

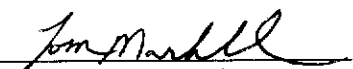
ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016.
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM - CITY HALL

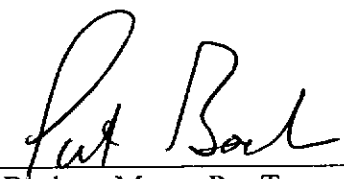
1. The worksession was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Backen at 8:15 pm.
2. Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy,

Staff Present: City Manager Glick, City Engineer/Public Works Director McCoy, Director of Administrative and Recreation Services Marshall

3. UPDATE: South Twin Lake. a. Lake Weed Program. McCoy is waiting to hear back from the contractor, Lake Management Inc., for the status of the 2016 program. Blonigan said it seems the program is behind schedule and shared that lakeshore owners report shoreline weeds are denser this year than in the past. Also, the canal has not had the path of weeds removed yet. McCoy will follow up with council following his discussion with the contractor. b. Rip-Rap under Highway 100. McCoy said on June 27 he met on-site with staff from MN Dept of Transportation and MN Department of Natural Resources to review the situation of the rock falling into the water. McCoy is expecting to follow up with them soon to review solution options. Council suggested that since this rip-rap site is under a state highway, that our local state representative be contacted should there continue to be no rip-rap improvement.
4. DISCUSSION: Human Rights Commission a. Drop in membership. Difficulty getting quorum for meetings. Council supports amending city code and replacing consisting of 11 members to adding consisting of at least five members and that a quorum is a majority of members. Staff will follow up with the commission when they next meet in July.
5. DISCUSSION: Peddlepub Inquiry. Glick stated she recently received an inquiry about starting a peddlepub business in Robbinsdale. Council members did not support as they felt these were difficult to manage in terms of their routes, traffic congestion, and other issues.
6. DISCUSSION: Norma Kelly playground staging. McCoy overviewed the options of new equipment as two phases 2016-17 or all in 2017. If we do it in 2017, we could apply for a grant to help us expand our project budget. Selman said he visited the park and noted the equipment is old but is not in poor shape so he supports planning for 2017. Staff will set up a neighborhood meeting to present a couple equipment options and apply for a playground grant.
7. DISCUSSION: Municipal Liquor Option in Redevelopment Project. Glick overviewed the potential option of relocating the city's liquor store into the possible grocery project. Relocating gives the potential to have a more functional floor plan even if the square footage remains about the same. Council members supported exploring the option of the city owning the property verses leasing it. If the redevelopment goes thru, the relocation is likely fall 2017. Support for extending the current lease through 2017.

8. DISCUSSION: Cross Walk Striping Options Options were discussed regarding type of striping, potentially including a city logo painted onto the street. Glick noted the north half of West Broadway downtown needs reconstruction in the near future and coordination with a BLRT station. Council members favor stamped concrete over pavers. Staff will plan to experiment with a stencil of the city logo at a downtown intersection.
9. DISCUSSION: Option for City required sump discharge connection to drain tile when provided in street reconstruction areas. McCoy explained that a few residents are draining their sump pump into their alley which has created surface hazards for other residents and instead this should be required to drain into the cities drain tile where available. Council agreed this should not make a hazard for the public road or walkway. They recommended that since only a few residents are doing this, and not all pumping is causing a problem for others, to add it to the city's nuisance violations rather than a connection requirement.
10. DISCUSSION: Railvolution Conference October 9-12 (mobile demonstrations). Marcia will attend. Some council members will also attend and they will coordinate which demonstrations they will register to not overlap. Concurrence to add a work session July 12.
11. UPDATE: 2016 Goals. Staff provided highlights:
- If the Blue Line gets funded, there will be a federal requirement for Metro Transit to purchase replacement parkland since the temporary occupancy of Sohacki Park will extend more than 6 months. The park would be turned over to the City of Robbinsdale after acquisition. Graeser Park has been identified as a park for acquisition.
 - Pavilion update is that the pilings are required to be installed deeper into the soil for proper support.
 - Business District Incentive Grant: Ace Hardware has completed an application and will be replacing awnings; Strait Stuff also making plans for awning and paint updates plus cleaning the bricks. Businesses report that finding a tuck point contractor to do even a multiple building project has been difficult.
 - The developer open house for the Terrace Mall redevelopment is scheduled for July 13 at 4-7pm at Hubbard Marketplace. Another developer had held a neighborhood meeting regarding possibility of senior housing at 4600 Lake Road.
12. OTHER BUSINESS Mayor Murphy suggested the newly painted north side of Ace Hardware building be a good location for a new mural. Backen said Manor Park is highly used resulting in a lot of trash to the frustration of neighborhood residents. He said he will go there sometime soon and talk with users and asking where they are from.
13. ADJOURNMENT
Backen adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.


