

**PRE-MEETING AGENDA
MOUNTAIN BROOK CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY HALL PRE-COUNCIL ROOM (A106)
56 CHURCH STREET
MOUNTAIN BROOK, AL 35213**

SEPTEMBER 12, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

1. Executive Session (pre-meeting is expected to commence at approximately 5:45 p.m.)
2. Small Business Administration “Start-Up” Pledge-Sam Gaston (See attached information. This item may be added to the formal agenda.)
3. Watkins Branch pedestrian bridge and sidewalk connections to Phase 5b project-Joel Eliason of Nimrod Long and Associates (See attached information.)
4. Bridge over Shades Creek in Jemison Park-Walter Schoel of Schoel Engineering (See attached information.)
5. Early Retirement Window-Steve Boone (See attached information. This item may be added to the formal agenda.)
6. Conditional Use for MPower Pilates at 2419 Canterbury Road-Dana Hazen (See attached information. This item may be added to the formal agenda.)
7. Request by Erma St. John for city’s assistance in plantings at the Williamsburg Circle entrance off Overton Road. (See attached information. This item may be added to the formal agenda.)

Startup in a Day Pledge

“Our cities and communities are committed to making it easier for every entrepreneur to start a business. We believe an entrepreneur’s time is best spent developing innovative products and services, creating jobs, and growing local economies—not navigating red tape. While fair zoning rules, licenses, and permits are important to ensuring public safety and fair competition, it should not take more than a day for an entrepreneur to identify and apply, ideally through a single online tool, for all the licenses and permits they need in order to responsibly launch a business. Accordingly, we resolve to:

- 1. Create a “Startup in a Day” online tool within 12 months: we will develop within a year a website or application that lets most entrepreneurs identify and apply within one day for all requirements to launch a business in our respective communities.*
- 2. Develop a streamlined, business-friendly, online permitting system: Our pledge is a first step in a larger effort to streamline, simplify, and bring online those regulatory requirements that have traditionally been fragmented across multiple agencies and handled through a paper-based process. Our ultimate goal is for small business owners to be able to manage and complete most of their regulatory obligations within a single easy-to-use online system.*
- 3. Share best practices: In an effort to encourage other municipalities to join us in this effort, we are joining a community of practice administered by the National League of Cities, and commit to sharing best practices, publicizing key learnings, highlighting tangible outcomes, supporting smart regulatory simplification, and providing visibility into our actions.”*

To take the pledge, please have **the city official authorized to commit to the pledge email** Chris James, Associate Administrator, and the Startup in a Day team at: startup@sba.gov (please cc: Star Wilbraham at star.wilbraham@sba.gov). The email needs to include the following:

- The name of the city taking the pledge.
- The official website address for the city.
- The name of the city official and their contact information including a phone number and email address.
- A statement that the official agrees to the Startup in a Day Pledge on behalf of their city. **(This only needs to be a couple sentences. However, if your city prefers, a more formal proclamation can be submitted.)**

Sam Gaston

From: Todt, Thomas A.
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 3:25 PM
To: Sam Gaston
Cc: Todt, Thomas A.
Subject: RE: Lunch

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Hey Sam,

Great to see you today and catch up a little bit. Looking back, you, Peggy and I were supposed to have lunch on 4 Nov 2015, which I missed, so I'm not sure just when you and I last broke bread--too long for sure.

I have attached the Startup in a Day pledge information for your review. Pretty simple--the Mayor takes the pledge, sends an email, and joins the community of practice hosted by the National League of Cities. No reporting requirements, no salesman will call.

Let me know if you have any questions, or if/how you'd like to proceed.

Thanks.

Tom
Thomas A. Todt
Alabama District Director
US Small Business Administration
205-290-7009

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From: Sam Gaston [mailto:gastons@mtnbrook.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 10:28 AM
To: Todt, Thomas A.
Subject: RE: Lunch

Yes. See you at Just Noodles.

Sam S.Gaston

City Manager

City of Mountain Brook, AL.

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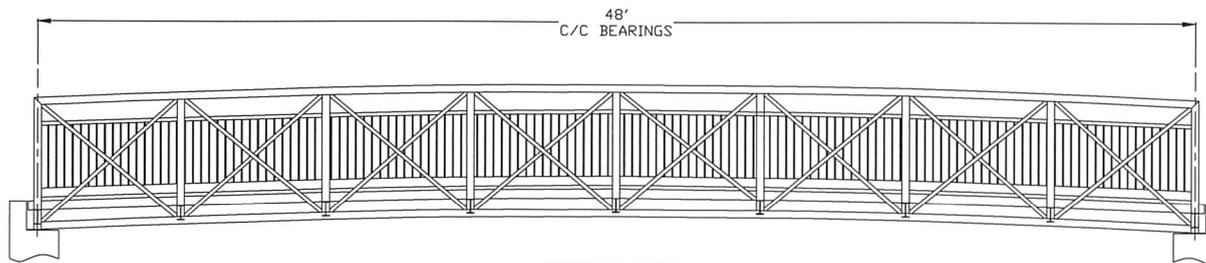
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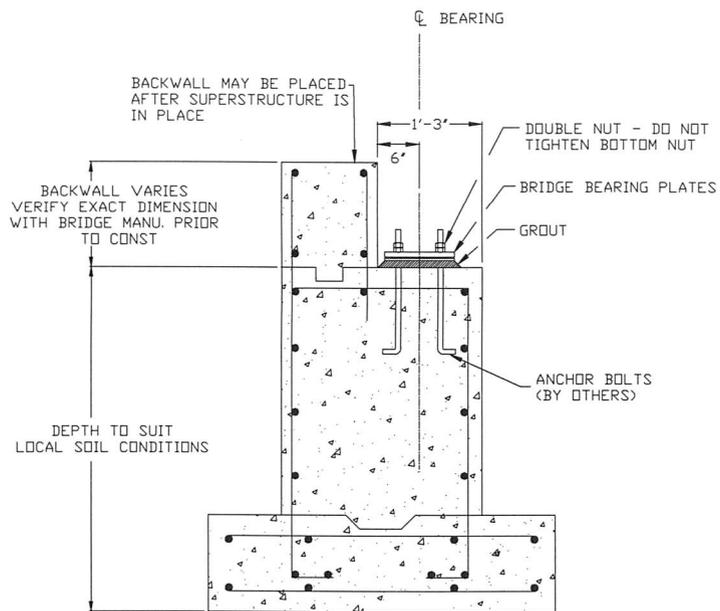
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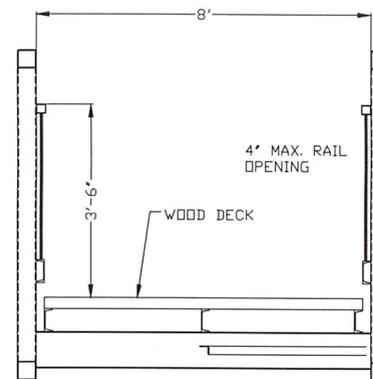
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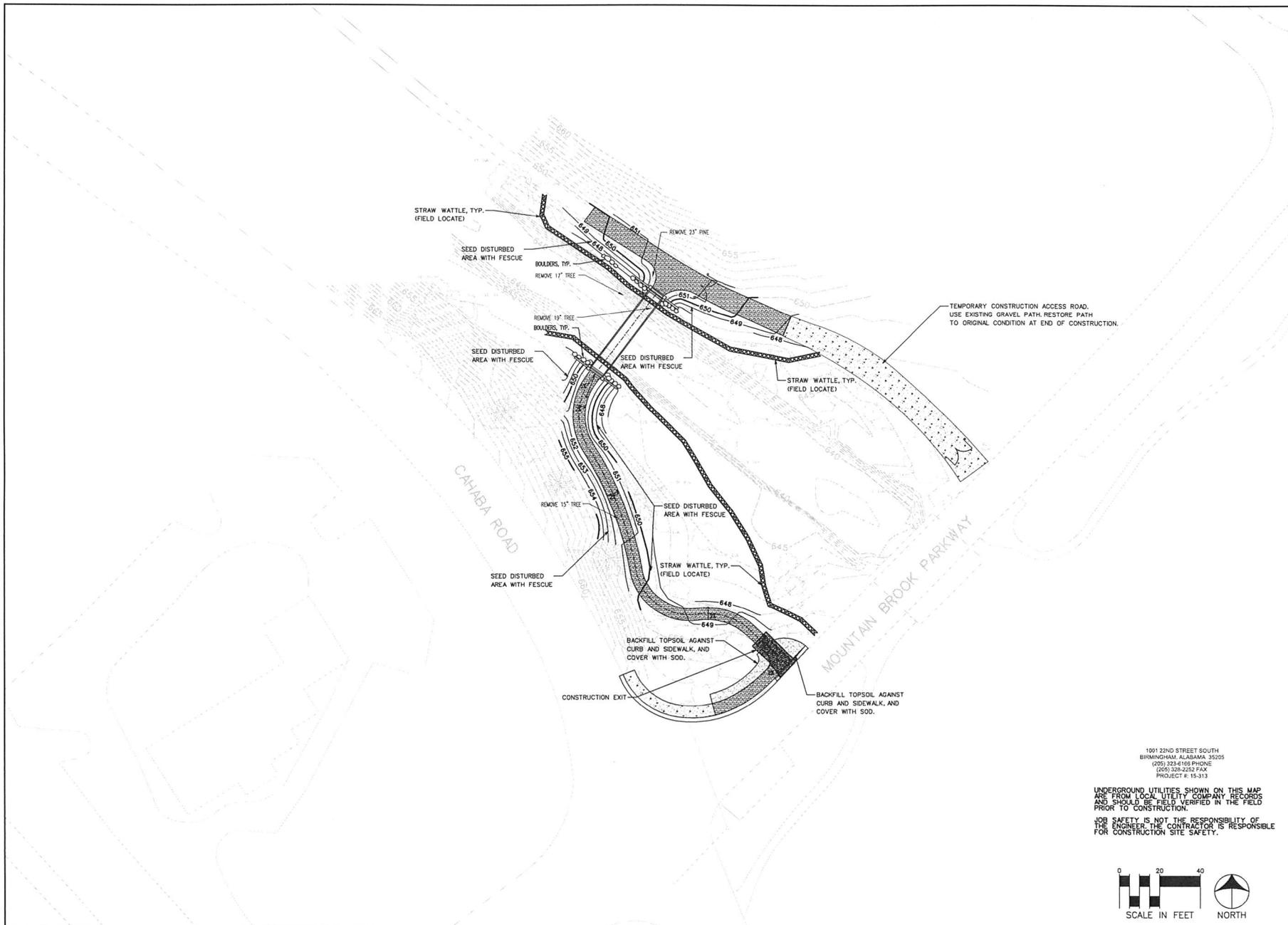
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 Mountain Brook, Alabama 35213

