

Meeting Minutes

Department of Public Works Committee Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 8:15 a.m.

DUE TO THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ORDERED BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS DUE TO COVID-19, THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY VIDEOCONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

The meeting was called to order at 8:18 a.m.

The following members were present:

Mark Ratterman, Brent Suffian, Clint Williams, Randy Parham and Tim Kaufmann

Absent:

Brooke Palanca

Also present:

Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works; Lori Wrobel, Administrative Assistant

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Ratterman asked for a motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Suffian made a motion to approve, Mr. Kaufmann seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Approval of meeting minutes

Mr. Ratterman asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the April 7, 2021 meeting. Mr. Suffian made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Parham seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Update of Current Public Works Projects and Initiatives

Ms. Lamitola gave project updates on the following:

In May 2021, the City Council awarded Willow Hill Stormwater Infrastructure Project to Bi-State Utilities. The project has progressed to the construction phase.

At the April 2021 City Council Meeting, the Robin Hill/McKnight Lane Streambank Stabilization was awarded to Gershenson Construction. This project has also progressed to the construction phase.

SBC has completed construction for Clayton Road ADA Sidewalk Improvements Phase III. This spans from Eversdale to Lindbergh and includes median reconfiguration for added left-turn lane capacity. BOSTA and Beautify Ladue are both interested in adding median planters on Clayton Road.

Improvements and signalization for the Conway/Warson intersection design is underway by EFK Moen and is being coordinated with Ameren as they will be replacing poles along Warson Road in Fall 2021

There is a Public Meeting scheduled for July 13, 2021 for Dielman Road improvements.

Evaluation of a rapid flashing beacon at Conway Elementary is in process. The overhanging flashing yellow light came down in a storm and it cannot be replaced because it does not meet current standards.

Three-year On-Call Engineering contracts will be presented to City Council at the June 2021 meeting for professional services:

- Roadway/Sidewalks/Drainage (CMT, Horner & Shifrin, & Oates Assoc.)
- Beautification: Parks, Trails & Landscape Architecture (SWT & Christner)
- Traffic Studies & Analysis (CBB & Lochmueller)
- Surveying & Mapping (TWM)

BOSTA updates:

The TRIM grant project for tree & stump removal and tree pruning was awarded to Gamma Trees. Completed work is being evaluated by MDC, and the City has requested the \$10,000 reimbursement.

The City Council adopted the Master Plan for Rodes Park in April 2021; priorities include targeted plantings, access, and a pathway. The City will apply for a municipal park construction grant in August 2021 to implement components of the Master Plan for Edie's Mulch Site. MSD is currently working on a large portion of the site for the Deer Creek Sanitary Sewer replacement project, but the City will focus on initial improvements to include a walking trail and parking.

Public Works crews continue the monthly brush collection and have been working on asphalt patching on Litzsinger Road. Spring leaf collection was completed during the last two weeks of April.

Clayton Road Business District Pedestrian Crossing Evaluation

Mayor Spewak has received requests from retailers in the Clayton Road Business District for another crosswalk and increased walkability. The Comprehensive Plan identified the Clayton Road Business District for development of a Focus Area Plan. The plan requires further evaluation before acceptance. Signalization of Waverton, or potentially Midpark, could be pursued in advance of any major changes in the district.

In response to a request, CBB submitted an extensive scope of work for crosswalk evaluation and public engagement. The Public Works Committee shall evaluate the scope and make a recommendation to City Council regarding the Work Order. An

option would be to reduce the scope of work to lower the \$24,300 cost of the study for evaluating two alternatives. Discussion ensued regarding condensing the scope.

Mr. Parham moved to recommend revisiting this proposal focusing on a traffic signal at Clayton Road and Waverton or Midpark with a further recommendation that Council consider using a taxing district to help fund the infrastructure improvements. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. All those present were in favor.

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

Ms. Lamitola invited members to attend the MSD Deer Creek Sanitary Sewer replacement project hour-long construction tour on June 15th at 8:00 a.m.

The option for meeting in person was discussed. All those present would prefer to meet in person, but a few may require a virtual meeting in August.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be held on August 25th at 8:15 a.m. Additional meetings scheduled for calendar year 2021 are: 10/6/21, and 12/1/21.

Adjournment

Mr. Suffian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion. All present voted "aye". Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ratterman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Ratterman
Department of Public Works Committee