

The city of Coeur d'Alene continues to work closely with Contractors Northwest, Inc., (CNI) to ensure completion of the McEuen Park makeover by the agreed upon date of May 2. We are optimistic this will occur. The city was pleased to award the bid for this historic project to a local contractor with a proven track record. As this exciting project proceeds, the city will issue regular public reports to the media. This information will also be posted on the city's website at cdaid.org., and also our blog, <http://cdacity.blogspot.com/>. Some members of the community recently raised questions about the progress.

What are the penalties for the contractor failing to meet the May 2, 2014, deadline?

Though this is not anticipated and CNI is working closely with the city to ensure deadlines are met, the contract agreement calls for penalties of \$4,000 per day.

One of the reasons for the possible delay was extreme weather. What extreme weather are we talking about?

This information may have been misinterpreted. The reference to weather was in regard to future weather conditions that may impact the schedule moving forward. For example, if spring rains delay painting, or freezing temperatures do not permit ground work. The city would evaluate requests for time extensions on a case-by-case basis. There have been no significant delays as of yet related to weather that have changed the May 2 completion date.

What power does the city have to hold CNI to the agreement?

The city has a contract with CNI that outlines, among other terms, the acceptable reasons for contract time extensions.

If the city is going to hold CNI to an agreement, why is the city and the Welch Comer Engineering putting a proposal together to get the contractor back on track?

The City and Team McEuen continue to work collaboratively with CNI to successfully complete the project. Frequently, ideas are shared between all the parties that will result in completing the project in the most efficient manner. Recently, the City and Team McEuen developed an alternative design for parts of the project that would both enhance the overall project aesthetics and expedite construction. CNI evaluated the proposed design revision and is proceeding with the changes at no cost to the City.

Why is the contractor having a difficult time scheduling subcontractors?

On projects involving subcontractors, there are always ongoing discussions between the primary contractor and subcontractors as work proceeds. CNI is working closely with its subcontractors to fit the schedules of all parties involved.