



City of Jackson

TO: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

FROM: Clint Brown, PE, City Engineer

DATE: April 5, 2021

RE: Court Street Streetscape

Attached are multiple items related to the inquiries about the Court Street Streetscape. Discussions in previous council meetings were had regarding a solution to the request presented by Mr. Brian Thompson and Mr. Bryan Kiefer, owners of Jones Drug Store. The request is attached for reference.

Options were originally presented by City Staff, and a formal recommendation of parallel parking was given. Council initially rejected Staff's recommendation and offered additional options. Council then instructed City Staff to perform additional research on all of the options presented by hiring a third-party consultant.

City Staff received a proposal from Lochmueller Group to perform an engineering review on the options presented by Staff and Council Members. Lochmueller's proposal was \$3,000.00 which, by policy, permitted the task order to be issued without Council's formal approval.

Lochmueller submitted their proposal to City Staff and the proposal was presented by staff to Council at the last council meeting. Lochmueller gave the following recommendation at the end of their report:

“Parallel parking provides the highest likelihood of preventing buildings from being hit by errant vehicles for the lowest implementation of cost. If the loss of on-street parking on this segment of Court Street is acceptable to the City, and unless the City undertakes a significant streetscape project, then this option is recommended as the most cost-efficient solution that can be quickly implemented.”

After the presentation of Lochmueller's report to Council, City Staff recommended following Lochmueller's recommendation. However, City Staff was instructed that parallel parking was not the desired solution to the request presented by the owners of Jones Drug Store and additional options should be considered. One of these options included placing planters similar to the ones in front of Accent Security Alarms, located at 120 East Adams Street., with the thought being that the owner of this business placed

these planters in front of the building to protect it from errant vehicles. Pictures of the planters that are currently in front of Accent Security Alarms are attached.

Mr. Thompson was present during the presentation of Lochmueller's report at the last council meeting. Mr. Thompson suggested at the meeting that he would be most in favor of bollards being installed compared to all other options presented by Council members and included in Lochmueller's report. Council agreed with Mr. Thompson that bollards should be one of the options still considered.

City Staff recommended that the installation of bollards would be more intrusive than the placement of planters and that a proper engineering design should be completed prior to acceptance. With that recommendation, City Staff contacted Lochmueller to provide an estimate for the cost of the engineering services for plans and design of the bollards. Lochmueller informed City Staff that the estimated design cost would range between \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Additionally, the Mayor also stated during the conversation that he googled movable bollards and found a product that he believed could be implemented that would honor the request of the owners of Jones Drug Store and not be intrusive nor require an engineering design. The Mayor shared the product with City Staff, which can be found at www.godawn.com/product-category/bollards/movable-bollards. Pictures of the product that the Mayor suggested are also attached.

Should the City take the initiative to provide a solution to the request made by the owners of Jones Drug Store, whether through cost, design, procurement, or a combination of all three, then City Staff's recommendation of a solution remains consistent with Lochmueller's report. City Staff additionally recommends that, should the City take the initiative to provide a solution, any option that is being taken under consideration be carefully evaluated in regards to liability for future accidents and continuity for future requests made by additional business owners within the City.

Accent Security Alarms Planters:



Movable Bollards:

