

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018.
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
CITY HALL

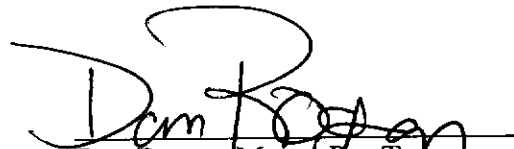
Present: Councilmembers Blonigan, Selman, Backen Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem Rogan; City Manager Glick, Community Development Coordinator Pearson. Others include: Alicia Vap, Dan Green, Nick Landwehr, and David Davies of the Bottineau Project Office; various residents.

1. The worksession was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Rogan at 7:26 pm.
2. Alicia Vap of the Bottineau Project Office provided a depiction of what the parking ramp design might look like to help determine the cost of construction. The expectation is that a Request for Proposal will be advertised not only for the parking ramp but also for redevelopment of the area. Architect Dan Green presented simulations of the various color and materials options for the ramp:
 - The ramp will have 410 spaces intended for park & riders with 1 ½ stories underground. The number does not account for the 50 lost parking spaces in the downtown. The BPO will not replace the parking, but will pay for it;
 - The ramp levels slope like a spiral;
 - The west and south sides of the ramp would be hidden behind the wrap;
 - The design shows how the ramp could be built. It could be built by Metro Transit and a development partner could build the wrap, or the development partner could build the entire project;
 - There is no commercial along Hubbard;
 - Further discussion occurred regarding the Section 106 process and historical interpretive markers.
3. Mayor Murphy wanted assurances that the wrap gets built and not just the parking ramp.
4. Nick Landwehr presented the 90% roll-out plans showing the entire Robbinsdale LRT corridor with construction impacts starting with the 45th Ave. N. crossing.
5. The 45th Ave. N. crossing will be limited to right-in, right-out and left in (from West Broadway). The left-out to north-bound West Broadway will be eliminated because of the lack of space.
6. The West Broadway round-about in Crystal was discussed. Welcome Ave. N. will be closed at Welcome Park in Crystal. Traffic will have to circulate through the neighborhood on other streets such as Xenia Ave. N.
7. Privacy fencing was discussed. At least four homes on the west side of the freight line south of the crossing will have 8 ft. high privacy fencing. There is a concern about pedestrians and bicyclists who currently use the railroad and West Broadway. The BPO is not showing a sidewalk for a stretch of West Broadway where there are drainage issues.

8. The impact to the homes backing up to the alley north of 42nd Ave. was discussed. There will be a decorative railing above the retaining wall adjacent to the alley. The height of the railing was a compromise between the resident's desire for screening and the Section 106 process. Residents asked for the decorative fencing to be extended south to the crossing at 42nd Ave. N. rather than stopping it at the end of the retaining wall.
9. Warning bells at crossings were discussed. Nick Landwehr said the bells would be set at 8 ft. heights above the crossings in an attempt to focus the noise downward rather than setting the bells at the normal 12 ft. heights.
10. Further discussion occurred about key points extending south of the station. The two northerly homes on June Ave. N. would be complete "takes" because of the proximity of the retaining walls. The most southerly house on Indiana was also discussed as a possible take. There was also discussion about the corridor protection walls and noise walls that would occur on the east side of the corridor.

ADJOURNMENT

11. Mayor pro-tem Rogan adjourned the worksession at 9:55 pm.


Rick Pearson, Recorder
Dan Rogan, Mayor Pro Tem