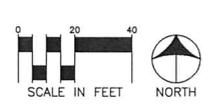
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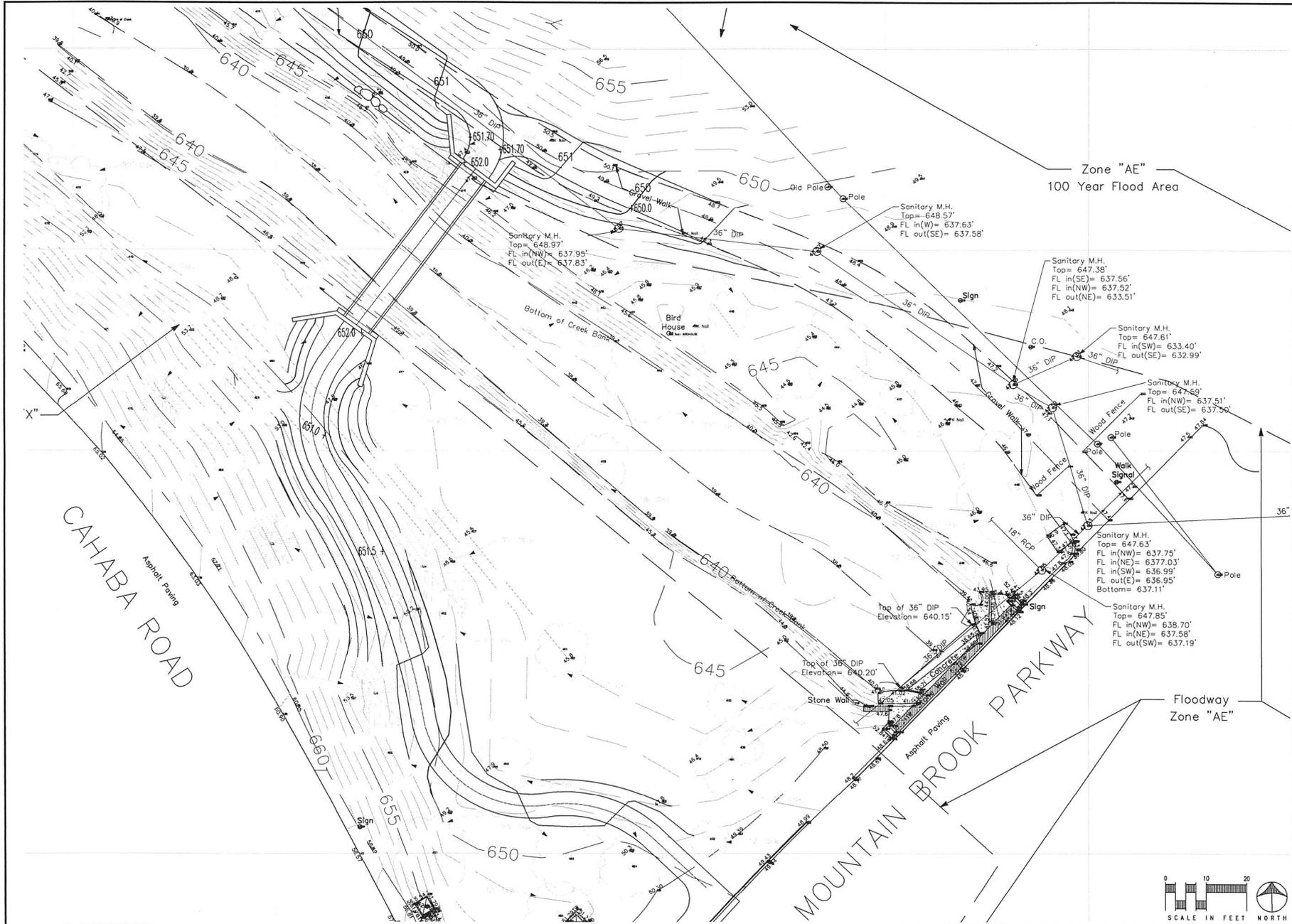
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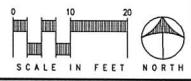
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A Landscape Development Plan for:
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Sam Gaston

From: Andrew Phillips
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 2:30 PM
To: 'Sam Gaston'; 'William Thomas'
Cc: 'Walter Schoel III'
Subject: RE: Jemison Park Pedestrian Bridge
Attachments: 100_1320.JPG

Sam:

Attached is a snapshot of the arched bridge alternative. Also included is the preliminary cost estimate for this bridge option.

