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Crestwood Neighborhood Commons Master Plan Update

In the fall of 2000, the Crestwood neighborhood approved a "Neighborhood Commons Master Plan". We have asked the City for assistance with the continuation of J. C. Nichols neighborhood development by providing PIAC funding for new entry monuments, island up grades, and misc. improvements including new signage associated with this approved Master Plan.

In the summer of 2001 we re-plumbed the leaning stone marker at 54th & Holmes, (Master Plan Item No. 6). We committed to re-plumbing any existing markers. Yet, as a group to date, have not felt that any other monuments currently warrant the work and related expense.

In August 2001 we requested \$11,000 in a PIAC grant to replace the City sidewalk at the Bunny Trail (sidewalk between 55th Street and Crestwood Drive). This was considered a high priority item in the Master Plan, (Item No. 5). We were funded in the spring of 2002 for improvements to the Bunny Trail sidewalk. The work went out to bid the week of September 8th 2003. Construction on the new sidewalk was completed in the spring of 2004. The sidewalk includes brick edging. (PIAC Number 034096).

In the two planting seasons of 2002 and 2003, we planted additional groves of flowering trees (Master Plan Item No. 9) and planted shrubs and trees that provide habitat in the parks, (Master Plan Item No. 12).

We successfully completed that installation of a French drain in the spring and summer of 2003 to control the spring water at the west end of Happy Woods Park and installed new picnic tables and benches in Happy Woods and Cherry Woods Parks. These projects were not eligible for PIAC funding since they are not on City property.

In the summer of 2002 we repaired the slate roofs and woodwork as needed on the existing entry markers, (Master Plan Item No. 11). This will be an ongoing issue.

We were funded on May 1, 2003 for \$60,000 of our requested \$120,000 PIAC grant which we submitted in August of 2002. The items funded under PIAC No. 100061 titled Crestwood Homes Amenities are:

North Entry Island - \$20,000 was allocated for the improvement of the north neighborhood entrance on Cherry with new features including a low stone wall, new walk and signage. This was a Master Plan high priority, (Item No. 1).

54th & Oak Entry Monument - \$30,000 to construct a new stone arch and pier monument at 54th Street entry from Oak Street. This entry monument is to be similar to the entrance at 54th and Holmes. This was a Master Plan high priority, (Item No. 1).

55th & Cherry Improvements - \$10,000 has been allocated to install a new entry monument including stone wall and walk. This was a not a Master Plan item. We were hoping that the funds would be allocated and we could expense as needed. We have requested that these funds be allocated toward over runs on the two entrance monuments currently funded.

Total funding given to the project was \$60,000 in FY2003-04. This is project # 89002922 at Public Works. The contact person is Shawn Demory (513-0059), Communication Specialist with the Capital