

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 2, 2016

Re: Compass Church Subdivision – Final Plat (Case #16-85)

Executive Summary

Approval of this request will result in 17.71 acre one-lot plat that combines two previously platted lots with an 11 acre unplatted tract of land currently improved with Compass Church. In addition, approval of the plat will grant a variance to construct 490-feet of sidewalk along the site's unplatted Silvey Street frontage in exchange for installation of an alternative sidewalk that connects the unplatted acreage to an existing pedestrian trail installed on the platted lots, to the south, that have formerly been used as athletic fields by the City of Columbia and for which a previous sidewalk variance was granted.

Discussion

Jerry Campbell (agent) is requesting, on behalf of Evangelical Free Church of Columbia (owner), approval of a 17.71 acre one-lot plat to be known as "Compass Church Subdivision" that combines two existing legal lots, Lots 1 and 2 of Smithton Park Subdivision, with approximately 11 acres of unplatted property. Additionally, the applicant is seeking approval of a sidewalk variance to waive installation of approximately 490-feet of sidewalk along the site's unplatted Silvey Street frontage.

The purpose of this plat is to establish "legal lot" status for the unplatted acreage so a building permit can be issued for a planned expansion of the existing site improvements. The applicant's original plat included a smaller portion of property which would have necessitated a water main extension. Upon being informed of the main extension requirements, the applicant choose to incorporate Lots 1 and 2 into the plat so the site would have direct access to the existing water main along Worley Street thereby eliminating the need to extend a water main along Silvey Street.

As required by Section 25-48.1 of the Subdivision Regulations the applicant is required to construct sidewalks along the property's newly platted Silvey Street frontage. No sidewalk is required to be constructed along the Silvey Street frontage of Lot 1 due to the installation of a pedestrian trail as part of the platting of Smithton Park (Ordinance #16660). Sidewalks currently exist along Worley.

Staff evaluated the variance request based on standards included in Policy Resolution 48-06A (PR48-06A), which provides specific guidance for determining the need for a sidewalk along an unimproved street and whether the impact of the proposed development justifies the requirement that the sidewalk be constructed. Such evaluation found that the standards of PR 48-06A were not met and recommended denial of the variance.



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The Planning and Zoning Commission considered this request at its meeting on April 7, 2016. Staff presented its report and representatives for the applicant gave an overview of the request. The Commission inquired if sidewalks would be required where the trail is currently located. Staff responded that the trail was approved as an alternative sidewalk previously, so sidewalks would be required if it were removed.

The applicant's representative stated that the sidewalks would be an unreasonable financial burden, the street is not utilized by pedestrians currently, and that the sidewalk would not be extended farther to the north of their property due to the grade of the street. The applicant explained that the Parks and Recreation Department has leased Lots 1 and 2 of Smithton Park (to the south of the church), and that cars park in the church lot to access the fields. The Commission questioned if the church site included a child care operation and what type of surface the trail was made of. The applicant stated that there is a nursery on site, and that the trail is surfaced with chat/gravel.

The applicant requested a potential alternative sidewalk layout be considered in lieu of requiring the installation of sidewalk along the unplatted Silvey Street frontage. The alternative would include a connection between the church property and the existing trail to the south and the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Silvey Street in the general location of the church's south entrance drive which was across from an existing sidewalk on the west side of Silvey Street. Commissioners discussed the possible alternative and were generally supportive of the request as it created additional connectivity with the sidewalk on the west side, although Commissioners expressed a desire that the sidewalk receive approval of the City's Traffic Engineering staff for ADA and other code compliance.

After additional discussion, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted (8-0) to recommend approval of the plat and sidewalk variance subject to the pedestrian crossing of Silvey Street being approved by the City's Traffic Engineers and the existing trail being connected to the church parking lot at point meeting ADA requirements near the church's southern entry. The Commissioner's recommendation to approve the sidewalk variance was intended to relive the applicant of financial responsibility to install sidewalk along the remainder of its Silvey Street frontage north of the southern entrance.

Per the Planning Commission's recommendation, the City's Traffic Engineers have reviewed the proposed Silvey Street crosswalk design submitted by the applicant (see attached). While the crosswalk could be feasibly constructed, staff does not support its installation since it believes such improvement may compromise pedestrian safety and adds limited value to area-wide pedestrian connectivity. There is a controlled crossing at Silvey and Worley Streets, to the south, which represents a safer method of crossing Silvey Street than the midblock location.

Per PR 48-06A a sidewalk variance is to be approved only if an alternative sidewalk is provided or a fee-in-lieu payment (or other equitable arrangement) is proposed and approved by Council. At this time no other alternatives have been proposed.



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While staff is not supportive of the installation of the crosswalk, it is technically feasible to be installed. If desired, Council may direct staff to permit the crosswalk as a means of fulfilling the requirements of PR 48-06A.

A copy of the staff report, locator maps, final plat, sidewalk variance work sheet with cost estimates, CIP excerpts, PR 48-06A, and meeting excerpts are attached.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: If sidewalk construction is waived, the City may be required to cover the cost of sidewalk construction when Silvey Street is improved in the future. Such costs may be recorded through property assessments if authorized.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Development, Secondary Impact: Arts & Culture, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Secondary Impact: Not applicable,

Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
11/20/2000	Ord. #16660: Approve final plat of "Smithton Park"

Suggested Council Action

Approve the final plat for "Compass Church Subdivision" and the requested sidewalk variance subject to the required alternative sidewalk installations as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

	Introduced by _			_
First F	Reading	Secon	d Reading	
Ordin	ance No	Counc	il Bill No	B 115-16
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	PASSED this	day of		, 2016.

ATTEST:	
City Clerk	Mayor and Presiding Officer
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
City Counselor	

PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

This contract is entered into on this _	22nd	day of	April	, 20 16	between the City
of Columbia, MO ("City") and Compass	Church	1			("Subdivider").
City and Subdivider agree as follow	/s:				

- 1. Subdivider shall construct, erect and install all improvements and utilities required in connection with the final plat of Compass Church Minor Subdivision, including sidewalks and all improvements and utilities shown on the plat and related construction plans, within 36 months after the City Council approves the plat.
- 2. If street, utility or other construction of public improvements should occur on or adjacent to land in the subdivision at the initiative of the City Council, as benefit assessment projects, Subdivider agrees to bear Subdivider's equitable and proportionate share of construction costs, as determined by such assessments.
- 3. No utility service connections or occupancy permits shall be issued to the Subdivider or to any other person for any structure on land in the subdivision unless and until all utilities and improvements have been constructed, erected and installed in the structure and upon the lot or lots on which the structure is situated in accordance with all applicable ordinances, rules and regulations of the City.
- 4. No occupancy permit shall be issued to Subdivider or any other person for any structure constructed on land in the subdivision unless the street and sidewalk adjacent to the structure have been completed in compliance with the City's Standard Street Specifications.
- 5. City may construct, erect or install any improvement or utility not constructed, erected or installed by Subdivider as required by this contract. City may perform such work using City employees or City may contract for performance of the work. Subdivider shall reimburse City for all costs an expenses incurred by City in connection with the construction, erection or installation of improvements in utilities under this paragraph. Subdivider agrees to pay City all expenses and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by City in collecting amounts owed by Subdivider under this paragraph.
- 6. City shall not require a bond or other surety to secure the construction of the improvements and utilities required in connection with the final plat.
- 7. The obligations of Subdivider under this contract shall not be assigned without the express consent of the City Council.
- 8. The remedies set forth in this contract are not exclusive. City does not waive any other remedies available to enforce Subdivider's obligations under this contract or to recover damages resulting from Subdivider's failure to perform its obligations under this contract.

than the parties.	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the partie above written.	s have executed this contract on the day and year first
	CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
	BY:Mike Matthes, City Manager
ATTEST:	
Sheela Amin, City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Nancy Thompson, City Counselor	
	Subdivider BY: Rt 1814 A Church Chair

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This contract is not intended to confer any rights or remedies on any person other

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA REPORT PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING April 7, 2016

SUMMARY

A request by Jerry Campbell (agent) on behalf of Evangelical Free Church of Columbia (owner) for approval of a one-lot final minor plat, with an associated sidewalk variance, on R-1 (One-Family Dwelling District) zoned land to be known as "Compass Church Subdivision". The 17.71-acre subject site is located at the northeast corner of Silvey Street and Worley Street. (Case #16-85)

DISCUSSION

The applicant is seeking approval of a one-lot final plat that combines two existing legal lots, Lots 1 and 2 of Smithton Park Subdivision, and approximately 11 acres of previously unplatted property into one lot. Smithton Park was approved in 2000, and all property included within the requested plat is owned by the applicant.