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Bridge material cost comparison (65' Long x 6' Wide)

Flat: \$36,900 (with safety rails)
 Arched: \$42,500 (with safety rails)

You would pay a 15% premium for the arched look. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Have a good afternoon,

Andrew Phillips, PE
Project Manager
 Direct: 205.313.1154



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From: Sam Gaston [mailto:gastons@mtnbrook.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 11:22 AM
To: William Thomas
Cc: Andrew Phillips; Walter Schoel III
Subject: RE: Jemison Park Pedestrian Bridge

Our next Council meeting is September 12th. Will you have some more options, like an arched bridge, for us to review?

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 City Manager
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From: William Thomas [mailto:wthomas@schoel.com]

8/31/2016

Sent: Friday, August 05, 2016 9:09 AM
To: 'Sam Gaston'
Cc: 'Andrew Phillips'; 'Walter Schoel III'
Subject: RE: Jemison Park Pedestrian Bridge

Sam,

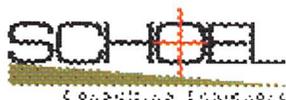
Preliminary evaluation of this bridge shows that we can design the bridge in a way to not impact the flood elevations during the 100-year event. Since this would fall under a no-rise certification, this would stay local and not be required to submit to FEMA. We will have to remove the current steps in the channel in order to have a no-rise, but it does seem possible.

The 100-year flood elevation is close to the elevation of Mountain Brook Parkway, so elevating this bridge above the 100-year flood is not practical. The bridge will be sufficiently elevated to stay dry during most storm events. During the 100-year event it will be submerged.

Let me know if you have any more questions.

-William

William R. Thomas, PE, CFM
Senior Environmental Project Manager
Direct: 205.313.1150



From: Sam Gaston <gastons@mtnbrook.org>
Date: August 4, 2016 at 4:48:18 PM CDT
To: Andrew Phillips <aphillips@schoel.com>
Subject: RE: Jemison Park Pedestrian Bridge

Andrew,
Can we get this approved by FEMA?
We thought it was going to be a "dry" bridge.

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From: Andrew Phillips [mailto:aphillips@schoel.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 4:07 PM
To: 'Sam Gaston'
Cc: 'Walter Schoel III'
Subject: Jemison Park Pedestrian Bridge

Sam:

Good afternoon, I hope you are doing well. We have been working with Contech to determine which bridge system would be most appropriate for this application. The goal for this particular bridge would

be to span Shades Creek, minimize bank disturbance and not adversely affect the stream's conveyance. The Continental Pedestrian truss style bridge appears to be the best option. It appears to satisfy all of the project goals listed above.



Contech has provided a preliminary material cost for the bridge of \$36,900. We are new working with a local contractor to verify the installation costs. At this point, they are suggesting an additional \$80,000 for installation (crane, spread footing, anchor, testing, etc). The total cost for material and installation would be in the ballpark of \$116,900. The contractor felt that he could likely reduce his cost after some additional site reconnaissance. He is hoping to have a revised estimate by Monday afternoon.

Thank you,

Andrew Phillips, PE
Project Manager

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Memorandum

A

To: Sam Gaston, City Manager
CC: Mayor and members of the City Council
From: Steven Boone
Date: 09/06/2016
Re: Retirement Window Analysis

Background

In 2002, the City adopted a resolution (No. 02-072) which allows retirees to continue their participation in the City's group medical insurance plan provided they have at least 30 years of service with the City (any age) or at least 15 years of services if age 60 or older. Such participation is limited to the earlier date of the retiree's becoming eligible for Medicare benefits (whether by age or disability) or 13 years. Effective January 1, 2016, the monthly cost of such retiree coverage will be as follows:

	City	Retiree	Total
Family	\$1,141	\$480	\$1,621
Single	\$731	\$150	\$881

Generally annually, the City Council considers extending this benefit to other employees with 20 years of service (any age) or 10 years of service if age 60 or older. The last such resolution was adopted November 9, 2015 (2015-163) which opened the retirement window from January 1, 2016 through August 1, 2016. Recently, several employees have expressed interest in retiring provided they can secure access to the City's group medical insurance plan.

