



City Administrator's Report

February 2, 2023

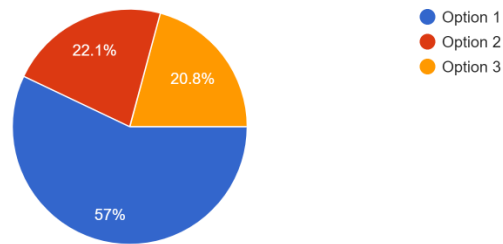
Wayfinding Design & Signage Guideline Update

149 responses were received via the online survey for the Wayfinding Signage.

The following are the results from the online survey:

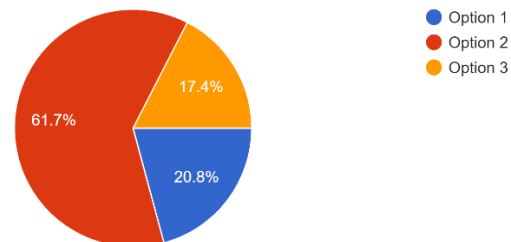
Choose your favorite Gateway Sign (entrances into the City):

149 responses



Choose your favorite Directional Sign (signage would be placed around the City)

149 responses



Based on the Board's feedback and the results of the online survey, the committee asked KMA Design to make some changes for the final signage design. Staff would like feedback from the Board on the final font choice for the signage before proceeding to the final design phase of the project.

Gateway Sign Options:

This option would be curved, and the vertical sign would not have the letters above the back panel. Some feedback we received from the committee is that the curved design looks similar to the logos of Rally House and the TV show, Smallville. The color of the back panel can be changed to the gray, as shown in the other gateway sign option.



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This option is the same font, with the letters straight. This design is a mock-up for font and does not have the full design elements. This option also includes a gray background instead of the black.

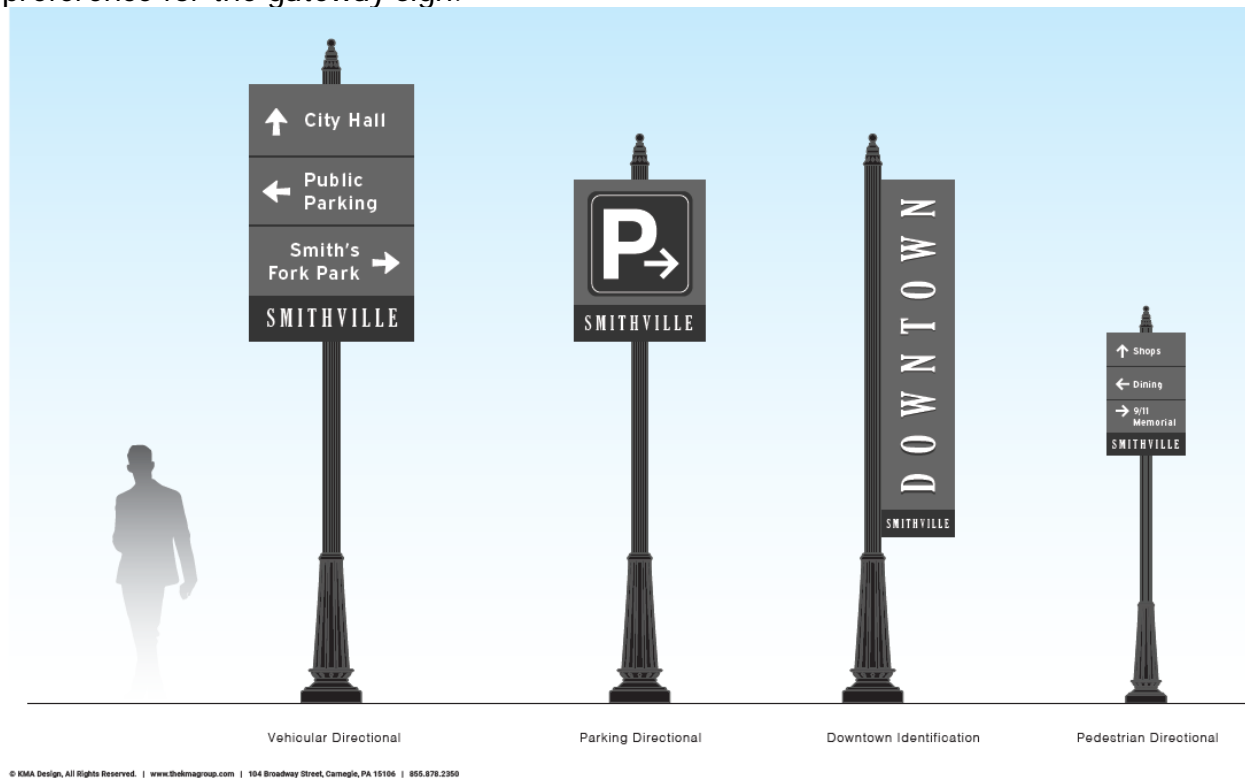


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Directional Signage:

