

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Following the REDA Meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m. Robbinsdale City Hall

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Webb at 7:06 p.m.
2. Councilmembers Present: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
3. Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director;
Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator;
MaiTeng Moua, Assistant to City Manager – Communications

Report: Ped/Bike Design for Hubbard Avenue 36th to 41st

4. McCoy provided the Council with information regarding the ped/bike trail for Hubbard Avenue 36th to 41st and noted three concerns raised by residents:
 - Appearance and viability: McCoy shared that some residents are displeased with the look of the bike trail and don't see a need for it with the low amount of bike riders; residents also voiced an alternative suggestion to move bike trail on the street.
 - Speeding: Residents are requesting for speed management (reduced speed limit) measures to create an effective and safer bike community and environment.
 - Potential loss of trees: McCoy shared a total of 22 trees (19 on Hubbard Avenue and three on Grimes Ave) would require removal.
5. Members Backen and Kline expressed the idea of having a concrete separation from the bike lane to the street lane. Member Selman agreed and shared the possibility of having traffic islands. Member Webb indicated that speed limit should be reduced citywide. Mayor Blonigan expressed a need for more public involvement and feedback.
6. Council Members agreed on having more public involvement with the ped/bike design. City Manager Glick suggested holding a public meeting for the public to meet with staff on a weekday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., as well as having a public comment at a regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting. Council members agreed and is open to this plan for a future date.
7. Council consensus was to move forward with McCoy gathering more information for a neighborhood Open House. Comments will be brought back to City Council Work Session.

Establish Timeline: Visioning for Sanborn Park updates

8. Glick reviewed the Sanborn Park planned improvements from the Capital Improvement Plan, which was distributed at the meeting. Glick requested Council Members to provide a timeline for public engagement. Council consensus was to schedule three input sessions in September including a Saturday. Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commissioners will be invited to attend the three. In October, there will be a joint PRF and City Council work session to identify capital improvement park elements moving forward.

Problem Properties

9. Pearson provided an overview of the report, which was distributed at the meeting and attached to the agenda. Pearson noted that the property owners of 5642 42nd Avenue North initiated an intervention process on tenants and eviction is in progress.
10. Member Selman noted a missing previous problem property on the report and requested to have that information available moving forward. Glick and Council Members agreed to make this information accessible through the Green Sheet, a weekly newsletter to Council Members on upcoming meetings and events.

City Goals Update

11. Glick reviewed the City goals with Council Members and asked all to contact her with any questions and to print a larger version for the next meeting.

Discuss Tour Schedules - Parks

12. Support to schedule a Park Tour for date in August.

Other Business

13. Glick shared an email forwarded by Mayor Blonigan about a loud noise complaint. She noted that the Robbinsdale Police Department utilizes an app measuring decibel and the Chief would be reviewing response to notifications of violations. Glick asked all to tell residents to call 911 during the event so proper measures can be taken.
14. Glick revisited the topic of reducing speed limit and asked all for input. Council Members agreed on changing the citywide speed limit to 25 mph. A community newsletter will be put out to inform residents of the debate. Council consensus was to have a public comment at the next City Council Work Session on June 14, 2022 related to this topic.

ADJOURNMENT

15. Mayor Pro Tem Webb adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.


MaiTeng Moua, Recorder
Sheila Webb, Mayor Pro Tem