA), the firm that designed, developed, and now manages this block, to discuss these concerns. UIA acknowledged the cleanliness concerns and believes that it is taking the necessary measures to make the block as clean as possible. UIA has stated that it is in compliance with its service contract for maintenance of the 1100 block, which requires:

- Porter services by one landscape contractor who is on-site from 6:30 – 9:00 am and 3:30 – 5:30 pm 365 days per year;
- Trash and litter removal seven days per week with trash removal from receptacles twice per day;
- Ant control;
- Pressure cleaning once per week; and
- Weed removal, pruning, pool skimming, and fertilization by a three-man crew 52 times per year.

To address the accessibility issue, the City Commission approved a capital budget entitled Lincoln Road Mall ADA Pedestrian Pathway and provided construction funding in the amount of $70,000. While the Pedra Portuguesa surface is ADA compliant, staff has also investigated the requirements for providing a smoother, more handicapped friendly surface. A few of the suggestions included replacing the existing stones with smallest ones, grinding the stones flat, and replacing them with another material.

Staff analyzed these various options to determine the best method to level the surface while maintaining its aesthetic appeal and durability. Staff believes that the best option would be to provide a four-foot wide smooth path from Lenox Avenue to Alton Road. Within the confines of the path, each stone would be chipped out, a smooth surface would be cut on each stone, and each stone would be driven back to the same level as the other stones in the path to form a smooth, uniform surface.

This work will need to be done by skilled artisans. As a result, the estimated cost is $40 – $50 per square foot. For a 4-foot wide path that traverses the approximate 350 feet of this block, the cost will be within the $70,000 appropriated.

CONCLUSION

The above information is provided for discussion by members of the Land Use and Development Committee.

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