The dedication of additional right of way is required for Silvey to meet the required 60-foot right of way standard for a neighborhood collector. The right of way adjacent to the property is currently a 25-foot half-width, and therefore an additional 5 feet of right of way is required, as shown on the plat. The dedication of right of way will place the existing parking lot on the site very near the edge of the property. It also may result in certain site infrastructure, such as existing parking lot lights and poles, to be located within the City's right of way. While this is not ideal, the City may grant the property owner a Right of Use permit to allow for the continued operation of the improvements within the City's right of way.

Another item that was addressed during the review of the requested plat was the possible extension of a public water main to service the site. The current site may require an additional connection to the City's water service for future construction, which would have precipitated the need to connect to an existing public water main along Worley Street. The original submission by the applicant included only the unplatted portion of the property (approximately 11 acres), and would have resulted in the lot not having frontage on Worley, which is a requirement to tap into a main with a service line.

As a result of the lack of Worley frontage, the unplatted lot would have been required to extend a public water main from Worley along Silvey (and extending the entire length of the property's frontage along Silvey) in order to allow the site to tap into the main. The City would have required that the main be oversized in order to provide additional capacity for future developments, but the applicant's financial responsibility would have only included the construction costs for the size of a main necessary to serve their property.

As a result of the extension requirement, the applicants decided to include Lots 1 and 2 of Smithton Park in their request, thereby giving the newly created lot access to the water main along the site's Worley frontage. The change allows the applicant construct a private service line from the Worley water main to service the property, instead of constructing a public water main extension along Silvey, which would have provided additional service to properties developing to the north, as well as facilitating a water main loop closure that is identified in the CIP.

Variance

The applicant is requesting a variance from the requirement to construct a sidewalk along the unplatted property's approximately 490-foot Silvey Street frontage. The applicant is required to construct sidewalks along newly platted property per Section 25-48.1. No sidewalks are required to be constructed along Lot 1's Silvey Street frontage due to the approval of an existing trail installation as part of the platting of Smithton Park (Ordinance #16660). Sidewalks currently exist along Worley.

Because Silvey is currently an unimproved road (i.e., lacks curb and gutter), the request is evaluated based on standards included in Council Policy Resolution 48-06A, which provides specific guidance for determining the need for a sidewalk variance and whether the impact of the proposed development justifies the requirement that the sidewalk be constructed.

The criteria below are used when evaluating whether to grant a variance from 25-48.1 based on Resolution 48-06A. Staff's evaluation is listed after each condition, followed by their determination if the condition is met (shown in CAPS and BOLD)

Variance from Section 25-48.1 (Subdivisions; Sidewalks generally (plats approved after January 1, 2001))

1. The cost of constructing the sidewalk relative to the cost of the proposed development;

The applicant provided an estimate of \$81,500 for construction costs for 490 feet of sidewalk. The estimate includes costs associated with sidewalks, landscape removal, and work done to ditches and culverts. At this time, staff has not received an estimate for the total project cost. **FACTOR NOT SUPPORTED**

2. Whether the terrain is such that sidewalks or walkways are physically feasible;

The installation of a sidewalk may require the construction of a retaining wall, per information supplied by the applicant, as well as the reconfiguration of stormwater drainage from the surface parking lot and the removal of a substantial amount of landscaping. But the terrain is not so severe to prevent the installation of sidewalks, and is considered feasible. **FACTOR NOT SUPPORTED**

3. Whether the sidewalk would be located in a developed area, on a low traffic volume local street without sidewalks;

The site is located within an area that is generally developed to the south, but not to the north of the subject property. The Vintage Falls Subdivision, located at the northwest corner of Worley and Silvey, is mostly constructed and includes sidewalk along Silvey, and directly north of that, the Smithton Villas Subdivision has been platted, but no construction has yet to begin. Directly north of the subject site is a large tract of A-1 zoned property located along I-70 Drive SW that is undeveloped.

Other developments in the vicinity of the site include a park, public schools, and other residential developments. The City does not have specific information on the traffic volume on Silvey, but it would appear to be a low traffic volume street. However, Silvey is not considered a local street, as it is identified as a Neighborhood Collector, which are intended to provide connectivity between residential neighborhoods and major streets.

All other adjacent developed properties in the area have existing sidewalks, with the exception of the approved trail system on the previously platted Lot 1 of Smithton Park. **FACTOR NOT SUPPORTED**.

4. Current or future parks, schools or other pedestrian generators near the development for which a sidewalk or walkway would provide access.

The site is generally near several residential developments that could generate pedestrian trips to and from this site. The property directly south of the subject property, at the southeast corner of Worley and Silvey, is the Smithton Middle School, and to the east of that property is the Mary Paxton Keeley Elementary School. In addition, Smithton Park is located immediately east of the property. **FACTOR NOT SUPPORTED**.

Conclusions

Staff finds that the request does not meet the standards for granting a variance for sidewalk installation on the subject property. Alternatively, if the PZC considers granting a sidewalk variance for the unplatted portion, staff recommends that at a minimum, a sidewalk be constructed from the south entrance drive to the existing trail on Lot 1 in order to provide a minimum amount of connectivity from the site to Worley, with a fee-in-lieu accepted for the remaining portion of the sidewalk that is not constructed north of the driveway along the frontage of Silvey.

This alternative could be considered acceptable per Resolution 48-06A which suggests that a variance may be granted if an equitable arrangement for construction of the sidewalk sought for waiver is reached between the City and applicant. At this time, no alternative arrangement has been proposed the applicant.

The proposed final plat and variance have been reviewed by staff, and some minor technical corrections were identified that need to be revised prior to forwarding to Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Approval of the final plat for "Compass Church Subdivision" with the condition that minor technical corrections are completed prior to forwarding to Council.
- 2. Denial of variance request to Section 25-48.1.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (ATTACHED)

- Locator maps
- Final plat
- Sidewalk Variance Worksheet with construction estimates
- CIP excerpts
- PR 48-06A

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Area (acres)	17.71
Topography	Slopes east

Vegetation/Landscaping	Landscaping, tree coverage to the east
Watershed/Drainage	Harmony Creek
Existing structures	Church, off-street parking, trails

HISTORY

Annexation date	1969, 1966
Zoning District	R-1 (One-family Dwelling District)
Land Use Plan designation	Neighborhood District (unplatted); Open
	Space/Greenbelt (Lots 1 & 2 Smithton Park)
Previous Subdivision/Legal Lot	Includes Lots 1 & 2 of Smithton Park and previously
Status	unplatted property

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Sanitary Sewer	City of Columbia
Water	City of Columbia
Fire Protection	CFD
Electric	Boone Electric

ACCESS

Silvey Street		
Location	Abuts west side of property	
Major Roadway	Neighborhood Collector (60-foot ROW required, currently 25-foot	
Plan	half-width); Unimproved and City maintained	
CIP projects	10+ year project	
Sidewalk	Sidewalks required	

Worley Street		
Location	Abuts south side of property	
Major Roadway Plan	Neighborhood Collector (66-foot ROW existing); Improved and City maintained	
CIP projects	None	
Sidewalk	Sidewalks existing	

PARKS & RECREATION

Neighborhood Parks	Within Smithton Park service area		
Trails Plan	None located on site		
Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan	Unimproved streets should be rebuilt as complete streets		

Report prepared by Clint Smith

Approved by Patrick Zenner





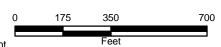
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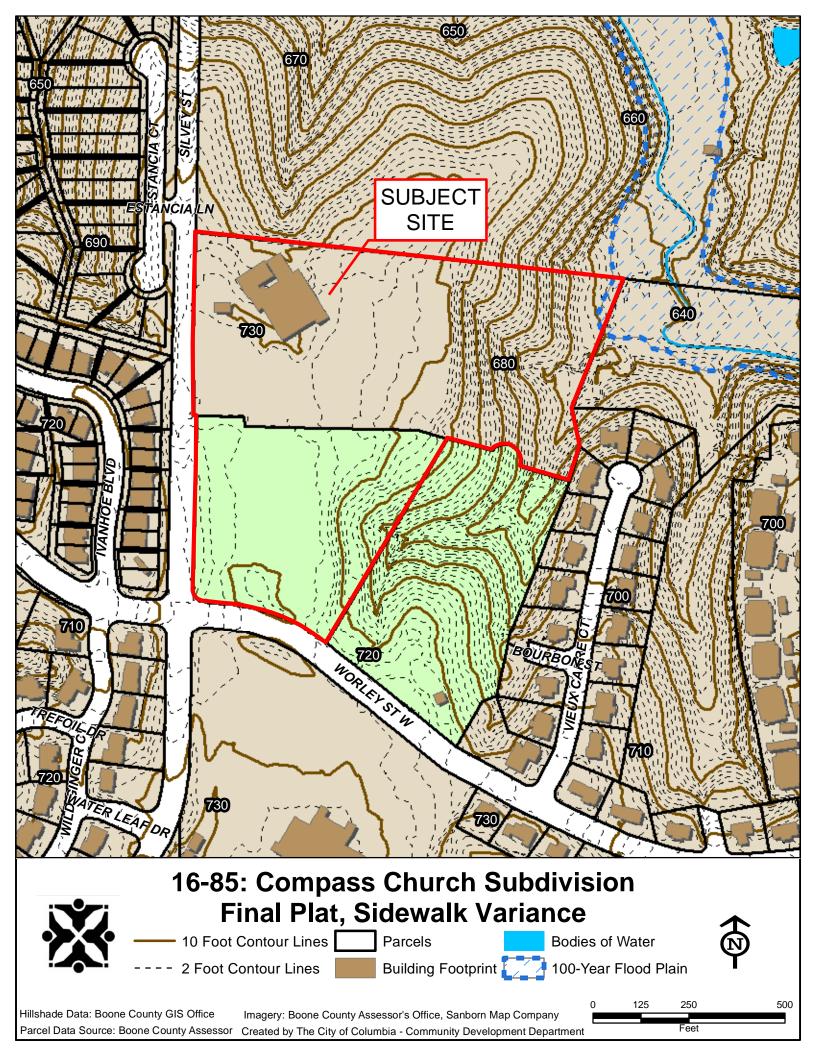


