

City Council Announcements

August 18, 2009

A. Information Needed by Council Staff

- 1 The Council allocated \$75,000 in the current budget for a project relating to neighborhood commercial and a project relating to small business best practices. It is staff's understanding that \$65,000 of this was to address a proposal by Council Member Garrott to gather information relating to the commercial nodes, and \$10,000 was designated for a project relating to locally owned small business.

Council Member Garrott has been in conversation with the Administration on the commercial node project. He would like to suggest that \$55,000 be designated for the door-to-door survey previously discussed. The Administration indicates they would administer this enthusiastically as part of their full project. The approach proposal would be submitted to the Council for consent. Given that the issue of alcohol in neighborhood commercial zones is going to be raised sooner rather than later, Council Member Garrott suggests that \$10,000 originally intended for the door-to-door survey be allocated to do a City-wide telephone poll on alcohol regulations.

That would leave the \$10,000 planned for the small business project. Staff is assuming that the Neighborhood Development (formerly small business) Subcommittee would come back with a recommendation on structuring that project.

Does the Council support this approach?