The net cost (savings) to the City results from the replacement of the retiring employee ultimately with an entry level employee after considering the various internal promotions. Those retiring are generally receiving the maximum annual longevity compensation whereas their replacements are not eligible for longevity compensation for six (6) years. Longevity compensation starts at 1-1/2% of annual compensation (before applying the annual cap) and increases at the rate of 1/2% annually over the ensuing 20 years before attaining the maximum amount of 8-1/2% of annual compensation (again, before applying the annual cap). Following is an illustration of the annual savings for one police officer with family medical coverage carrying said coverage for the maximum duration of 13 years:

Year	Net Retiree Medical Premium	Longevity/Benefit (Savings) [G17: \$57,304(8.5%)(70%)]	Net Salary/Benefit (Savings) Step 10-1 (7.65%+9.65%)	Annual (Savings)
1	\$12,108	(\$3,400)	(\$24,000)	(\$15,292)
2	12,108	(3,400)	(\$21,700)	(12,992)
3	12,108	(3,400)	(19,400)	(10,692)
4	12,108	(3,400)	(17,000)	(8,292)
5	12,108	(3,400)	(14,400)	(5,692)

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Year	Net Retiree Medical Premium	Longevity/ Benefit (Savings) [G17: \$57,304(8.5%)(70%)]	Net Salary/Benefit (Savings) Step 10- 1 (7.65%+9.65%)	Annual (Savings)
6	12,108	(2,825)	(11,800)	(2,517)
7	12,108	(2,600)	(9,100)	408
8	12,108	(2,400)	(6,200)	3,508
9	12,108	(2,200)	(3,200)	6,708
10	12,108	(2,000)	(0)	10,108
11	12,108	(1,800)	(0)	10,308
12	12,108	(1,600)	(0)	10,508
13	12,108	(1,400)	(0)	10,708
	\$157,404	(\$33,825)	(\$126,800)	(\$3,221)

Note: The above illustration (a police officer) represents a conservative analysis of the aggregate savings over a 13 year period. The annual savings increases for higher ranking/compensated employees. Additionally, the aggregate savings increases for employees over the age of 52 who elect to retire as their participation in the group medical insurance plan will not last for 13 years.

The above analysis takes into consideration only the annual cost (savings) from the retiring employee and their replacement. Beginning in 2008, the City was required to account for retirees' medical coverage in a manner similar to its accounting for the pension plan (namely a footnote to the annual audited financial statements). The City now "accrues" a portion of the retirees' medical cost over the life of their employment (normal cost) and amortizes the unfunded liability over 30 years. As of September 30, 2015, the City reported an unfunded Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) liability of \$2.2 million. In spite of this unfunded liability for retiree medical cost, in my opinion, the City's policy of allowing its retirees to continue their participation in the City's group medical plan is justified for the following reasons:

1. Employee morale by a) increasing promotional opportunities and b) allowing employees emotionally ready for retirement the opportunity to do so
2. Reduces workers' compensation exposure especially in the more labor intensive positions

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-119

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook (“City”), Alabama, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to offer to eligible City employees continuing health insurance benefits under the following conditions:

1. Eligibility - All currently engaged employees of the City including the Library, and Parks & Recreation departments who:
 - (a) have at least twenty (20) years of employment service with the City and are eligible to draw retirement benefits from the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA), or
 - (b) have at least 10 years of employment service with the City, are at least age 60, and are eligible to draw retirement benefits from the RSA, and
 - (c) retire from service during the period of October 1, 2016 through June 1, 2017, provided that the eligible employee gives written notice at least 30 days prior to their retirement date.

2. Insurance Coverage - Each eligible employee electing to retire must be enrolled in the City’s group health insurance plan at the time of their retirement effective date and must meet all eligibility requirements established by the State Employees’ Insurance Board (SEIB) for such coverage during retirement. Coverage under the City’s group medical insurance plan will continue for the lesser period of:
 - (a) thirteen (13) years from the retirement date,
 - (b) until the Retiree becomes eligible for Medicare benefits (whether by age or disability),
 - (c) the date that the City no longer offers medical insurance to retirees, or
 - (d) until the retiree is determined to be no longer eligible for coverage under the City’s group medical insurance plan.

The terms of coverage (benefits, cost for coverage, etc.) will be subject to change as the insurance plan changes for active employees under the health plan. Retirees are subject to health appraisals, lifetime aggregate health payment caps/limitations, and all other provisions currently required of all active employees and health plan participants and any that may be imposed in the future for active employees.

3. Premium Cost - The amount of a Retiree’s premium to be paid by the City of Mountain Brook for individual or family coverage (Resolution No. 2016-118 dated September 12, 2016) is subject to change at the discretion of the City Council. The retiree’s share of the premium is to be paid to the City in advance on or before the first day of each month. By retiring under the provisions of this resolution, the retiree understands that coverage under the City’s group medical insurance plan is a privilege contingent upon timely payment to the City of the required premium. The City reserves the right to irrevocably cancel any retiree’s medical insurance contract should payment not be received by the City as prescribed above.

