



Agenda Item No. 18.

Staff Report

Date: September 11, 2014

To: Mayor Elizabeth Brekhus and Councilmembers

From: Rob Braulik, Town Manager

Subject: Council consideration of Sir Francis Drake (SFD)/Lagunitas project amendment for additional sidewalk extension from bus stop location in front of the Marin Art & Garden Center to the corner of Laurel Grove Avenue and update on Town Hall SFD landscaping

Recommendation

Council consideration of project amendment to install additional concrete sidewalk from bus stop location in front of the Marin Art & Garden Center to the corner of Laurel Grove Avenue.

Background and discussion

The Town has nearly completed the Sir Francis Drake (SFD)/Lagunitas intersection improvement project. This project started construction in June of this year and most of the construction was completed in late August. The scope of work included:

- Construction of new curbs, sidewalks, and curb ramps
- New irrigation and landscaping
- Pavement grinding and asphalt concrete overlay
- Re-stripping of the roadway over the length of the project and
- Upgrading traffic and pedestrian signals

There are some outstanding items associated with installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) handrails, completion of final landscaping on SFD in front of Town Hall, installation of a new signal at SFD/Lagunitas, signal head installations and various construction punch list items.

An item that came up during construction is the original design only included sidewalk on the eastern side (i.e., the Marin Garden side) to the bus stop. Where the new sidewalk ends the path is a meandering asphalt path to the corner of Laurel. Along the asphalt path are two mature trees along the frontage. After speaking to the SFD/Lagunitas Construction Management firm Ghirardelli and Associates and with the original design firm Coastland Engineering, they suggested the Town consider this project amendment.

Construction of this sidewalk extension would offer a much safer smooth walking surface for pedestrians over the existing asphalt paved path and would provide a finished pedestrian improvement on this side of the street that could tie into potential future improvements.

Staff is also working on a plan to get the landscaping in front of Town Hall on SFD designed and completed. The previous “landscaping” was turf grass. We have communicated with the same landscape architect that provided the landscape design in front of Town Hall on Lagunitas. The plan is to come up with a similar low maintenance drought tolerant landscape design and plan.

Fiscal, resource and timeline impacts

The cost of this sidewalk improvement is approximately Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) which includes a ten percent contingency. There are sufficient funds in the Roadway Fund for this expenditure.

Alternative actions

Council can deny the project amendment.

Environmental review (if applicable)

N/A