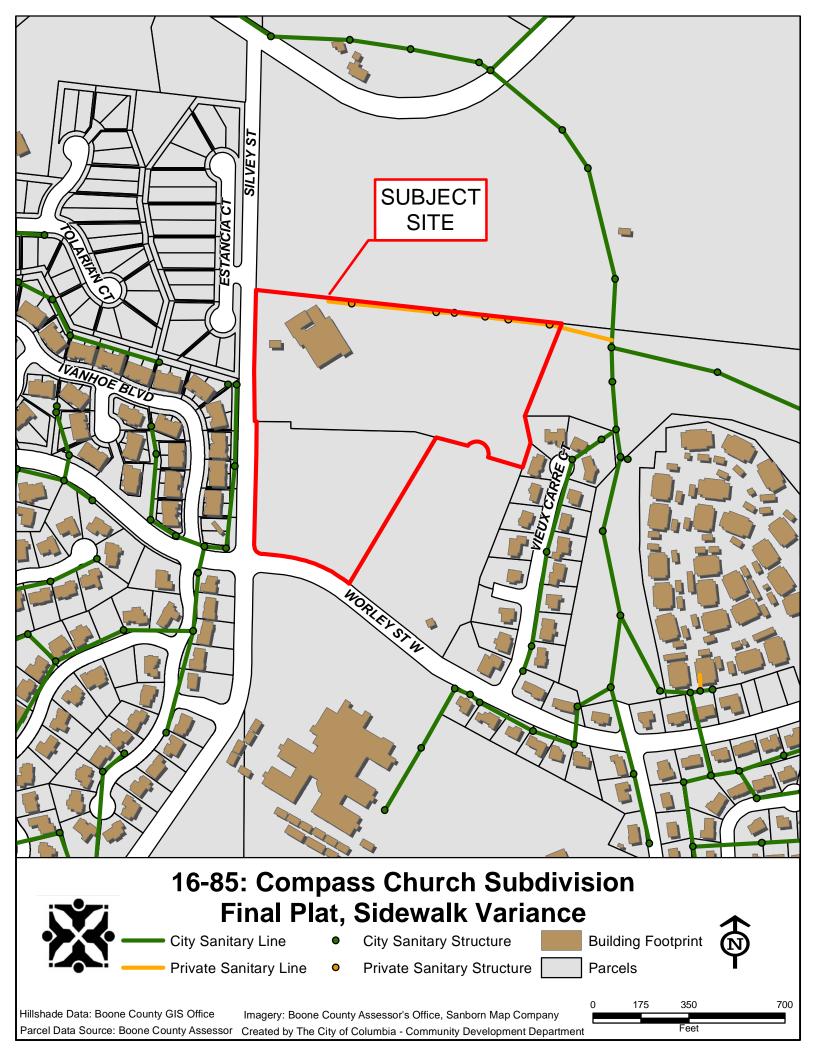


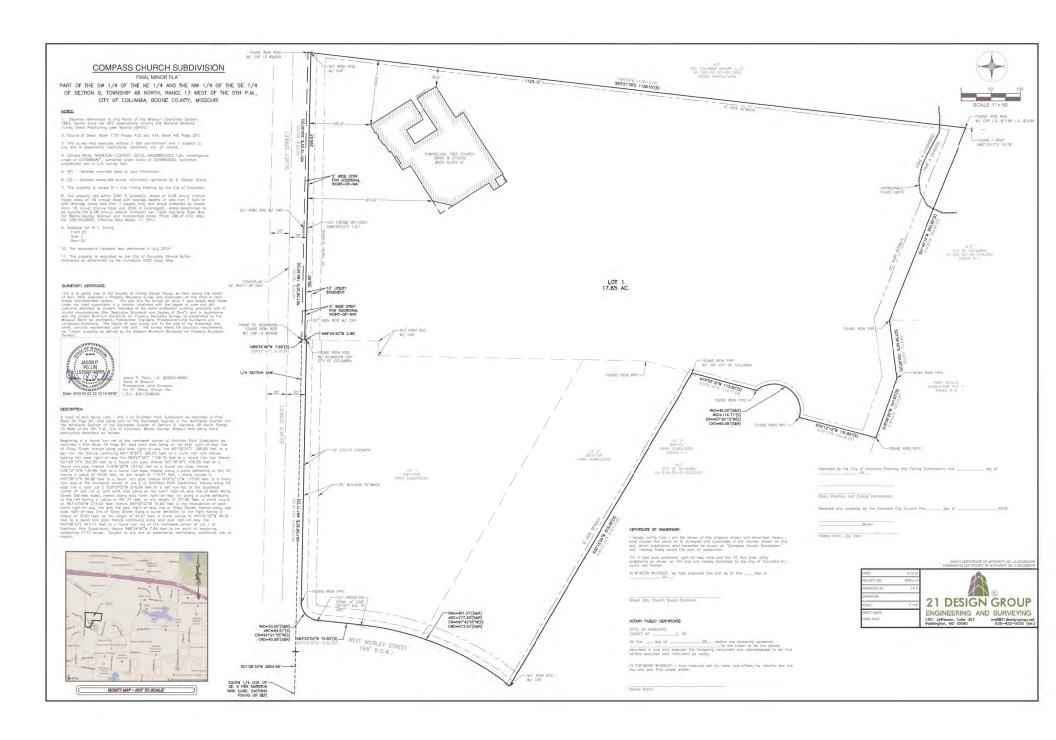
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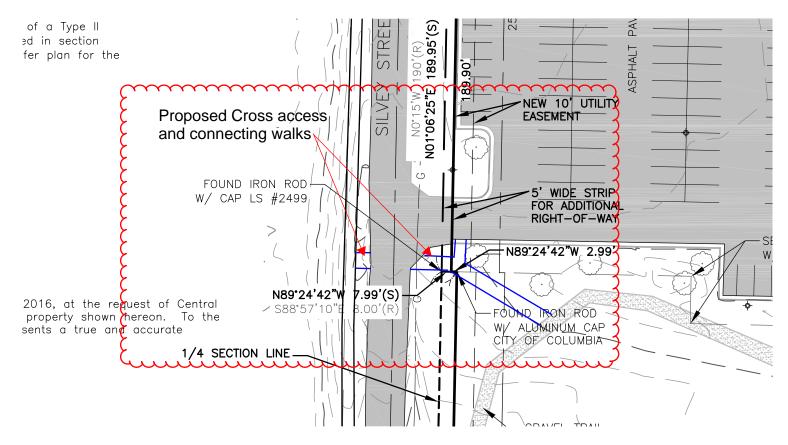
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Compass Church Proposed Sidewalk 600 Silvey St. Columbia MO



Sidewalk Variance Worksheet (for sidewalks along <u>unimproved</u> streets)

For office use:

Case #: 85 Submission Date: Planner Assigned:

Please answer the following questions¹:

1. What is the cost of constructing the sidewalk, relative to the cost of the proposed development?

Attached

- 2. Is the terrain such that sidewalks or walkways are physically feasible?

 The terrain causes the cost to be prohibitive to construct the suggested walk.

 Excessive landscaping to be removed. Drainage structures will need to be constructed to divert storm water drainage from the parking lot as well as the unimproved street ditch.

 All of these items are reasons that make the construction of the walk prohibitive due to excessive costs.
- 3. Would the sidewalk be located in a developed area, on a low traffic volume local street without sidewalks?

Walk is located in an area of low traffic notwithstanding the street is unimproved in nature of low traffic.

4. Are there any current or future parks, schools or other pedestrian generators near the development for which a sidewalk or walkway would provide access?

There are no future parks, schools, and pedestrian generators near warranting sidewalks. The unimproved street goes over the hill that leads to property with terrain issues causing major development obstacles.

If an alternative walkway is being proposed, please describe how the alternative would deviate from standard sidewalk requirements.

