

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session
November 20, 2006**

Mayor McNally called the Study Session to order at 6:40 PM. All Council was in attendance.

City Staff in attendance included: City Manager Brent McFall; City Attorney Marty McCullough; Community Development Director John Carpenter; Police Chief Dan Montgomery; Deputy City Manager Matt Lutkus; City Engineer Dave Downing; Park Services Manager Rich Dahl; Liquor Investigations Officer Jeri Elliot and Administrative Secretary Jane Franzen.

The guests in attendance were Evie Hemphill with the Westminster Window and Andrea Desarro.

Potential Uses of Sidewalk Connection CIP Funds

During the City Council meeting of October 9, 2006, Mr. Dean Vandenberg, who resides at 10540 West 104th Place within Countryside Subdivision, requested the construction of a concrete sidewalk along the east side of Countryside Drive to the north of 100th Avenue. His request was to provide additional access to Wayne Carle Middle School for students of the neighborhood.

Concrete sidewalks exist along the west side of Countryside Drive as well as on the east side from 100th Avenue to the south edge of the Ketner Reservoir open space. Furthermore, an existing pedestrian crossing is available a short distance to the south of Moore Street that allows pedestrians to safely cross Countryside Drive. Finally, a “soft trail” composed of crusher fines material encircles Ketner Reservoir and roughly parallels Countryside Drive on the east side of the street. A convenient trail exists already, and there are other pressing needs for the use of Sidewalk Connection CIP funds.

Council concurred with Staff’s recommendation that a crusher fines connection be made between the existing trail that encircles Ketner Reservoir and the existing segment of sidewalk located along the east side of Countryside Drive near 100th Avenue. Also, a short section of concrete sidewalk is proposed to be built in Kensington Park to connect the trail around Ketner Reservoir to an internal park trail, thus providing access to the Countryside Drive crosswalk. These connections would permit pedestrians to conveniently gain access to the middle school from the east side of Countryside Drive.

Park Shelter Reservation 2007 Fees

This item was removed from the Agenda at the request of the City Manager.

Request to Modify City Code re Prohibition of Minors in Tavern/Cabaret Licensed Premises

Tom Wiczork of Time Out Sports Bar has asked that Council consider modifying Section 5-16-9 of the Westminster Municipal Code to allow minors on premise at a tavern/cabaret until 8 p.m. daily. The Special Permit and License Board recently granted Mr. Wiczork a tavern/cabaret at 8787 Sheridan Boulevard, and he intends to operate a neighborhood establishment with a sports bar emphasis where families can gather to watch their favorite team sporting events. The referenced Code provision prohibits minors under the age of 21 on premise, and Mr. Wiczork is concerned that the local law will have significant impact on his business.

Council concurred with Staff’s recommendation that the Ordinance not be amended. Staff believes this section of the code has affected the desired result of curbing underage consumption of alcohol.

Mayor McNally adjourned the Study Session at 7:02 PM.