4. Employees electing to retire under the provisions of this resolution (or Resolution No. 02-072) must execute the “City of Mountain Brook Medical Insurance Memorandum of Understanding and Participant Acknowledgement” attached hereto as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED: This 12th day of September, 2016.

Council President

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APPROVED: This 12th day of September, 2016.

Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Steven Boone, City Clerk of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook at its meeting held on September 12, 2016, as same appears in the minutes of record of said meeting.

City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK RETIREE MEDICAL INSURANCE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT
(Resolution No. 10-090 Adopted June 14, 2010)**

Whereas, the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama (“the City”) offers qualifying employees that wish to retire access to the City’s group medical insurance plan; and

Whereas, the City of Mountain Brook has adopted Resolution No. 02-072 making such continuing medical insurance offer open-ended (unless repealed by formal City Council action) for those employees of any age with at least 30 years of employment service with the City or for those employees age 60 and over with at least 15 years of employment service with the City; and

Whereas, periodically the City of Mountain Brook considers opening windows of opportunity for employees to retire and participate in the City’s group medical insurance plan for employees of any age with at least 20 years of employment service with the City or for those employees age 60 and over with at least 10 years of employment service with the City; and

Whereas, employees that elect to retire and to participate in the City’s group medical insurance plan do so with the following understandings and stipulations:

1. The duration of retiree medical insurance coverage shall last from the date of retirement until the following [earliest] date or event: a) thirteen (13) years from the date of retirement, b) until the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare coverage whether such entitlement is occasioned upon the retiree’s age or disability, c) the date that the City no longer offers medical insurance to retirees, or d) the date that retiree medical insurance coverage is no longer offered by the City’s medical insurer.
2. Retirees who, by whatever occasion, become eligible for Medicare coverage are required to notify the City of such eligibility so that participation in the City’s group medical insurance plan may be cancelled (subject to applicable COBRA or similar laws). Failure by a retiree to notify the City of such Medicare eligibility exposes said retiree to substantial financial loss as coverage under the City’s group medical insurance plan is cancelable retroactively to the date of Medicare eligibility regardless of when such eligibility is ultimately discovered or whether the retiree elects at the time of eligibility to opt out of the Medicare program.
3. Retirees are required to pay (in advance on or before the first day of each month) a portion of the retiree medical premium. Failure on the part of a retiree to pay such monthly medical insurance premiums, for whatever reason, or retirees who are habitually late in paying their medical premiums to the City is sufficient cause for the City to cancel such retirees’ medical insurance coverage. Once a retirees’ medical insurance coverage is cancelled, such coverage may not be reinstated.

RETIREE MEDICAL INSURANCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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4. The retirees' portion of the medical insurance premium is determined by the City and is subject to change periodically. Generally, retiree premiums are set by the City in September for the upcoming fiscal year (October through September). However, more frequent retiree premium changes may be imposed at the sole discretion of the City Council.

5. Currently, the City offers medical insurance coverage through the Local Government Health Insurance Plan (LGHIP) sponsored by the State Employees' Insurance Board (SEIB). Generally, SEIB establishes LGHIP benefits (including, but not limited to, deductibles, co-payments, covered services, hospital and physician networks, etc.) in August with an effective date of implementation on the following January 1. However, the benefits inherent in the LGHIP plan are subject to change at the sole discretion of the SEIB.

As evidenced by my signature below, I hereby profess and proclaim the following:

1. I have read and understand the aforementioned summary provisions of the City's group medical insurance plan with respect to my participation as a retiree of the City.

2. I understand that it is my sole responsibility to read and understand the administrative rules and other official literature concerning the LGHIP distributed by SEIB and that, should any provision of said literature conflict with any provision contained hereinabove or with any other statements (written or verbal) made by the City or an official thereof, the SEIB policies and regulations shall prevail.

3. The City of Mountain Brook shall not be responsible for any financial or other loss that I may suffer as a result of a) my participation in the City's group medical insurance plan made available to me as a retiree or b) the subsequent cancellation of my coverage under said plan for cause as determined by SEIB or the City.

By: _____
(Employee signature)

(Printed name)

Date signed: _____

Effective date of retirement: _____

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 Mountain Brook, Alabama 35213
 Telephone: 205/802-3821
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DATE: September 8, 2016
 TO: Mayor, City Council & City Manager
 FROM: Dana Hazen, City Planner
 RE: Conditional Use – MPower (Pilates) 2419 Canterbury Road

At the council's last meeting of August 22, the applicant revised the request to an approval of a 1:30 class instead of 10:30. Staff observed an average of 7 vacant parking spaces on the north end of Canterbury at 1:30. The proposed class would consist of 10 clients, which would saturate what available parking there is on this end of Canterbury. Meanwhile, staff had a complaint from an adjoining tenant about a shortage of parking on Canterbury, so it appears that there is still an ongoing deficit of sufficient parking throughout the day. Staff's recommendation remains as indicated below, that limiting class times for local fitness uses to early morning and late afternoon is in keeping with the ebb and flow of peaks times for the existing mixture of uses in the area; and allowing a mid-day class in this location would impact existing uses.