No alternative walk suggested as current usage of the property allows for pedestrian traffic to access the park trail and adjacent walk via paved surfaces.

If applicable, please attach a map showing the proposed alternative walkway alignment.

¹ Based on factors for determining sidewalk need, identified in Council Policy Resolution PR 48-06A

February 15, 2016

200 Old 63 South, Suite 301 Columbia, MO 65201 Phone: 573-874-7119

Fax: 866-431-4939

Sidewalk Bid

RE:

Sidewalk Compass Church

600 Silvey Street Columbia, Missouri

Dear Next-Step Committee

Please accept this Bid to construct the requested sidewalk on the 490 foot section of property located on Silvey Street Columbia mo.

This Bid includes all necessary work and materials to construct a sidewalk to city requirements in this location.

Bid to construct sidewalk per city requirement \$81,500

- Including tree removal
- Demo of existing landscaping
- 150' of 2' high retaining wall
- Reshaping ditch
- Replacing culvert pipes
- Demo and replacement of three concrete approaches
- All haul off, reshaping the ditch
- Adding curb and gutter to the parking lot side
- Repaving demoed portion of parking lot pouring 490 lineal feet of sidewalk
- Regrading to finished sidewalk elevation including black dirt
- Hand grading landscaping seed and straw or sod
- Contractors fee profit and overhead
- No engineering, permits, special storm water inlets, or replacement of light pole bases are included.

If the above bid is acceptable please sign and return a copy for our records and we will schedule the start of work.

Thank you,

Marcel Flint

Streets, Sidewalks and Major Maintenance 10+ Year Projects

	Project Name	Ward
St	treets	
52	Old 63/Shepard Intrsctn Imprvmt [ID: 195]	6
53	Old Plank Road - S. Providence to Forum Blvd. [ID: 102]	5
54	Palmer Road - PP to Route Z [ID: 103]	3
55	Phillips Farm Rd - Southampton to Ponderosa [ID: 105]	6
56	Prathersville Rd - Providence Rd to Hwy 763 [ID: 107]	2
57	Proctor Dr - Bear Creek to Creasy Springs Rd [ID: 1024]	2
58	Providence Rd-Blueridge to Brwn Sch (4 Ln) [ID: 108]	2
59	Providence Rd-Burning Bush Rd to VV [ID: 109]	2
60	Providence Rd-Vandiver to Blue Rdg (4 Ln Upg) [ID: 111]	2
31	Providence Rd/Texas Intrsctn Improvmnts [ID: 206]	2
62	Providence Road- Smiley to Brown School [ID: 1517]	2
63	Rangeline -Wilkes to Business Loop [ID: 1126]	1
64	Rice Road - Hanover to Ballenger Lane [ID: 1511]	3
65	Rock Quarry & Nifong Intrsctn Imprvmt [ID: 193]	6
66	Rock Quarry Nifong to Gans Road C00027 [ID: 117]	6
67	Rock Quarry Rd-Nifong to Grindstone Prkwy C00069 [ID: 116]	6
88	Rolling Hills Road (4 lane) [ID: 119]	6
69	Rolling Hills Road-Richland to WW (4 Lane Upgrade) [ID: 74]	3
70	Scott @ I-70 Interchange- Construction [ID: 85]	2
71	Scott Blvd:Brookview-KK (4 Ln Upg) [ID: 126]	5
72	Scott Blvd:I-70 Dr NW to State Hwy E [ID: 130]	2
73	Scott Blvd:Vawter Sch Rd-Brookvw Terr (4 Ln) [ID: 123]	4, 5
74	Silvey St - W Worley to I-70 Drive SW [ID: 131]	2
75	Sinclair - Nifong S 9,000 Ft [ID: 132]	5
76	Sinclair - Rte K Northward 6,700 Feet [ID: 133]	5
77	Smiley Lane-W End to Northwest Loop [ID: 134]	2
78	Southampton Dr - Sinclair to 1000 ft eastward [ID: 136]	5
79	St Charles & Clark Int Imprvmnt [ID: 189]	3
30	St Charles & Richland Int Imprvmnts [ID: 202]	3
31	Stadium Extension East to I-70. C00408 [ID: 207]	3, 6
32	Stadium-Audubon Intersection Improvements [ID: 1356]	6
33	Starke Av - US 63 to Brown Station Rd [ID: 139]	3
34	Van Horn Tavern Rd - UU to I-70 Drive SW [ID: 148]	2
35	Vandiver - Route B to US 63 (4 Ln Upg) [ID: 151]	3
36	Vandiver @ 63 Intchg (4 Ln Upg) [ID: 149]	3
37	Waco Rd - Brwn Stn-Oakland Gr Rd (4 Ln Upg) [ID: 153]	3
38	Waco Rd - Route B-Rogers Rd [ID: 154]	3
39	Waco Road: Oakland to Arbor Point Sub. div. [ID: 1537]	3
90	Woodhaven Dr - Gans Rd to Nifong Blvd. [ID: 157]	6
91	Woodridge Dr - St Charles Rd to Terminus [ID: 158]	3
92	Wyatt & Thompson Intrsctn Imprvmnts [ID: 203]	3
93	Wyatt - Mexico Grvl Rd to Palmer Road [ID: 159]	3
Si	dewalks	
94	Ash Street Sidewalk: Pershing to West Blvd [ID: 1208]	1
95	Bernadette Dr Sdwlk-Ash to Stadium [ID: 243]	2
96	Bourn Av Sdwlk-W Broadway-Rollins Rd [ID: 241]	2
97	Bray Av Sidewalk - Fairview Rd-Subella [ID: 232]	4
98	Broadway Sdwlk - Maplewood-W Blvd [ID: 211]	4
99	Broadway Sdwlk - Stadium Blvd to Manor [ID: 210]	4
	Burnam Rd sidewalk: Clarkson to Providence Rd [ID: 1835]	•

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16" Main - Barberry to Worley - 4,300 FT - WT0244

Description:

16" Water Main from Barberry to Worley, crossing I-70 then along Silvey St. forming a loop closure.

Ward	Begin Design	Begin Construction
1 & 2	2021	2021
Eligible for Percent for Arts?		No
Current Funding Request:		\$1,400,000
Total Appropriated: Total City Project Cost: Est. Project Balance: 10/01/2015		\$0
		\$1,400,000
		\$0

Current Status:

Proposed

Factors Effecting Timing/Completion of Project:

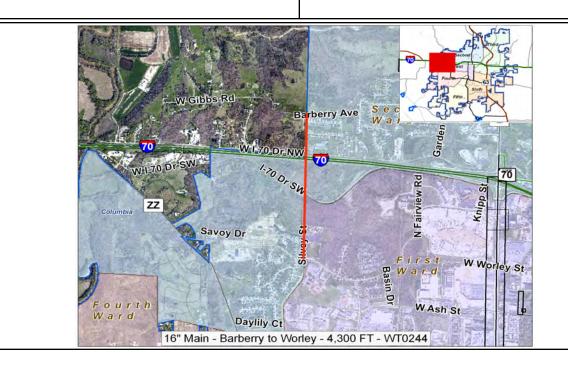
funding

Eligible Funding Sources:

Future Ballot

FY	Eligible Funding Sources	Amount
2021	Future Ballot	\$1,400,000
		\$1,400,000

Master Plan:



	A 1. A		
Introduced by	_Hirdman	Council Bill No	PR 48-06 A

A POLICY RESOLUTION

establishing a policy on requests for variances to subdivision regulation requirements for construction of sidewalks along unimproved streets.

WHEREAS, Chapter 25 of the City Code generally requires sidewalks to be constructed on both sides of all streets within a subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the City frequently receives requests for variances from these requirements when development occurs along unimproved streets which are not being constructed or reconstructed as part of the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to assuring safe pedestrian accommodations throughout the City while recognizing that there are occasions when standard sidewalks are not appropriate at the time of subdivision or development; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary to adopt a policy statement to serve as a guide in reviewing and acting on requests for variances for sidewalks along unimproved streets in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council shall review each request for a sidewalk variance along an unimproved street in the context that there must be a reasonable relationship between the proposed activity of a landowner and the requirement that the landowner construct a sidewalk and in the context that the public safety and welfare make it desirable to encourage pedestrian movement by providing safe walkways and sidewalks away from traffic lanes of streets.

SECTION 2. The City Council shall grant the requested variance without conditions only if it determines that the sidewalk is not needed or that the impact of the proposed development does not justify the requirement that the sidewalk be constructed.

SECTION 3. In determining the need for a sidewalk variance and in determining whether the impact of the proposed development justifies the requirement that the sidewalk be constructed, the City Council shall consider but not be limited to the following factors:

a. The cost of constructing the sidewalk relative to the cost of the proposed development;

- b₄ Whether the terrain is such that sidewalks or walkways are physically feasible;
- c. Whether the sidewalk would be located in a developed area, on a low traffic volume local street without sidewalks;
- d. Current or future parks, schools or other pedestrian generators near the development for which a sidewalk or walkway would provide access.