The committee recommended combining option 1 and 2 for the directional signage, so the signage would be better transitioned throughout the entire City. The font on the

bottom of the sign for "Smithville" would either be curved or straight, based on the preference for the gateway sign.



Concealed Carry

At the last Board meeting, staff was requested to reach out to legal counsel regarding the ability to allow members of city boards and committees to carry concealed weapons during meetings of those boards and committees. The Employee Handbook currently includes the following language:

Section 3-9 Weapons

To improve the overall safety of the workplace, employees (other than City Police Officers) are not permitted to bring weapons to work or carry weapons in City vehicles. Prohibited weapons include guns, switchblades, or other knives (deemed to be dangerous or illegal), hunting bows, explosives, or other items which could be construed as weapons, such as paintball/air soft guns. A violation of this policy will be considered a serious offense, and employees violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Nothing in this Section shall preclude the Mayor and any member of the Board of Aldermen, or any Committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen who holds a valid State of Missouri concealed carry endorsement from carrying a licensed concealed firearm in compliance with the Missouri concealed carry law at a meeting of the City Board of Aldermen or City Committee of which they are a member.

Snow event Evaluation

On the night of January 24, a snow event occurred with mostly all snow falling at a depth of approximately 1½ inches. The snow was reported to be very wet. The snowfall began at 11:00 pm and ended around 5:00 am.

The street crew leader reported at 1:00 am following a call from a police officer regarding an accident on Amory. Remaining city crew members reported at 4:00 am R&S Lawn Service was called in with four trucks to assist in the snow removal efforts. By 10:00 am, the snow removal efforts were completed. Approximately 15 tons of salt were used on hills, as the snow was very wet and tended to blade off the road and back up to 35 degrees. With the sun shining during the day, the roads were cleared effectively. No breakdowns were reported during the snow removal efforts. Additionally, about 1,800 gallons of brine were put down on the roads. More roads were pre-treated during this event than in previous snow events. Overall, the snow removal efforts were successful and no issues were reported.



2022 Household Hazardous Waste Program

The City of Smithville participated in the 2022 Hazardous Household Waste program from the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). Throughout the year, 155 households safely disposed of more than 18,000 pounds of hazardous waste.

Maple Lane Sidewalk Grant

At the January 17 Board meeting, the Board approved Resolution 1163 supporting an application to the Missouri Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for a sidewalk on Maple Lane servicing Maple Elementary School. The call for applications was for the Northeast District of MODOT. Smithville is not eligible for this funding as we are included in the KC Metro area in which funding is distributed through the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). During the MARC call for projects, the City was fortunate to receive funding for the Second Creek Sidewalk, Riverwalk and the Roundabout at First and Bridge.

Staff will continue to search for alternative programs to fund our projects.

COP Schedule

As you may recall, discussions held regarding the development of the FY2023 Budget and Utility Rate Study included the issuance of a Certificate of Participation (COP) for the 144th Street lift station and west bypass line project. Combined Water and Wastewater Systems (CWWS) fund cashflow projections demonstrated the necessity to finance the construction of both the lift station and west bypass line. Staff has been meeting with the City's financial advisors, Piper Sandler, and have worked together to develop a timeline for the sale of COPs and the associated Board action required for debt issuance. Additional information and action will come to the Board in the next few months.

Meeting Schedule

The Planning Calendar included with the agenda identifies a number of meetings the mayor has recommended be cancelled or moved:

- The March 21 meeting is cancelled due to Spring Break
- The April 4 meeting is moved to April 3 due to the April 4 municipal election
- The July 4 meeting is cancelled for the Holiday and City Hall is closed July 3 & 4
- The August 1 meeting has been cancelled as Mayor Boley will be out of town.