

AGENDA ITEM

March 16, 2021

Subject: Street Light Addition for East Division

Department: Administration

A Nevada Police staff study was conducted to evaluate the need for additional street lighting in for the new homes in the 2800 block of East Division Street. The study recommend the addition of street lights along East Division Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 1576

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEVADA APPROVING THE ADDITION OF TWO STREET LIGHTS WITHIN THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, Addition of street lights must be done by resolution in order to satisfy Evergy's procedures; and

WHEREAS, the addition of two (2) street lights in the 2800 block of East Division Street will be beneficial for the safety for the residents within this neighborhood and is therefore advisable by the City of Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Nevada, Missouri, approves the installation of these street light at the location indicated herein and authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents with Evergy for Streetlight installation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Nevada, Missouri, this 16th day of March 2021.

George Knox, Mayor

(seal)
ATTEST:

Michele Bailey, City Clerk

NEVADA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Date: February 8, 2021

To: Chief Casey Crain

From: Officer Kodie Schmitt

Subject: Staff Study

RE: Street Lighting for the 2800 Block of E. Division Street

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this staff study is to evaluate the need for additional street lighting in the 2800 block of E. Division Street.

METHOD:

- Identification of potential hazards or adverse impact on nearby businesses, property owners and the general public.
- Recommendations of opportunities for improvement.
- Interview nearby business owners, property owners and general public

PERSONS INTERVIEWED:

- John (JJ) Curtis, Property Owner & Developer at 2800 E. Division Street
- Gloria Moore, Resident at 725 Meadow Lane
- Dennis & Jennifer Jamison, Residents at 727 Meadow Lane
- Marvin Klotz, Resident at 2810 E. Division Street
- Larry Scism, Resident at 2664 E. Division Street
- Sheryl Raines, Resident at 2706 E. Division Street

SUMMARY:

The request for this staff study has come from John (JJ) Curtis, property owner and real estate developer that is constructing several new homes in the 2800 block of E. Division Street. Mr. Curtis has expressed concern that this area is not well lit at night and he believes additional street lighting will increase visibility and be beneficial for public safety in the area.

I spoke with Mr. Curtis, who advised that on at least two occasion's persons unknown had attempted to steal building materials from their construction site in the 2800 block of E. Division. Mr. Curtis believes that additional street lighting in the area would help to deter criminal activity by making the criminal element more visible to the neighboring homes and police patrol. Mr. Curtis also advised that there was substantial vehicle traffic along this stretch of Division Street and additional street lighting would increase visibility for motorists as well.

The roadway of E. Division from S. Barrett Street to Meadow Lane is approximately 2100 feet, making this roadway more than five times the length of an average city block. During my site assessment the only street light along this section of E. Division Street is located at the corner of the intersection of E. Division Street and Meadow Lane.

I spoke with Gloria Moore, resident at 725 Meadow Lane. Ms. Moore stated that she is not against the idea of additional lighting in the area. Ms. Moore said that she has experienced minimal issues with criminal activity in the neighborhood. Ms. Moore said that was in support of additional street lighting in the area. Ms. Moore told me that she has seen suspicious activity around the houses being built by Curtis & Sons Inc., and that she had reported that suspicious activity to Mr. Curtis.

I spoke with Dennis & Jennifer Jamison, residents at 727 Meadow Lane. Mrs. Jamison specifically stated that additional street lighting could make wildlife more visible for cars driving on E. Division Street. Mrs. Jamison stated that she has had instances where she has almost struck wildlife crossing the roadway due to poor visibility in the area. Mr. and Mrs. Jamison expressed complete support for additional street lighting in the area.

I spoke with Marvin Klotz, resident at 2810 E. Division Street. Mr. Klotz agreed with the need for additional street lighting in the area. Mr. Klotz stated that he would completely support the new street lighting as long as it was added at no direct cost to him.

I spoke with Larry Scism, resident at 2664 E. Division Street. Mr. Scism agreed with the need for additional street lighting, stating that it would increase visibility in the area being beneficial to not only residents in the area, but officers as well. Mr. Scism stated that the additional street lighting would make the criminal element more visible for residents to see and report; and for officers to locate. Mr. Scism fully supported the request for additional street lighting in the area.

I spoke with Sheryl Raines, resident at 2706 E. Division Street. Ms. Raines stated that she was in favor of additional street lighting in the area. Ms. Raines stated that the area is not well lit. Ms. Raines went on to say that the only source of lighting in the area comes from private lights in her neighbors' yards.

An analysis of the calls for service for this area of E. Division from January 2020 through January 2021 was conducted. During that time frame there were approximately 30 calls for service involving police. The breakdown of those call types are as follows:

Traffic Violation	11	Field Interview	3	Burglar Alarm	1
Derelict Vehicle	7	Suspicious Activity	2	Speak to Officer	1
Follow Up	3	Check Well Being	1	Found Item	1

COST:

The initial cost to install a new street light at this location would be minimal as Evergy will provide the material and labor to install the street light at no cost to the City of Nevada. The City of Nevada would be responsible for the usage costs of the street light. Evergy advised that the average cost per street light is approximately \$197 a year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The staff study revealed there is unanimous support from the residents in the area around the 2800 block of E. Division Street for additional street lighting. Based on the construction of at least five new homes at this location, the addition of coordinated residential street lighting seems appropriate.

Site analysis determined that Meadow Lane which intersects E. Division has four street lights over a distance of roughly two city blocks, including one at the intersection of E. Division Street and Meadow Lane; however E. Division Street from S. Barrett Street to Meadow Lane has no other street lights over a distance spanning more than five city blocks. Existing street lights are also found in the 1100 & 1200 blocks of E. Division Street where additional homes are already present.

If the City of Nevada decides to proceed with the installation of an additional street light in this area based on the consensus of the neighborhood, the additional lighting should increase visibility for the residents, pedestrians, motorists and law enforcement.

NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE	YES	NO
Lieutenant Steve Bastow	<i>Lt. Steve Bastow</i>	2-8-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Captain Jimmie Dye	<i>Capt. Jim Dye</i>	2-8-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Casey Crain	<i>Chief Crain</i>	2-8-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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City of Nevada propose streetlight locations. E Division St. Nevada, MO

LED A lights on existing overhead wood poles.

February 26, 2021

Provided by Glenna R Taylor
Senior Clerk, Nevada Service Center