SECTION 4. If the City Council finds that the proposed use of the land would justify the requirement that a sidewalk be constructed and that in the interest of public safety and welfare there is an immediate or near future need for a sidewalk or walkway at the location of the variance request, the City Council will approve the variance request only if an alternative walkway is provided or if the property owner pays the City for future construction of the sidewalk pursuant to Section 7 or if some other equitable arrangement for construction of a sidewalk or other pedestrian infrastructure improvement is made.

SECTION 5. Alternative walkways are defined as all weather pedestrian facilities constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Public Works Department. Alternative walkways may deviate in vertical and horizontal separation from the roadway in order to take advantage of natural contours and minimize the disturbance to trees and natural areas but must meet all requirements for handicap accessibility. Alternative walkways must be located on public easements but a walkway easement may be conditioned that if the walkways are no longer needed for a public purpose, the walkway easements will be vacated.

SECTION 6. When alternative walkways are permitted, plans, specifications and easements must be submitted prior to approval of the final plat abutting the unimproved street and construction must occur prior to the first certificate of occupancy within the platted area.

SECTION 7. If the City Council determines that the public safety and welfare would not be jeopardized, the Council may allow the property owner, in lieu of constructing an alternative walkway, to pay the City the equivalent cost of construction of a conventional sidewalk. The equivalent cost of construction of a conventional sidewalk shall be defined as the City's average cost of constructing portland cement concrete sidewalks by public bid during the two (2) calendar years prior to the year in which the variance request is submitted. Payment of the equivalent cost of a conventional sidewalk shall occur:

a. Prior to approval of the first final plat when the variance is approved in connection with a preliminary plat;

- b. Prior to issuance of the first building permit when approved with a final plat or planned development where no variance request has been made with the preliminary plat; or
- c. Prior to issuance of the certificate of occupancy when variance requests are approved on individual lots where final plats have been approved without variance request.

Each payment made under this section shall be used to construct a sidewalk along the unimproved street adjacent to the property for which the payment was made. The sidewalk shall be constructed when the street is constructed to City standards.

SECTION 8. In all cases, when alternative walkways or payments under Section 7 are approved as fulfilling the subdivision requirements for construction of sidewalks, the action of Council shall be noted on a final plat of the properties affected. In cases where final plats have been previously approved, re-platting may be required.

SECTION 9. The grant of a variance to the subdivision regulations requirement for construction of a sidewalk shall not affect the power of the City Council to later install a sidewalk adjacent to the property and levy a special assessment against the property for construction of the sidewalk.

SECTION 10. This resolution replaces Policy Resolution 171-01A which is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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IV) SUBDIVISIONS

Case No. 16-85

MR. REICHLIN: Thank you. And then from there we will move on to our subdivision portion of the meeting. Typically when we deal with a subdivision matter, we will entertain some comments from principles, in order that they may help flush out any of the vagaries of the proposal and help us come to a decision. So with that, we will address Case No. 16-85, a request by Jerry Campbell on behalf of Evangelical Free Church of Columbia for approval of a one-lot final minor plat with an associated sidewalk variance to be known as Compass Church Subdivision. This 17.71-acre subject site is located at the northeast corner of Silvey Street and Worley Street. I think that's all of it. With that, may we have a staff report please?

MR. SMITH: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is a request for Compass Church Subdivision; they are requesting approval of final minor plat with an associated sidewalk variance for a portion of the property. As you can see here on the aerial, it is at the northeast corner of Worley and Silvey. Here's kind of a broader overview of the site to the north. You can see generally undeveloped properties and I-70 Drive Southwest. To the south generally you've got residential development, schools and a park and -- basically in that vicinity. The planning of this property is fairly straight forward. Basically they are requesting to consolidate a couple different pieces of property. Some of that being two existing platted lots that would become the southern portion shown in red here, Lots 1 and 2 of Smithton Park, a plat that was previously approved. They are also combining that with some nonplatted or unplatted property just north. That's the property highlighted in blue here. As part of the request, they are in need of additional dedication of right-of-way for at least a portion that had been previously unplatted along Silvey. A sidewalk is required for new plats as well. I'll touch on a little bit more on the sidewalk portion of this in a minute. I would point out, there are some existing trails on the south two lots currently and to the kind of east of the red lots is an existing city park that the City currently owns and maintains. The portion of this outside of the platting is a request for a sidewalk waiver to the requirement to construct sidewalk along the street frontage of the newly platted property. This is kind of turned on its side, so your right here is south and to the left is north. But if you see on the right, you can see the existing trail. That is on Lots 1 and 2 of the Smithton Park plat that I previously mentioned that had been previously platted. That was platted with the approval for an alternative sidewalk construction. So the trail on this lot basically met the sidewalk construction requirement at that time. So combining it with this additional piece of property does not require the construction of sidewalk because the trail met that requirement when it was platted. So the additional requirement for sidewalk construction is just on the previously unplatted portion which is generally the portion that I'm showing here in the red dashed line that is directly kind of to the west of the

Compass Church and basically its associated parking facilities. You can see basically on the east side of Silvey there directly kind of almost adjacent to the parking lot is generally where it would be required to be constructed. So for some context, here's a few images of the site. Starting kind of the upper left corner, this is -- to give you some context, these pictures will be moving generally from the far right of your screen to the left, so basically from the far south of the property to the north. Couple points of reference. They have two paved drives. In the far north they have a gravel drive. So we're kind of viewing these in pictures to give you a little context of where we're looking, so. Basically the upper left—hand corner, you're standing in the southern driveway looking south. It basically looks on to the currently platted property. You can't quite see the trial; it's approximately 50 feet or so to the south of this location. Basically turning around in the driveway and looking back north is the next picture to the right. That's looking basically down Silvey. You see their parking lot there on the right, the established landscaping that's also located in the current -- currently on the property, which could be partially in the right-of-way in the future. Generally where the sidewalk would be located would require removal of most of the landscaping as you can see in this picture. Kind of back down to the left, again, this is moving down Silvey. We're standing in the next paved driveway looking back south. Shows a little bit more of the evergreen bushes as you can see here from the previous picture. Also a little bit of a storm water feature that's allowing drainage from the parking lot into the curbed drainage ditch. There's some additional landscaping. Generally in this picture, you can see the back curbed parking lot. Given kind of the general location of where the right-of-way will be, sidewalk would be required to be constructed almost directly adjacent to the existing curb of the parking lot, to give you some idea. Moving to the right, we're now in the basically unpaved driveway, so it's about the northern extent of the property. Looking back south, again, you see some landscaping in the aerial. And this may be close enough to the road where some of this may not be affected by sidewalk installation, so. Bottom left we're turning around and looking north so we're looking kind of at the north edge of the property, looking off the property. So this is basically going north on Silvey. Once you go past the property and travel down Silvey, you do notice a significant, steep grade going down. And you can see that on the next picture on the bottom right. So that road does have some grade issues. I know in the winter it is closed frequently due to some concerns with traveling on that road, and ice is an issue. So just to point out, it is a fairly significant grade there. Future construction there will have to take that into account. That's kind of an overview of the site conditions right now. I'll kind of briefly summarize the four standards. Because this site is located on Silvey and Silvey is an unimproved road, which basically means it doesn't have curb and gutter, the variance request is reviewed through the lens of City Council's Policy Resolution 48-06. It lists four standards that have to be met in order to grant the variance for a sidewalk in those situations. The four points I have here kind of summarize those, so, kind of more in depth in the staff report. But generally the first one is what portion of the total cost of the project does the sidewalk represent, the cost of the sidewalk. We weren't able to get a full estimate of the future construction costs in time for this report. The applicant may have a little more information available to that. So at this point we can't say

assuredly whether or not it represents a high portion of that or a low portion. So we consider that not to be met. Number two, is construction generally feasible, physically feasible. We point out there are some obstacles with the construction. There may need to be some small retaining walls, landscaping may need to be removed, some of the features may need to be accounted for. But in general, it is feasible. Number three, the location of the sidewalk. It is located on a low-traffic street generally. However, the standards list asks whether or not it's on a local, basically a local neighborhood street. And this is, as I point out, is a collector street. So it doesn't meet that standard. And also the area generally that has been developed has sidewalks. That includes most of the residential areas around here, the site. The streets that front the park to the south along Worley, also the schools in the neighborhood all have sidewalks currently installed. Any future development on sites that haven't been developed currently would also require sidewalk construction. And the last one generally asks if it's near uses that will generate pedestrian activity, and it lists parks and schools. It is directly adjacent to an existing park and also to the south, also adjacent to a middle school. And then also a little further to the southeast is an elementary. So it's located within a fairly developed residential neighborhood. Church would normally expect to generate traffic potentially from the residential neighborhood, pedestrian traffic to this site on some occasions. So overall we found that the standards to grant the variance have not been met. We did provide some additional language if the Commission does wish to look at other alternatives. But generally based on Staff's review, we are recommending approval of the plat; however, we are recommending denial of the sidewalk variance. And I'd be happy to answer any questions.

