

Pacific Firm to Donate Asphalt, Paving for Moving Wall Exhibit

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A Pacific firm has agreed to donate 300 feet of temporary asphalt paving for a path leading from the roadway in the city park to The Moving Wall exhibit, which would be wheelchair accessible.

"Two wheelchairs would be able to pass each on this path," said Alderman Carol Johnson, who arranged the donation.

Speaking at the June 20 board of aldermen meeting, Johnson said that Larry West of West Asphalt, St. Louis, has agreed to donate the asphalt and remove it after the exhibit is concluded.

The donated asphalt will create a 10-foot-wide, 2-inch-deep walking path.

Dave Monroe, The Moving Wall committee co-chair, said the Carpenters union has volunteered to build the platform for the wall to sit on. Pacific Lumber also has agreed to donate the 2 by 4's to build the platform.

Jeff Hewes and Loren Bates, who serve on The Moving Wall Committee, showed a slide presentation with sketches explaining where the wall would be placed in the park.

Tracy Maher, committee co-chair, reported

that solicitations for donations were under way.

"We have \$5,600 in the bank," Maher said.

But BJ Lawrence questioned whether the \$5,600 included the \$2,500 that the Chamber of Commerce donated, and which was committed to pay to bring The Wall to Pacific, not for the installation.

Monroe acknowledged that the \$2,500 had to be paid for The Wall.

Lawrence has asked the committee to prepare a budget detailing the cost of installation. Lawrence and Dennis Fuchs had prepared a cost estimate of \$15,000 before resigning over the location dispute. But Lawrence said the disagreement over the location should not be used as an excuse to avoid preparing a budget.

"We need to be able to tell people when we're soliciting funds, how much is needed and what it will be used for," Lawrence said.

Johnson said any budget estimates should include in-kind contributions, such as the asphalt and platform labor.

"That's all part of the cost," Johnson said.

Monroe said the committee was in the process of preparing a detailed budget of all costs that will be incurred.