

MPC delays sidewalk requirement

By Peter Gaudin

At their meeting Thursday, Dec. 1st the Fremont-Silver Lake County Metropolitan Planning Commission reached the sidewalk issue. After considerable discussion on the issue at the October MPC meeting, the commission voted 7 to 0 to require developers to put

in sidewalks. The new requirements were to go into effect Feb. 1, 2014.

At last week's meeting the MPC, upon recommendation of staff, voted to delay implementation of the new regulations for one year. Staff offered several reasons for the delay, including

developing a master plan, formulating sidewalk construction standards and developing a procedure for processing requests.

Commissioner James Foster noted that it is difficult for developers when they hear all the bad news sidewalks are required. He wanted to get them advance

notice.

"We have to look 20 years down the road and see where this county is going," was the opinion of MPC Chair Rebecca Longene.

Commissioner Art Clancy stated that it was unfair for a developer to come up with

sidewalks without any compensation to existing sidewalks. "We need water in place," he asserted, adding that there are a lot of details to be worked out.

Robert Whaley's request for final plan approval for a fast food restaurant on N. Broadway at _____
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New council members face first regular meeting

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The four new members of Fremont City Council join their fellow council members and encounter an agenda full of items such as signing a multi-city legislative request, grants for 20 units of affordable housing, an urban gardens project and voting the funds for a streetscape project and renovation of an old building.

The law department is asking the council to review an agreement with

increasing the contract funds for the Sanitary Laundry Building and repairs for repairing windows and concrete panels to also on the agenda. The ongoing contract with Anderson Lumber Company would fund an additional \$45,000 bringing the total cost to just over \$100,000.

Other items on the new council's agenda include an agreement with Rogers Hardware for loan for city vehicles manager by Fleet Services and to lease property in the