Background

On March 28, 2016, the City Council approved a conditional service use for MPower Pilates, subject to the condition that classes times be limited to that proposed in conjunction with the application (see attached Council Resolution, letter from applicant and staff memo from March 2016).

A key factor in the approval of this use was that the pilates studio would be closed from 10:30 – 4:30 (M-F), thereby not conflicting with the parking needs of surrounding retailers. The applicant is now requesting to add a class on weekdays from 10:30 – 11:20 (10 clients).

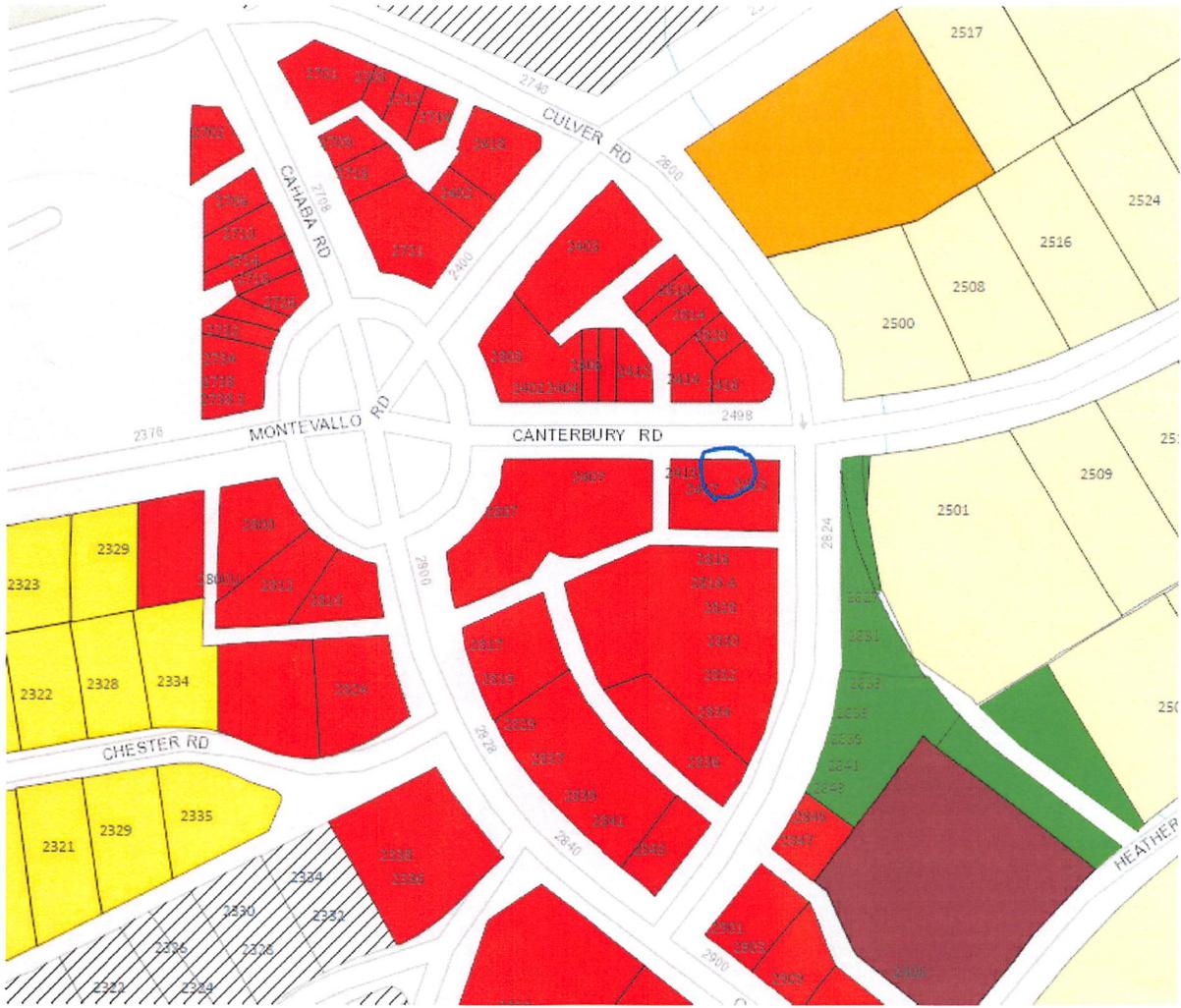
Parking demands along Canterbury have not changed since the original approval of this request. The idea behind limiting class times to early morning and late afternoon was to balance the needs of local merchants. Retailers enjoy a brief period of available street parking between 9:00 and 11:30. The lunch crowd fills street parking between 11:30 and 1:30, and the retailers regain some use of the street parking between 1:30 and 5:00.