Tom Marshall, Recorder


Pat Backen, Mayor Pro Tem

Key Projects for 2016	
Blue Line LRT – Advance to 30% plans	• Murphy/Selman CMC; Selman CAC • Glick/Pearson/McCoy/Verkinnes DRT/TPAC/TAC Etc • Marshal Parks DRT • Blonigan/Rogan CW Steering Committee
Blue Line LRT – Sochacki	• JPA meeting with BPO staff on interim and post/use. • 6(f) conversion: If BLRT is funded, Met Council would begin negotiations with fee title owners to acquire Graeser Park for City parkland (see hand out)
Station Area Planning advancement	• Crandall-Arambula selected for County funded consultant services • Option agreements for key properties – funds available through TCF sales proceeds – (early summer)
Water Distribution Modeling	RFP new plant feasibility – <i>AFTER Wellhead Protection Plan Update</i>
Pavilion – 2016 construction	Working with consultant to finalize plans. Discovered piles supporting building may need to be 80'
Downtown Update	• \$35,000 Business District Incentive Grant • Awning replacement approved for Ace. Difficulty finding anyone to bid on the small tuck pointing projects • Grant funded plan-design for multi-user lot behind Strait Stuff/Performance Meals (working to schedule) • Engage downtown business owners to discuss needed sidewalk work and utilities updates (summer) • Address employee parking (on-going)
Construction monitoring REDA homes	• 4145 Halifax & 3527 Grimes • 3807 Major and 4023 Zane –lot reservation fees • 4318 Vera Cruz under construction • 45xx Regent Lots & 4629 France available • 3912 Quail mid- July closing being scheduled • Robbins Beach 3rd Working out plat issues – closing soon
Triangle Park Improvement Plan	Sept 17 target for neighborhood opening Next step – master plan park update
Manor Park parking	Striping on Abbott Complete - monitoring
Victor Donato Garden	Donato and Hollingsworth family working on plans. City would undertake bids and construction after funds raised to cover project
Local Road construction projects	Josephine – underway Road resurfacing – underway
Key Projects – 2016 and on-going	
Sochacki Park/Three Rivers JPA	Next board meeting October 3, 2016 4pm
Neighborhood Stabilization	• 1/5/16 support 20% limit with grandfather of existing rental until sale, appeal process. • tiered license fees– target 2017-18 renewal • Duplex conversion pilot- watching for site
Developer Follow-ups	3-4 possible 2016-17 developments continuing to discuss at staff level. *application for Terrace Mall redevelopment 6.24 *4600 Lake Road – developer/neighbors 6.21 light turnout
Liquor store staff development	Working with new management team on customer service and sales improvements
Grant opportunity – plan development lower level library building use	Accessibility funding for the lift is eligible. Phase 1 – minor grant for plaster repairs 7/8/16 Phase 2 –project funding including plans (2017)

Multi-year On-going priorities	
LEDs	• Police/Fire LED conversion underway-2016 • City Hall conversion 2016-17 • Xcel timeline 2017 for Robbinsdale • Including LEDs in construction areas
Technology	• 50% of recreation registrations are on-line • 36% of utility billing paid via on-line or ACH • Website utility improvements
Streetscape – Trees/Sidewalk repairs	On-going maintenance
Grant opportunities/Development Plans	As opportunities arise
Street spanning and triangle banners	Annual: Birdtown, WBD, Meet/Greet Chamber switching to yard-signs for Eggstravaganza May try yard-signs for Give & Get and Tree Lighting
Scout for Residential Site Redevelopment	As opportunities arise (budget)
Community policing	RCPA, Neighborhood targets
Street reconstruction projects	Asset maintenance
Major mill/resurface- new strategy	Plan revised – no assessments
Cell tower Leases and Updates	Working with third party to help with plan reviews.
Deputy Registrar	Added passport clerk
Solar Garden	Agreement signed – project dependent on Xcel approval of site and implementation of project
Broadway Court	Quarterly meetings with residents Major repair project 2016 out to bid to address water infiltration issues.

