

# CITY OF GREENACRES

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TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: **Palm Beach Villas II Sidewalks**  
Council Agenda Item for 02-01-16

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File: Palm Beach Villas II Sidewalks

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## **Background:**

Palm Beach Villas II (informally known as the Empire Way neighborhood) was originally developed starting in 1975. At that time, the City's Code only required the construction of a sidewalk along the street in front of a house when the house was being built. The Code was silent regarding the construction of sidewalks on streets within a subdivision without houses fronting on them. This created gaps in the sidewalk network and, in the case of Palm Beach Villas II, there are significant gaps. The City's Code was subsequently amended to require the construction of complete sidewalk systems on both sides of every street and this issue will not recur in future developments.

The City Council member whose district includes Palm Beach Villas II brought the issue of a gap between Chariot Circle and Empire Way which complicates the route of a resident who uses a mobility device (electric wheelchair or scooter) to City staff's attention. An analysis of all the sidewalk gaps in the Palm Beach Villas II neighborhood was conducted and pricing obtained for sidewalk installation.

## **Analysis:**

The analysis of existing conditions in the neighborhood revealed 6 gaps in the sidewalk network. The total cost to install concrete sidewalk in all the missing segments is \$95,265. Sidewalks are intended to provide circulation and access to residents and visitors in a neighborhood to the various homes and amenities such as parks. Properly installed, sidewalks allow safe movement for people of varying ages and mobility. Within the Palm Beach Villas II neighborhood, the various missing segments would be of differing degrees of usefulness if filled in, with the most useful providing access to

Empire Park and the least useful running along the south side of Centurian Way paralleling an existing sidewalk on the north side that has access to the Empire Way and Haverhill Road sidewalks at stop sign controlled intersections that are safe for pedestrians to cross.

**Legal:**

All of the missing sidewalk segments are located within existing City road right-of-way.

**Financial:**

Completing all of the missing segments is estimated to cost \$95,265, plus additional expenditures for such things as surveying of the right-of-way, for a total estimated cost of \$105,000. Expenditures for capital improvements greater than \$10,000 are to be budgeted as a project within the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) through the City's annual budgeting process to allow for appropriate Council deliberation on the relative merits and costs of the City's various capital expenditure needs and the planning of expenditures against anticipated revenue. There is currently no established CIP project for this improvement and therefore no funding. This project could be added to the upcoming Fiscal Year 2017 budget and CIP if the City Council so desires, which would lead to execution of the project during the Fiscal Year starting October 1, 2016.

**Staff Recommendation:**

None at this time as this is a discussion item. If the City Council wants to add this work to the CIP, it should be done in conjunction with review and adoption of the FY 2017 Budget and as part of an effort to address critical sidewalk gaps citywide.

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**Attachments:**

1. Map of Missing Sidewalk Segments and Cost Estimates