It should be noted that the Council limited the class times for Mountain Brook Yoga (across the street at 2414 Canterbury) to early morning and late afternoon; class sessions are not permitted between 10:30 and 4:00. Limiting class times for local fitness uses to early morning and late afternoon is in keeping with the ebb and flow of peaks times for the existing mixture of uses in the area.

The zoning ordinance requires council approval of a service use as a *conditional use*, and states that any proposed conditional use will be reviewed as to the following:

- Whether the use would disparately impact public parking in the area;
- Whether vehicular or pedestrian circulation would be impacted by the use;
- Whether the use is compatible with surrounding existing uses;
- Whether the hours of operation or peak traffic times would impact existing uses.

An approval of this request would not be in keeping with the above-noted considerations.



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Erma St. John
3833 Williamsburg Circle
370-2101

Ms. St. John is seeking \$300-\$500 for autumn fern and two boxwoods to add to the decorative wall plantings. Ms. St. John states that she can purchase wholesale and have installed if City agrees to pay for plantings. Area currently sprinkled and maintained by Ms. St. John. She saw newsletter article where City has budgeted improvements to triangles throughout the City. Not sure if the decorative walls are in right-of-way or private property.

Entry walls with antique lanterns and plantings



Legend

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| Parcels | Substation | COMMUNITY CENTERS | Tax Map Tiles |
| Bessemer Division | Commercial | FIRESTATIONS | |
| 1 | Mobile Home | POLICE | |
| 2 | Out Buildings | HOSPITALS | |
| 3 | Public | Parcel Addresses | |
| 4 | Industrial | <all other values> | |
| Railroads | UI Building | 1 | |
| Residential | 911 | 2 | |
| Dam | SCHOOLS | 3 | |
| Storage Tank | GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS | 4 | |

RESOLUTION NO. 09-051

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama desires to amend and its “Significant Accounting and Management Policies” previously adopted in Resolution 99-168 dated November 8, 1999 and subsequently amended and restated by the adoption of Resolution 00-09 dated January 10, 2000;

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama that effective upon the date of this resolution, the Council does hereby amend the “Significant Accounting and Management Policies” by adding the following section:

“PUBLIC REQUESTS FOR TRAFFIC ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS the City periodically receives requests from residents, neighborhoods and garden clubs to beautify traffic islands. These requests usually consist of landscaping, irrigation, curbing and the installation of decorative street lighting. On many occasions, those individuals and/or groups making these requests offer to pay the cost of landscaping provided the City will install higher or better curbing.

PURSUANT THERETO, the City Council hereby adopts the following policies with respect to such requests:

- The City Council may include in its annual operating budget an amount up to \$15,000 for traffic island beautification and/or improvements (\$12,000 for the remainder of FY-2008).
- Upon request of residents, merchants, neighborhoods, civic associations, and like entities, the City Council may agree to commit funds toward the beautification and/or improvements of the traffic islands (not including curbing work to be performed by the Public Works Department or ongoing maintenance) within the ranges and subject to the conditions and considerations indicated below:

<u>Size of Traffic Island</u>	<u>City Contribution</u>
Up to 3,000 square feet	Up to \$ 1,000.00
3,000 - 6,000 square feet	Up to \$ 2,000.00
6,000 + square feet	Up to \$ 3,000.00

The City’s agreement to participate in and the amount of its contribution to a proposed beautification project may be based on any of a number of variables, including but not limited to the amount of budgeted funds available for expenditure, the overall cost and “cost-effectiveness” of the proposed improvements and any related improvements that may be required, the costs and feasibility of ongoing maintenance requirements, the willingness of project sponsors or proponents to enter into initial cost-sharing or long-term maintenance sharing agreements, the overall benefit of the proposed project to the City as a whole, the receipt of objections, if any, from neighbors or other persons, the existence of safety concerns presented by the proposed project, if any, and the availability of special grants to defray the cost of improvements or maintenance of the island.

- Officials from the Park and Recreation Board and Police Department shall review and approve landscaping plans before work is performed to ensure it meets the City's standards and that sight visibility will be sufficient. The City may enter into a maintenance sharing agreement with garden clubs and/or neighborhood group for landscaping improvements.
- City will install curbing, if upgrades are needed, by Public Works Department.
- Requests for traffic island improvements that include irrigation or decorative street lights must be approved in advance by the City Council. The City may pay for the purchase of the light post and globe but installation cost will be the responsibility of the requesting group and/or neighborhood."

The City reserves complete and absolute discretion to deviate from or to modify the application of the foregoing policies, criteria, and guidelines if, in the judgment of the City Council or City officials, the interests of the City would be served thereby. Persons, firms, or organizations shall not have or be invested with any legally enforceable right or entitlement based upon the existence and content of these policies and guidelines.

ADOPTED: This 10th day of March, 2008.

Virginia C. Smith, Council President

APPROVED: This 10th day of March, 2008.

Lawrence T. Oden, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Steven Boone, City Clerk of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook at its regular meeting held on March 10, 2008, as same appears in the minutes of record of said meeting.

Steven Boone, City Clerk