

Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Works Committee Meeting
October 1, 2014
8:30 am

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

The following members were present

Mark Ratterman, Bob Watt, Clint Williams, Ed Boyce, and Randy Parham.

Also present

Mayor Nancy Spewak, Councilman Patrick Hensley, Mike Wooldridge, Assistant to the Mayor and Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works

Adoption of the Agenda

Mark Ratterman made a motion to amend the agenda to include the election of a chair and vice-chairman. Ed Boyce seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

After discussion amongst the members, Clint Williams moved to elect Mark Ratterman as Chairman of the Public Works Committee. Bob Watt seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Bob Watt moved to elect Randy Parham as Vice-Chairman of the Public Works Committee. Mark Ratterman seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Approval of August 6, 2014 minutes

Chairman Ratterman made a motion to approve the August 6, 2014 meeting minutes. Bob Watt seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Public Forum – none

Project Updates

Ms. Lamitola provided an update regarding the various public works projects:

McKnight Road and Bridge Improvements and Sidewalk Improvements (80% Federal 20% City for Right-of-way and Construction phases) –

- The project was bid on July 9 with three bidders submitting bids. Gershenson submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$2,316,538.71. City Council awarded the contract at their July 21, 2014 meeting. MoDOT has authorized concurrence of award and the notice to proceed was issued at the end of August 2014.
- Horner and Shifrin is performing the construction administration on the project on behalf of the City.

- Missouri American Water Company continues working on the replacement of 4800 linear feet of deteriorated six-inch water main with eight-inch water main. MAWC is on the third and final phase of their project. They are currently working between Ladue Manor and Clayton Road. MAWC has stated their portion of the work will be complete in late October 2014. Permanent pavement repairs have been completed for Phases 1 & 2 from Ladue Road to Ladue Manor, eliminating the uneven cold patch material.
- Laclede Gas is wrapping up their work, which involved replacing a portion of the gas main. Their work will be complete by mid-October.
- The City's project consists of the replacement of two bridges, pavement rehabilitation, and sidewalk installation on the east side of McKnight between Clayton Road and Ladue Road.
- The northern bridge just south of Robin Hill is currently under construction and will reopen November 17, 2014. The south bridge near Black Creek will be constructed in 2015.
- The overall project completion is scheduled for Spring 2015.

Ladue Road/I-170 Interchange (80% Federal 20% Local Share: Summers, Compton, Wells Law Firm [SCW]). The signal work has been completed. Remaining work includes the completion of the decorative wall on the property of Summers, Compton, and Wells. Utility conflicts have delayed the completion of the wall construction. Once wall construction has been completed, the remainder of the parking lot work can be completed.

Price Road improvements: sidewalk and pavement rehabilitation from Delmar to Clayton (80% Federal, 20% City for Design, ROW, and Construction) – The City and a right-of-way consultant, O.R. Colan, are in the process of acquiring the necessary easements from 15 property owners. Once right-of-way has been completed, final plans can be prepared and the project can be constructed. It is anticipated that construction will begin in Spring 2015 and extend to Fall 2015.

Eddie's Mulch Site Improvements (100% Funded by City; storm water fund) – Construction is nearing completion with over 1000 cubic yards of concrete installed for the driving surface in addition to the concrete storm water retention basin. Remaining work includes completion of irrigation, landscaping, the relocation of the compressor shed, and completion of electric work. A change order reducing the total project amount is forthcoming and is due to the fact that the subgrade did not require the amount of remediation that was originally anticipated.

Lay Road Improvements (80% Federal Funding, 20% City of Ladue Funding)

The City of Ladue was successful in obtaining federal funds for the Lay Road Improvements project which will consist of the installation of sidewalk on the west side of the road, storm sewer improvements, and pavement rehabilitation. The funding for the design phase is not available until 10/1/15. The request for qualifications for engineering consulting services will be issued mid-year 2015.

