

Attached is the site plan drawing that I received for purposes of the City Variance 1258. As you can see on this document, the site plan only acknowledges the 20' wide ditch easement, it does not acknowledge the 20' wide park land that is currently owned by the City. It appears by this document, that the city-owned park land would be impacted by the improvements to this corner, but not for its purpose, for the "Heritage Trail" as indicated on the plat.

Some thoughts:

1. Is it the intent to require builders/developers build a sidewalk in the Elysian Road ROW, only to have a 10' multi-use trail adjacent to it?
2. There are existing town homes along Elysian, which the landscaping is not complete, what are the builder's intentions on the 20 feet from the edge of the property lines across the park, then to the right-of-way to the curb? Was this outlined in the town home site improvement plan?
3. Is the Parks Department aware of the construction activity?
4. The SIA doesn't address a timing trigger for the park (trail) improvements, just the fact that the developer will pay for 50% of it, plus the remaining funds that were already allocated for the cash-in-lieu? There are SIA waivers, but the SIA is not clear to me that the waivers are for the PMD to maintain the park AND an SID to "build" the park?

As your consultant working on both the trails and parks plan, this just seems to be an example (and hopefully an isolated one), where we could catch the low hanging fruit and provide an excellent contribution to this city park and make an important (and timely) connection on the trail.

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