MR. REICHLIN: Do we have any questions of staff? Yes.

MS. RUSHING: I was curious if they were to develop the southern part of the property where the trail is located, would they at that time be required to build a sidewalk along Silvey, or if the trail's interfered with by that development?

MR. SMITH: That's actually a very good question. It's one that I don't think I've got confirmation on. But I would say that the way the policy resolution is, as long as that trail is maintained in place, it would serve basically as the sidewalk requirement. However, if there was any further development or the removal of that trail, they would not be in conformance with that requirement and they would be required to install the sidewalk.

MR. REICHLIN: Mr. Strodtman?

MR. STRODTMAN: Just to continue, only on the portion, the southern portion would they be required to put sidewalks at that point?

MR. SMITH: If they took out the trail.

MR. STRODTMAN: Right.

MR. SMITH: Yes.

MR. REICHLIN: Any other questions? Mr. Stanton.

MR. STANTON: I just wanted you to scroll back to that aerial view of the property.

MR. REICHLIN: Was there a question?

MR. STANTON: No. I just wanted to see that.

MR. REICHLIN: Anybody else has questions of Staff? Seeing no one, okay.

At this time we would welcome perhaps one, no more than two speakers regarding this matter. If you have anything that you feel would be helpful in our understanding and decision—making process, you're welcome to approach the podium now.

MR. GEORGE FORBES: My name's George Forbes, and I'm a member of Compass Church, also a long—time resident in the area. Yes, sir?

MR. REICHLIN: May we have your address please?

MR. FORBES: Yes. 2021 Cobblestone Court. Just down the road a piece. I've been a member of the church for quite a number of years and so by being a resident in the area, I'm very familiar with what goes on in that particular area. This particular slide was the one I wanted to go back to, so. It's kind of why I jumped up here, just because I think it basically illustrates kind of the situation that we're trying to address is that in terms of sidewalks, I have no opposition of the need for sidewalks and I think they're a necessity for neighborhoods, where you've got the need for them. But as you have been a frequent person into this property and going to the church and whatever, you look at the practicality. And looking at the road as it currently has been for all the years we've been going there, it's basically an unimproved road. It does have traffic, practically no pedestrian traffic at all. You can drive there about any time of the day, whatever, and you won't see any pedestrian traffic, particularly where the red area is. There's really none all along there. Any of the activity is in the ballpark and on the trail area. But as you look at the picture and you say the red line is where you're looking to put a sidewalk, what does that sidewalk do. All it's going to be is a line of gravel or a line of concrete there, because you have nothing to the right. And if you've ever walked this area or drove down this area and you get from the left-hand side going north, you're going down the hill that was discussed earlier. That hill is so steep it is closed off in inclement weather. And if you drive down that road, it is steep and there's about this much shoulder to it. How in the world would you put sidewalks into that piece of property to go down to I-70 Southwest road that's down there? So you're putting in a piece of expensive concrete that would have no practical use at all because there would be no need for a sidewalk going on down and you don't have a sidewalk to the right. So is it reasonable and is it practical, and I think it's no. Thank you.

MR. REICHLIN: Any questions of this speaker? Seeing none, thank you.

MR. CAMPBELL: Good evening, members of the Planning and Zoning. My name's Jerry Campbell. I live at 4920 Booth Lane in Boone County. I attend this church and I wanted to also speak on this topic. Mr. Forbes spoke about the, you know, impracticality of the sidewalk. We like to use the term is the sidewalk goes to nowhere. It would literally be unused. And the discussion, couple of discussion points I want to talk about, what George spoke about, how the walk goes over the hill. We have a video to watch here. This is a video currently looking from the south going north. You can see the unimproved portion of the road here where the asphalt's severely damaged. As you're looking at our parking lot, this is our southernmost asphalt drive. The shrubbery on the right is what is being requested to be

removed. Can I pause this also? I think I can. So shrubbery on the right is requested to be removed as well as the trees, because the sidewalk will end up back at the curb on the far right that you see there. There's a drainage structure that's right below the camera currently that goes into the road, drains to the west. That'll have to be improved and a box built, so the cost is growing. The grade at that spot is going to cut into the curb that you see on the right, so there'll be a retaining wall there to get the sidewalk down to an accessible level at a cost. Whenever the sidewalk crosses that drive, there'll be ramps on each side adding cost. The trees that you see at the far end of the picture in the bright green grass will all be removed, therefore taking down our natural landscape barrier that's going to be there as well. We'll progress down and now we're looking at the top of the hill. And you see at the right there's a drainage ditch. And this is not our property now, but it's going to give you an idea of why this sidewalk goes to nowhere. As you come over the hill, the grade is pretty severe. It's dropping 60 feet I believe. I can't remember the exact grade number, but it's pretty dramatic. As you go off the right side of that road, you see the grade's fairly -- it's about three or four feet higher than the road now and as it drops over the hill, it drops down about six or eight feet lower than the road surface. This is looking down the hill again. Now resetting, go to the top. But it's a pretty severe grade. Trying to illustrate to you that that sidewalk, you know, in my experience probably not going to be constructed down that hill in the future. Even on the other side, the sidewalk would be, if it ever gets extended, would be quite severe. So it's a pretty steep grade. This is a three—minute video. This is where I wanted to go. So you can see how steep it is and how the truck's and the trees are vertical at that point. It has some grade to it. If you want to continue watching, I'll leave it. Or I can stop it here if you don't want to.

MR. REICHLIN: Stopping it's fine.

MR. CAMPBELL: So I could go and do a Google Earth and walk you through the complexities of the trees and -- but if you have a clear picture, I won't continue with that. So our church, it's not a business, right? A church is a nonrevenue generating space, facility. A business is revenue generating. These people are here, are representing their tithes, they're representing their church tonight. And they were all ready to come up and speak, at least six of them. But, most of them won't volunteer. But anyway the idea is they're here to support the money they give to run this building. So the money that's given doesn't go to, you know, it's hard to get money out of people to build a building and work on a building. It's giving; it has to be a good purpose. So this renovation caused the platting, right? So the renovation is money that they gave, that they've worked hard for to do the renovation. The sidewalk is pulling away from that revenue stream to do that renovation. You have an estimate, I believe, in your packet of the walk. That estimate is only for this portion of the walk. Thank goodness the southern portion of the walk is relieved because that was going to compound that cost. So if I had to say a couple different things why the variance should be approved, it would be cost is a major factor. It is actually a complex and difficulty to construct that walk due to the trees being removed and the other things, so. And consequently the access, that people just don't use it. They don't walk up and down this hill. You see people go to the bottom, they look up, and they'll walk on around the other side without

having to climb the hill. It's just, it's not going to be used. So as a church you look at your money spent and you look at the use of those tithes. It's not good stewardship to build a sidewalk in a spot that's unnecessary, so. I can talk all night about this topic, I really could. It's very important to us as members of the church that that money gets put into our building, not into a sidewalk that nobody's going to use. So I would like to talk about some alternatives so that we could maybe approve the variance. Or if the variance is denied, let's tweak it so we can get it approved. And I'm here all night to make sure we get that accomplished. So how do we work through that?

MR. REICHLIN: Do you have any questions of this witness?

MR. TOOHEY: I have a question. So is this the only bid you got, or do you have other bids?

MR. CAMPBELL: We got a bid. It wasn't requested of us to get multiple bids, but we could go get bids and they'll be comparable to that.

MR. REICHLIN: Is there anybody else? Mr. Stanton?

MR. STANTON: That was my concern. It didn't seem like we were very clear on the true cost. And I see both -- I see your points. We have a mission of trying to connect all the communities, and I'm hoping to hear what your alternative is. Do you use that trail that's by the ballpark? Is that your property or is that City property? What is that?

MR. CAMPBELL: So if you could go back --

MR. STANTON: The trail.

MR. CAMPBELL: -- to the aerial side. So that trail is our property. In fact that property goes -you can see a little park up at the far right, there's a little white dot there. It goes about halfway between that, and the trail is a line that goes back in the trees. So we own some 17 acres, plus or minus. So what happened back, I don't know how many years ago, the City needed a park. They came to our church and they asked to work out a deal that they could lease that ground and create a park. So if you come by when it starts warming up about any day, any afternoon in the summer, Saturdays, whatever, you'll see there's a tackle football team that plays there every week, there's baseball teams that play there every week, there's soccer teams that play there every week. Just like that piece of property is a city park over in Cosmo. It's an alternative area for the people to use a park property in the city of Columbia. So what they do is they park in our parking lot. The City has an agreement with us to use the property, they mow it which is great; that's a lot of money to mow that property. But the City uses it. Individuals in the city use that property as it's a city park. So we would hate for that relationship to be severed. We don't want it to be. But each party has to do their deal to separate it; there's a mechanism in the contract. We enjoy the relationship. When they're playing football and our church is open, they use our restrooms. The City doesn't have a restroom there. They come into our building and use ours. They park in our parking lot. The southern third of that parking lot is filled with cars when they're practicing. So the relationship is there. The traffic flow doesn't go down the hill. They just literally park there and use that spot. So I agree with the connectivity a hundred percent. This walk's not going to create connectivity. This walk's going to create a walk that's never going to be used. It's a poor use of funds. So the alternatives that I have, I

don't want to do the sidewalk. So my alternative is we have a great facility the way it is right now; there's no walk needed. But I think the variance should be approved. If the City has some alternatives, I would like to talk about that.

