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AGENDA NOTES:

Agenda Item #54 O-V – Property Transactions (Park Road Sidewalk Project)

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On July 26 Council will be asked to approve eight condemnations for the Park Road Sidewalk Project, agenda items #54 O,P,Q,R,S,T,U, & V. This project is funded by the Sidewalk Program budget through the 2008 Street Bonds.

These condemnations are in preparation for installation of sidewalk along Park Road from Poindexter Dr. to Sunset Dr., covering the approximately .2-mile gap in the pedestrian walkway. The proposed sidewalk project will provide connectivity to existing and other proposed sidewalks in the neighborhood, as well as storm water improvements. Construction should begin in fourth quarter calendar year 2010 or first quarter 2011. These eight condemnations will complete acquisition for the project, with 7 of the 15 property owners (47%) already signing easements.

This table details negotiations between property owners and staff for each transaction for issues other than cash compensation. The staff tried to agree to all reasonable requests that could be met within the parameters of the project goals and its design.

In addition, there remains significant disagreement about appropriate compensation amounts, even after appraisals were complete. During the condemnation process, a judge will determine just monetary compensation based on appraisals and damages, and the non-monetary negotiations outlined in the table will not be considered.

Property Transaction	Property Address	Explanation
O	2922 Park Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City agreed to 2-year tree warranty.• Owner requested 5-year warranty. City declined.
P	2918 Park Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City agreed to dual driveway design, limited tree protection, 2-year tree warranty, short retaining wall.
Q	2912 Park Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City agreed to driveway extension, replace trees with 2-year warranty.• Owner requested change in planting strip. City declined.
R	2816 Park Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City agreed to replace retaining wall, replace tree.
S	2812 Park Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City agreed to retaining wall design changes, 2-year tree warranty.
T	2808 Park Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City agreed to retaining wall design change.
U	2804 Park Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City agreed to repaint fire hydrant, replace tree.
V	2734 Park Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Owner requested design changes. City declined.



STIMULUS INFORMATION:

Student Energy Internship and Fellowship Program

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On March 8, City Council authorized the City Manager to submit a proposal for interns and/or fellows through the North Carolina State Energy Office's "Student Energy Internship and Fellowship Program," which is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. On July 20, State Energy Office notified the City that it had been awarded a grant to fund its proposal.

The City will use up to 13 interns and four fellows. The City will partner with Davidson College, Johnson C. Smith University, and UNC-Charlotte to recruit candidates for internships and fellowships. Fellows/interns will be assigned to work in one of six key businesses, and be involved in the following activities: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant implementation, tracking, and reporting; neighborhood-level energy solutions; developing implementation procedures for sustainable city facilities; developing a green preferable purchasing policy; assessing energy use and developing energy savings at Charlotte Douglas International Airport; and reducing energy demand in operation of treatment of wastewater. The grant amount is \$425,359, and the internships and fellowships must be concluded by April 30, 2012. Staff anticipates requesting Council action to accept the grant at the August 23 meeting.