Other items:

- Lake regulation review – on hold
- Create program for acquiring homes in identified areas to hold pending acquisition of more Sites to create development area.

Community Driven Activities – Assist/Promote	
Eggstravaganza Denim/Dazzle Birdtown Race Ladies-Spring Fling Travail Party Whiz Bang Days National Night Out Police/Fire Open House Meet & Greet October – Give & Get Tree Lighting	Chamber Annual Heart of Robbinsdale Annual Race Committee New Downtown Merchant Effort Travail Whiz Bang Committee/City Liaison Police visits to block parties Police/Fire Chamber Annual Chamber event Chamber funded

Section 6(f) Conversion of Sochacki Park in Robbinsdale, MN – Proposal for Replacement Property

Description of Converted Property: The property being converted is approximately 5.6 acres of land within Sochacki Park in the City of Robbinsdale, MN. The property will be temporarily occupied (as determined by the Federal Transit Administration in their Amended Section 4(f) Evaluation) for a period of approximately 18 months during construction of the Blue Line LRT Extension project. Following construction, the portions of Sochacki Park temporarily occupied will be restored and returned to active outdoor recreational use by the public. However, since the construction period extends beyond six months, pursuant to Section 6(f) rules, the property will be converted and replacement property will be purchased to address the conversion.

Description of Replacement Property: The property proposed for replacement is an approximately one-acre site that had formerly been a highway (Trunk Highway 100) rest stop administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). Highway 100 was originally constructed circa 1940 and at the time of construction the property under consideration was built to be a highway wayside rest. Since then, Highway 100 has undergone many changes to bring it up to modern engineering standards. The parcel under consideration is no longer accessible from Highway 100 and is no longer used as a highway rest stop. MnDOT continues to hold a transportation easement over the property – fee title ownership resides with the owners of the four parcels, which constitute the property under consideration.

- **Property Location:** The property is located in the northwestern corner of the City of Robbinsdale. It is bounded by West Broadway Avenue and the BNSF rail corridor (within which the BLRT Extension project will be built) on the southwest, County State Aid Highway 81 on the northeast, Highway 100 on the southwest, and a residential neighborhood on the northwest. See attached figure(s)
- **Property Accessibility:** The property is accessible from West Broadway Avenue, or on the northern side from a drive that leaves the corner of Lakeland Avenue North and 44 1/2th Avenue North. Structures that remain from its previous use as a highway rest area include an overlook wall and overgrown gravel paths as well as a stone fireplace and a rock garden.

Proposal for Use of Property as Replacement for Sochacki Park: The City of Robbinsdale is in support of conversion of the former highway rest stop to a park under Robbinsdale ownership and jurisdiction. Although some of the previous facilities would remain, other amenities would be provided, including:

- ADA accessible accommodations, including parking and pedestrian connections.
- Utility connections for drinking water.
- Upgrades to paths and picnic facilities, including a possible picnic shelter.

Support for Proposal to Use Former Highway 100 Rest Area as Replacement for Sochacki Park Section 6(f) Conversion: The City of Robbinsdale is in support of accepting the property proposed for replacement as a new City park (see attached letter of support). The Minnesota Department of Transportation has acknowledged the fact that the property in question no longer functions as a highway wayside rest area and can be considered excess highway right-of-way. If the conversion is approved by the National Park Service, and if the Blue Line LRT Extension project receives funding from the Federal Transit Administration, the Metropolitan Council (as the federal grantee for the BLRT project) will begin negotiations with the fee title owner(s) of the property under consideration to acquire it for City parkland, replacing the portion of Sochacki Park converted as part of the Project.