MR. STANTON: Do people just walk across the grass to get to the parking lot and all that stuff?

MR. CAMPBELL: Where they park, they walk across the grass to get to that field. They park on Worley to get to the field. They park on Silvey to get to the field.

MR. REICHLIN: Thank you very much. I think that pretty well sums it up.

MR. HARDER: I have one question. Did you say that people also park in the parking lot of the church too?

MR. CAMPBELL: Oh, they'll fill the parking lot, the majority of our parking lot. But if the practice is in the south, they park on Worley and not have to walk all the way across the field. There's really no parking there; they just do it.

MS. BURNS: One question. Do you operate a Mother's Day Out or any type of child care during the week at your church?

MR. CAMPBELL: There's a nursery that operates out of the church and they park in the back parking lot and they use the area back there.

MS. BURNS: Thank you.

MR. CAMPBELL: But there's multiple facilities that do things at our church or groups, so.

MR. ZENNER: If I may ask a question of Mr. Campbell. Can you express to the planning commission, I realize that this was being used by the City as a park. Has that arrangement expired, or is it still in effect with a lease agreement between the City for the use of this particular area?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, so great question. We got the lease back out and looked through it. The lease agreement is a perpetual agreement. It has a certain day period that each party has to write a letter to the other party to sever the agreement. That's never taken place; we hope it doesn't. That's why I'm saying, we don't want that agreement to sever. But it had a ten—year lease and then at the end of ten years, it continued unless either party terminated. That's what our legal counsel said, so.

MS. BURNS: So it continues year-to-year or another ten years, it rolled over and it's --

MR. CAMPBELL: It continues until somebody writes -- yeah, year-to-year and day-to-day until somebody writes a letter to sever it.

MR. REICHLIN: Is there anybody else?

MR. HARDER: I have another question. I noticed the trail was around and you say it also goes in the woods. What kind of surface is that, and who maintains that trail?

MR. CAMPBELL: So the trail goes around the property, and there is one that goes into the woods back there off the playground. I've never actually gone on that one, but I think it goes back down and connects somewhere. The surface is a chat, a chat gravel trail. It's leased by the City; the City maintains it. It's chat gravel; it doesn't take much to maintain it.

MR. REICHLIN: Seeing no one else, thank you for your comments.

MR. CAMPBELL: You bet. So how do we work through the process of talking about the alternatives?

MR. REICHLIN: I think that would be something that would happen going forward depending on what our recommendation is and/or how it proceeds going to Council. Would that be an appropriate response?

MR. ZENNER: It would be correct. I believe if you read your staff reports, Commissioners, there is an alternative that is offered. It is not our recommendation. However, there is alternative addressed within the staff report.

MR. CAMPBELL: Love to talk about what that is, so.

MR. REICHLIN: Somebody have that within their purview? Mr. Smith?

MR. SMITH: I would love to summarize that real quick. Just in light of the nature of the variance, we offered some kind of guidance if the variance wasn't considered, felt like if that was something that the Commission wanted to look at, felt it would probably be important at some point at the very least to have a connection from the trail to the site, so. And somewhere basically along this vicinity so that you at least have a surface connection from Worley along the trail and then a hard surface, it would be a sidewalk at least for a portion connecting to the parking lot. The remainder of that portion of the sidewalk that would be required would be basically considered as a fee in lieu. We've accepted a couple of similar kind of situations recently. The City has kind of a standard way to request for that, fees in lieu that meet the requirement in that fashion as well, so.

MR. REICHLIN: So basically it's either a connection to the parking lot and/or a fee in lieu of the building of the sidewalk?

MR. SMITH: Uh-huh. And again, I wouldn't consider it an alternate recommendation, just some additional guidance if that's something wants -- the Council, Commission wants to discuss.

MR. REICHLIN: Gotcha.

MR. ZENNER: And probably need to add too that it's not necessarily mutually exclusive either. Construction of the sidewalk, as Mr. Smith just pointed out, is the connection from a trail which does look like you access the sidewalk, the public sidewalk that's on Worley that ties in the existing park improvements that the City maintains to the east as well as it provides access from Smithton Middle School. And what is to the west of this particular property does obviously serve a beneficial connection given the way that this field is used as Mr. Campbell has pointed out. So while access can be gained from the field area to the parking lot by just walking across the trail and grass that's there, that may not always be accessible to those that may have disabilities of some nature that need to use something that is actually a more maintained travel-way. So a connection of some nature, as small as that may be, could be valuable. Again, the policy resolution is very clear. For waiver of a sidewalk, it should not generally be considered on an unimproved street without some type of compensation being received, be it fee in lieu of or some other line of dedication, right-of-way or something else. We have seen such recent actions taken. So not necessarily mutually exclusive is what I'm saying. The connection of the sidewalk stub

from the trail to the driveway may be very beneficial in addition to a fee in lieu of in order to stay consistent with the policy resolution that exists. And that would be very consistent with what we have had done recently with more contemporary sidewalk variance requests.

MR. REICHLIN: So basically it's up to us to decide which we think is most appropriate?

MR. ZENNER: That would be correct. We provided you the information. The applicants provided you the information as to their viewpoint to the technical feasibility of it. And we are leaving it in your capable hands as the Commission.

MR. REICHLIN: Thank you, sir.

MR. TOOHEY: I've got a quick question.

MR. REICHLIN: Go ahead.

MR. TOOHEY: So across the street from where this variance would be, isn't that a platted area? Won't that have a sidewalk at some point?

MR. SMITH: That's correct, yes. This portion is platted, the subdivision, the name escapes me off the top of my head. Smithton Villas, yes. So it's currently platted. So at the time that it is constructed and developed, sidewalks will be required at that location. Their plat though was approved many years ago, did not include a variance to the sidewalks, so they would, at this point, would be required to install.

MR. REICHLIN: So is it safe to say that even if we platted this and didn't approve the variance, there would be no particular trigger to put a sidewalk in place until some other development occurred, or is the renovation doing the trigger?

MR. SMITH: Yeah. So it's kind of a complicated triggering mechanism, if you will. So as Mr. Campbell pointed out, basically the property right now is an unplatted property and so any additional construction they wish to do requires it to be on a legally platted lot. So they have kind of, they've submitted some plans, so that triggered the need to plat it. So the platting would -- Staff recognized it would need sidewalk as well. So that kind of triggered that when they realized they had to plat it. So that's kind of the stepping scale that gets us to this point. That's what triggered the need for the plat, and the plat triggers the need for the sidewalk. At this stage the sidewalk would generally be subject to a, I think a performance contract requirement. It requires it to be installed within three years unless they are actually building on the site at the time. And then usually occupancy for the new addition is conditioned on the sidewalk structure.

MR. REICHLIN: That mud cleared it up little bit.

MR. SMITH: Kind of just point it out on this so you can see it in this aerial. This is the platting that was being discussed previously. This is platted, just not constructed at this point.

MR. ZENNER: I think Mr. Toohey, to the point Mr. Campbell has raised, where the driveway entrance is is actually north of the northern driveway, the gravel driveway where the grade starts to shift significantly. While this plat may have been approved without a request for a variance, the practical capability of building that sidewalk may be realized at the time that they actually come in and try to pull a building permit. And that actually at that point as a result of permits being issued may trigger a request. I

would not be shocked that if the same argument and the same facts that are being presented here this evening would be brought to us when Smithton Villas comes to build. Just the reality of I think this roadway segment has challenges vertically with the decline off the property to meet other ADA requirements.

MR. CAMPBELL: Can I talk for a minute about a couple of those topics?

MR. REICHLIN: Well, let me just ask the fellow commissioners, do we feel like we have enough information at this point in time?

MS. RUSSELL: No. I'd like to hear what he has to say.

MR. CAMPBELL: So I'd like to reiterate, the park is -- the City has no cost. The only cost they have is mowing it and then maintaining the gravel. That's it. So the City is getting that for free as an asset, so keep that in mind when we walk through this process, so. The other piece of it is is that when we talk about the alternatives, I like the alternative that was suggested by the planning team about the connection, you know. If you go back to that aerial that was horizontally shown, the sidewalk, if you wouldn't mind. Is this a pointer deal?