Conway Road Nova chip (100% funded by City; Road and Bridge fund)-

Conway Road between Clayton and Lindbergh received a maintenance treatment of Nova chip in early August. Nova chip is a ½-inch asphalt overlay that is placed directly on existing pavement. Nova chip extends the period before a mill and overlay is needed. The pavement was also restriped and the grated inlets were adjusted.

Mark Ratterman commented on the clearing and development of The Woods of Ladue subdivision, stating they should save as many good trees as possible. Mayor Spewak explained that the development will consist of 20 single-family detached villas in the northeast quadrant of Lindbergh Blvd and Conway Road. The homes would cost approximately \$750,000 with 2500 to 3500 square feet in size.

Citywide Beautification Framework Plan

Christner has prepared some conceptual drawings for improvements to Rodes Park. Public Works Committee and City Council will be reviewing the concepts and making a determination on which improvements will be made. The initial concepts include a bridge over the creek within the park, a seating area amongst the trees at the creek's edge, and stone steps along the northwestern corner of the park.

Future projects

Ms. Lamitola explained that the Public Works budget is in the process of being prepared and that several projects are currently being discussed. She provided a brief overview of the various projects and asked for feedback from the Public Works Committee to aid in the prioritization of these projects.

First, the committee reviewed the three concepts for Rodes Park improvements that have been prepared by Christner: Footbridge, stepping stones, and seating area. The committee advised that a seating area would likely not be utilized. The committee preferred proceeding with the stepping-stones concept at the northwest corner of the park, and potentially the footbridge if adequate funds were available.

Ms. Lamitola explained that there are several projects being discussed that could qualify for federal funding including:

- Dielman Road & Sidewalk improvements, which is the next project, included in the multi-year sidewalk plan prepared by Horner & Shifrin. The project includes storm sewer improvements and roadway rehabilitation. This project could be eligible for STP funding. The committee recommended that the Public Works Department apply for STP funds during the next round of applications, likely in March 2015.
- Signalization of Conway and Clayton, which has been discussed with Ladue School District and the City including the Mayor and Police Chief. This project could be eligible for CMAQ funding which would require a consultant to complete. The Mayor and Ms. Lamitola will update the committee as discussions continue with the school district and a traffic consultant.
- South Outer 40 from Clayton to Trails End (on MoDOT right-of-way): Sidewalk and/or trail improvements. This project has been discussed frequently in the Public Works Committee, but the project is not part of the City's 2012 sidewalk study. The 2014 beautification plan, which was accepted as information only by City Council, addressed this project. The proposed pedestrian facility could connect to an improvement at the I-64 overpass at Clayton & Warson. Federal Funding through STP funds or other options are possible, but because the project is on MoDOT right-of-way, their approval and endorsement will be needed.
- Landscape and hardscape Enhancements at I-64 over Clayton and Warson was included in the 2014 beautification plan as an area that could be improved. The beautification plan recommended further study of enhancement options. Transportation Alternative funding may be applicable. The committee recommended moving forward with a concept plan for these improvements with the plan to include the pedestrian

improvements for South Outer 40. The Director of Public Works will obtain a proposal from Christner for development of these concept plans.

- Storm water problem identification study (funded with City ½-cent sales tax for storm water). The concept of a storm water needs assessment has been discussed in the past, but after two severe rain events that occurred on 9/9 and 9/10 where residents (particularly northeast corner of City, which was hit the hardest) requested City aid for storm water improvements, the discussion has moved to the forefront. Complaints include yard and structure flooding (for properties in the floodplain and outside of the floodplain), erosion on creek banks, requests for piped storm sewer system.

Mayor Spewak spoke to the committee regarding the recent flooding and the stormwater complaints by the residents of Hacienda, Brookside, and McKnight Lane. She stated that a stormwater study needs to be done to identify the problem areas and possibly use storm water funds for major issues. Former Mayor Bommarito also addressed the committee requesting support for a storm water study.

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 8:30 a.m., at City Hall.

Chairman Ratterman moved to adjourn the meeting. Randy Parham seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Sincerely,

Mark Ratterman, Chairman
Department of Public Works Committee