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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Neighborhood Meeting – June 16th, 2020 (via Zoom)

*Meeting was held digitally via Zoom*

*Attendees – Board Members: Charles Bertram, Doug Carlson, Joe Bove, Joe Dufficy, Robert Lodge, Andy Emerson, Staff: Gayle Bonneville, Officers Rashid Ali, Loining, and Nelson, Dan Miller, Neighbors: 40+. Total attendance approximately 60.*

**Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order by Board President Joe Bove at 7:02p.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to Approve: Larry, 2nd: Joe D; unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes**: Motion to Approve May NH minutes: Robert; 2nd: Doug; Update spelling of Officer Dison’s name.

**Financial Report:** Joe D provided a synopsis of report, Motion to approve: Andy; 2nd: Doug; Unanimous.

**35W Presentation:** Aaron Tag, Stephanie Roth, and John Griffith were presenting on a 35w feedback project between 36 & downtown.

* Items discussed & goals of project: Pavement conditions, reliable trips, transit demand, bridge conditions, safer trips – bike, walk, safety, Other conditions - $, environmental.
* Currently in first round of feedback, then concept will be presented
* Robert asked for timeline – Aaron said 3-6 months until concepts presented
* Alex Schlee asked for the meeting link, which was provided in the chat by Stephanie.
* Stephanie mentioned comments are open until June 21st.

**18th Ave Reconstruction Update:** Ayalew Getana from the city provided updates on the 18th ave project.

* Provided Overview, Timeline, Scope – Roadway, ADA, sidewalks, trail gap, utility, landscape, and intersections.
* Construction began May 18th and will be completed in two phases.
* Completion scheduled for 11/20/20.
* Tsedenya asked about No parking signs, asking if there could be leniency for apartments. Joe Bove suggests calling 311.
* Mary asked who decides tree selection on boulevard – MPRB. Joe said call MPRB or 311 to request type of tree.
* Tyler mentioned MPRB takes recommendations, but needs to keep a balanced population throughout city.

**Kevin Reich / Ward 1 Update –** Neither Kevin, nor a representative was in attendance at this meeting.

**Sidewalk discussion with CoM PW:** Larry Matsumoto and Mike Kennedy were in attendance to discuss the sidewalk repair project currently being conducted in WP.

* Larry began with a presentation mentioning there are ~2000 miles of sidewalk in Mpls and detailing what constitutes requiring repair. There are 3 inspectors with PW who complete the sidewalk inspections.
* Repair is required when: 1” vertical fault or the panel constitutes a trip hazard. Once panel is determined to require repair, the property owner will be notified with the cost and plan for repair.
* The work is sent out by public bid system yearly and constitutes $2.5M annually. This system is competitive.
* When notice is received, the owner has the right to remedy repair with own contractor.
* 1,030 letters were mailed out by May 18th.
* Contractor is scheduled to start work in late June 2020.
* Property owners can challenge the scope of work, meeting with an inspector to discuss their individual situation.
* The cost can be levied assessment against the property taxes or paid in full. Assessment will result in 3% simple interest.
* 311 calls receiving a complaint about trip hazard will receive temporary fix which will be replaced when in NH.
* Question about Grinding/Shaving panels: CoM PW asked other cities and ran a test of this process. This received negative results and the city decided to go replacement route.
* Joe Bove asked about Safe Step, who chares $85/panel instead of $280/panel (replacement). Question was not answered.
* Doug asked about the environmental impacts/reduction of shaving vs. replacement.
* Mike Kennedy provided response to shaving technique – Shaving will not resolve the issue underlying the panel. A tree root or settling causes fault, this is addressed and cared for at replacement.
* CoM states shaving does not address ADA compliance as determined by the State of MN. Backed by Facility Mgmt at the U of MN
* CoM opinion is that replacement is cost effective and lasting solution.
* City PW dept is on 10-20 year rotation of neighborhoods receiving sidewalk repair.
* Larry Eshleman discussed his situation at 1708 23rd Ave NE with 3 panels, no cracks, no offset and a magnificent tree next to panels. Told MPRB coordinator is supporting all replacement around trees.
* Multiple other individual situations brought up and addressed by city. WPCiA will collect by email and share with CoM PW dept for remedy.
* Alex Schlee asked how PW determines next area to repair – PW does 5 year look out at areas with longest since replacement.
* MNDOT determines ADA Compliance, not CoM.
* Adrian mentioned that since corners are not done, then sidewalks are not in ADA compliance. The city should complete corners before requiring residents to pay for repairs.
* Joe Bove asked if during replacement, there is an inspection completed by CoM. Yes, tested and approved.
* Mention of CoM recycling program for cement. Largest recycling program in the city. Used to repave streets.

**Adopt-A-Drain:** Reminder to sign up.

**Fix Up Loans:** Still available. Up to $20k at 2% with 5+ year life of the loan.

**Neighborhoods 2020:** Will discuss at the next board meeting.

**Adjourn**: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:52p. motion passed.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

1. Date: 7/21/20 2. Date: 7/21/20