MS. RUSSELL: The other one, the aerial.

MR. CAMPBELL: You said what?

MR. SMITH: It will not show up on the screen.

MR. CAMPBELL: Oh, okay. Yeah. So if you could put your arrow on where you wanted that connector from the parking lot to the trail, like somewhere right in there. So what we've seen people do is they literally won't go down the hill. What they'll do is they'll come down the sidewalk on the west from behind the subdivision, the condos. They'll walk down the walk, walk right across into our parking lot and then they'll hit the trail. So I would like to present an alternate for fixing the whole deal right now, if you guys are open to my suggestion. My suggestion is that we go ahead and build that connector walk from the parking lot to the trail, make it accessible, because it's going to take a little bit of grade to get it up there. And then we also make a connector walk that would come across from that drive to the south and connect to the sidewalk on the west. We're going to create a loop that -- they're not going to go down the hill. So that would create a loop that gives them some kind of an access point to walk around. They don't have to cross through the ditch, which is a challenge. Let's just do all that and make this thing thumbs up and everybody's happy.

MS. RUSHING: What was the second portion of your proposal? Is it a crossover from the end of that sidewalk or?

MR. CAMPBELL: No. So we would go right across the driveway to the --

MS. RUSHING: That I got, yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MS. RUSHING: And then that connects to the trail.

MR. CAMPBELL: We create a loop so they have a nice flowing path. We create connectivity.

MR. STANTON: Where's the other connection?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. It would be across the street. It would be on the opposite side of our property.

MS. RUSHING: And what would the Silvey -- or what can be done to protect that crosswalk or to mark it?

MR. CAMPBELL: It'll be striped, it would have that striping on it.

MS. RUSHING: Because that was what I was thinking, that people would be walking down that sidewalk into their parking lot and that there should be something to protect pedestrians as they cross that road at that point.

MR. CAMPBELL: There's some other logistics to make that work, but yeah, it would signify, This is where people are walking, slow down. We would love to do that. It's not taking away enormous funds that we project -- and I want to go back to that estimate you asked about, Brian, is that that estimate was actually made up of two companies putting numbers together to do that. We had a contractor that deals with sidewalks and we had a contractor that deals with retaining walls and grading. Put the numbers together. We can get more if we need to, but I'm going to suggest they would be very similar to that. So if we can make that alternative work, then there won't be a variance. It will be an alternative.

MR. REICHLIN: Lee?

MS. RUSSELL: I have one. So are you saying that the congregation is willing to absorb the cost of creating the crosswalk and the sidewalk to connect to the trial?

MR. CAMPBELL: That's right.

MR. REICHLIN: What's Staff's position?

MR. ZENNER: We had contemplated the alternative, the sidewalk connecting to the driveway as a possible option. However, we have not had an opportunity to talk about traffic as it relates to the creation of the sidewalk across Silvey. If the Commission is inclined to grant the variance with that condition or a condition that the sidewalk crossing Silvey is subject to approval of our traffic engineering department, if that's how you would like to frame your memo, we can move the item forward with that and then basically work with our traffic division to ensure that the actual crossing point is something that they agree to. The crossing point would also have to be constructed according to City standards and specifications. Your motion would need to include that as well. We don't know what those would be. It would likely be striped crosswalk and signage and then basically a connecting stub from the sidewalk that currently is on the west side to connect appropriately the handicapped ramp access to meet ADA --

MR. CAMPBELL: And drainage.

MR. ZENNER: And drainage. So all of those issues, unfortunately we have not had a contemplated conversation with our engineers about and they're not here to speak to that. So that solution, that then leaves the remaining portion of the frontage, and that is, again, at the discretion of the planning commission as to how you would like to handle that. If you believe that this connection point and the additional work that would be done to be able to get access to the west is sufficient, make a motion accordingly.

MR. REICHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Zenner.

MR. CAMPBELL: Encourage you to make a motion that way. We'll sit back and listen to you.

MR. REICHLIN: Thank you. Have a good evening. Okay. I'll turn this matter over to my fellow commissioners. Mr. Stanton?

MR. STANTON: I want to form a motion, but I need my colleagues' help. I'd like to propose --

MR. REICHLIN: Let's flush it out a little bit.

MR. STANTON: It's kind of a win-win.

MR. REICHLIN: I'd prefer to flush it out.

MR. STANTON: I want to help, but I need help. Flush it out.

MR. REICHLIN: Anybody have any comments regarding this to discuss other than the motion?

MS. BURNS: I do. You know, I understand, I totally see the church's position here, and I'm thinking how I would walk down this road. And what you're proposing as far as with the sidewalk and then connecting to the trail seems to be how I would think best would handle the situation. That being said, we try to encourage connectivity where you do have a nursery school, you're near Smithton Middle School, but I think I'm in favor of the variance as proposed as far as doing the sidewalk and the connector to the trail.

MR. REICHLIN: Correct me if I'm wrong, but I'm interpreting what you're saying that you feel it's sufficient to just connect the parking lot to the trail as it sits and not necessarily the crosswalk.

MS. BURNS: Given everything else that we've heard as far as the steep incline of the road and who would be using this particular sidewalk, to me that makes the most sense as far as the situation that everyone could be agreeable with.

MS. RUSHING: But you would put a crosswalk across --

MS. BURNS: And again, this is all -- there are questions still and I hope that the applicant understands that there will be city engineers and others looking at that and determining how best that would be served.

MR. REICHLIN: Okay. Is there anybody else that would care to comment on this?

MR. HARDER: I'll comment, yeah. I mean, I like that the church and the City are using the same space as a park. I had no idea that was even there, so. I know how steep that road is as it, you know, to the north, so I know a lot of people normally don't use this road very often. I definitely like the arrangement with the crosswalk. I think that that connects it. I don't think that much is going to happen north of here based on the topography.

MR. REICHLIN: Anybody else? Ms. Russell?

MS. RUSSELL: I agree with the grade on that road on Silvey. I've driven it before, but I didn't make a special effort to go look at it again this time. And I like the idea of the crosswalk, subject to the city engineers and I like that connection to the trail making sure that there's some handicapped access and that drainage issue is taken care of.

MR. REICHLIN: I'll just mention for the record that Staff was comfortable as an alternative, the

parking lot going to the trail. So my point of view, I'm comfortable with just leaving the parking lot and the trail, getting some kind of connection and foregoing the crosswalk, personally. That's my -- just to throw it out there for comment and conversation. Because so many people -- but that was where I was coming from. So with all that information if somebody wants to frame a motion. Mr. Smith?

MR. SMITH: I'm sorry to interrupt you, Mr. Chairman. Any motion, I'd just ask you be clear about whether or not you're waiving responsibility for the rest of the sidewalk or if the fee in lieu would apply in addition. So just make sure there's that clarity.

MR. REICHLIN: That has to be addressed.

MR. SMITH: Whether or not the connection, the crosswalk meets the full requirement and the variance would waive all of the requirement or a fee in lieu would be required for the remainder as well.

MR. REICHLIN: Okay. Okay. All right. Well, I think we have all the information we need to frame a motion. Is there somebody --

MS. RUSHING: Mr. Stanton, I know --

MR. REICHLIN: Mr. Stanton, are you feeling brave?

MR. STANTON: No. I'll back up.

MR. REICHLIN: Ms. Russell?

MS. RUSSELL: I will. First of all in the case of 16-85, approval of the final plat for Compass Church Subdivision with the condition that the minor technical corrections are completed prior to forwarding to Council. Additionally, approval of the variance, the sidewalk variance request with an alternate option approved to do a sidewalk connection across Silvey which is approved by the city engineers, a connection from the parking lot to the trail from the church, and that connection needs to have handicap access and appropriate drainage.

MR. REICHLIN: But we didn't touch on if we're releasing the --

MS. RUSSELL: I did. I said approval of the variance.

MR. REICHLIN: Approval of the variance, does that release all -- does that unto itself release all responsibility for --

MR. SMITH: That's the way I interpret it. If that's the way you meant it, I think that's the way it was intended.

MR. STANTON: I second that.

MR. REICHLIN: Mr. Stanton seconded that. With that, we'll take a roll call.

MR. STRODTMAN: Yes. Mrs. Burns?

MS. BURNS: Yes.

MR. STRODTMAN: Mr. Harder?

MR. HARDER: Yes.

MR. STRODTMAN: Mr. Reichlin?

MR. REICHLIN: Yes.

MR. STRODTMAN: Mr. Stanton?

MR. STANTON: Yes.

MR. STRODTMAN: My vote is yes. Ms. Rushing?

MS. RUSHING: Yes.

MR. STRODTMAN: Mrs. Russell?

MS. RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. STRODTMAN: Mr. Toohey?

MR. TOOHEY: Yes.

MR. STRODTMAN: Recommendation for approval will be forwarded to City Council.