

Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2025; 6:30pm-7:14pm

Agenda: To discuss the petition received regarding sidewalk installations on the west side of Wayne Street from Homestead Point Drive to Oak Street.

Call to order: 6:30pm - P. Carr

- Introduction of documents in packet
- Opened discussion

Discussion

- We are not sure if signers of the petition understand the process and responsibilities of having sidewalk installed
- Only the properties having the sidewalks installed would be financially responsible.
- There is not a current desire to start/add another phase to the current city-wide sidewalk installation that is in currently completing phase 4
- Clarified where the city limits are concerning the area under discussion
 - The east side of Wayne street in the area under discussion is not within the city limits
- Clarified that the current city sidewalk installation policy referenced was used to set up 4 phases that would be completed over time in attempt to achieve city-wide sidewalk access throughout Orrville at the time of the policy's inception. This was not a policy implemented with intentions of being used beyond the completion of the 4 phases. What we do after phase 4 is complete concerning city-wide sidewalks will be another discussion that we will be having in the near future.
- Mayor has previously sent a letter out in response to the petition under discussion. As of this meeting, there has been no response to the Mayor's letter
- Disappointment that there were no representatives from the petition in attendance to this open meeting was shared
- Next steps:
 - A letter will be drafted and sent out to the petitioners that would be financially responsible explaining the detail of the process if the project would move forward; responsibilities of the property owners, role of the city, possible timelines, cost structures, etc.
 - Wait for a timely response before making any decisions
- Meeting adjourned: 7:14pm - P. Carr