

Date March 11, 2013

Request from Council Member Christine Hensley, to speak regarding specialty street sign toppers for the Sherman Hill neighborhood. .

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Rauh, Diane <dirauh@dmgov.org>

FW: Street signs/neighborhood signage (Sherman Hill)

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Steve & Chris Hensley <hensley.chrissteve@gmail.com>
To: "Rauh, Diane" <dirauh@dmgov.org>

Wed, Mar 6, 2013 at 9:41 AM

Diane – can you please add this to the agenda for Monday’s meeting. Thanks, Chris

From: Ryan P. Howell [mailto:ryanphowell@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 9:31 AM
To: Steve & Chris Hensley
Cc: Nathan Blake
Subject: Re: Street signs/neighborhood signage (Sherman Hill)

Chris,

That sounds great. Just let me know what you need from us to push this forward.

Thank you,

Ryan

On Wed, Mar 6, 2013 at 6:21 AM, Steve & Chris Hensley <hensley.chrissteve@gmail.com> wrote:

Ryan – as a follow-up I have forwarded to Jennifer Bohac, Traffic and Transportation and asked her to lay out the steps to make this happen. I also indicated I would visit with you about having on the council agenda for 3/11 which would really get the ball rolling. Your thoughts?

From: Ryan P. Howell [mailto:ryanphowell@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 4:48 PM
To: Steve & Chris Hensley
Cc: Nathan Blake**Subject:** Fwd: Street signs/neighborhood signage (Sherman Hill)

Chris,

Sherman Hill is interested in exploring street sign toppers which are found in many historic districts. For example, Raleigh (<http://www.boylanheights.org/articles/proposed-toppers.html>), Austin (<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=179292>), and other cities use the toppers to identify their historic districts (<http://urbanplacesandspaces.blogspot.com/2006/03/street-sign-historic-markers.html>).

We received the below correspondence and attached guidelines that do not permit sign toppers. We are hoping that you could help us work through/around these guidelines as needed. I found these guidelines used in Phoenix to permit toppers:

http://phoenix.gov/webcms/groups/internet/@inter/@dept/@streets/documents/web_content/d_039346.pdf

My understanding is that the primary concern is the cost to the city to purchase and maintain. Sherman Hill's intent is to use its own funds to purchase and maintain such toppers so that should be eliminated.

Please let me know your thoughts or if you would like to discuss.

Thank you,

Ryan

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Bohac, Jennifer** <jlbohac@dmgov.org>

Date: Tue, Jan 15, 2013 at 2:06 PM

Subject: Re: Street signs/neighborhood signage

To: "Ryan P. Howell" <ryanphowell@gmail.com>

Cc: "Kozitza, Pat" <pjkozitza@dmgov.org>, Nathan Blake <nathan.blake@gmail.com>

Ryan and Nathan,

We can definitely help you with some specialty signage in your neighborhood. We no longer use street sign toppers or specialty street name signs on unique posts as these items have been quite difficult to maintain in the past and we have standardized our street name sign coloring and layout for emergency response. We have guidelines for signage in neighborhoods which is what has been used in many other neighborhoods. There are pole mounted signs and ground mounted monument signs that can be placed. The guidelines provide you with an idea of number of signs and colors. I would be happy to speak with you more about sign design, size, placement, etc. I think Nathan may have left a message with the other Jennifer in my office. Please review the attached at call me with any questions, at 283-4973.

Jennifer

On Tue, Jan 15, 2013 at 1:44 PM, Ryan P. Howell <ryanphowell@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks, Pat.

Jennifer - I have copied Nathan who will give you a ring.

Thank you,

Ryan

On Tue, Jan 15, 2013 at 1:39 PM, Kozitza, Pat <pjkozitza@dmgov.org> wrote:

Ryan,

In response to your inquiry regarding signage, I am notifying our Traffic and Transportation Administrator, Jennifer Bohac, of your need for information. I am confident that Jennifer will contact you. Never the less, given your tight time table, feel free to call her at 283-4973.

Have a great day,

Pat

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"If you do not have the courage to start, you are already finished".

On Tue, Jan 15, 2013 at 1:23 PM, Ryan P. Howell <ryanphowell@gmail.com> wrote:

Pat,

It appears that street signs fall under the Public Works banner, and I am hoping you can direct us to the correct person. I have copied Nathan Blake who is spearheading signage for Sherman Hill. Nathan has left a few voice mails for folks with the City and has not received a response.

We need to speak with the City authority on a couple potential projects and their feasibility: neighborhood markers on top of street signs, antique street signs/black poles, and permanent signage at the entrances to Sherman Hill.

There is a potential grant that is due by the end of this month and City input would be very helpful.

Thank you for your assistance,

Ryan

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