

MEMORANDUM
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TO: **City Manager**

SUBJECT: **Brick Streets Plan Amendment – 41st Street**

Date: July 22, 2011

On June 22nd, the Rock Island Preservation Commission voted unanimously to recommend the City Council amend the [Brick Streets Plan](#) by reducing 41st Street south from 8th Avenue to the dead end at Lincoln Park from a Category 3 street to a Category 4 street. This request came from the Public Works Department.

41st Street has been the subject of numerous broken water mains in recent years and has a large stormwater drain from the park that dumps into the street. This section of 8th Avenue is a dead end, has many structural problems and poor crown condition. In addition, there are only four owner-occupied properties from 7th Avenue to the end of 41st Street, making it an unlikely candidate for a special assessment project in the future. Finally, this section of the KeyStone neighborhood, also known as Fairview, has not been identified as having historic district potential by the Preservation Commission.

For your review, the Brick Streets Plan, adopted in 1988, provides the following level of preservation for the five miles of brick streets in Rock Island:

Category 1: Replaced with brick when surface is disturbed and meritorious of restoration
(Highland Park Historic District and 12th Street)

Category 2: Automatically replaced with brick when surface is disturbed

Category 3: Comment from Preservation Commission on whether or not to replace surface with brick when disturbed

Category 4: Resurfacing and patching with other materials allowed.

Recategorizing 41st Street from 8th Avenue south to its termination at Lincoln Park will have the effect of allowing patches to be made in concrete or asphalt without review or comment by the Preservation Commission. Previously, any non-brick replacement along this section of street had to be approved by the Preservation Commission. In 2000, the Commission allowed the intersection of 8th Avenue and 41st Street to be paved with concrete, but in 2008 required patches in the 800 block to be replaced with brick, so the repair history is inconsistent.

Brick pavement on 41st Street from 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue will remain Category 2 and 41st Street from 7th Avenue to 8th Avenue will remain Category 3.

Property owners in the 800 block of 41st Street and the KeyStone Neighborhood Association have received notice about the proposed Brick Street Plan reclassification of the 800 block of 41st Street.

Recommendation

The Rock Island Preservation Commission recommends City Council amend the Brick Streets Plan by recategorizing 41st Street from 8th Avenue south to its termination at Lincoln Park from a Category 3 street to a Category 4 street.

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