

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
November 9, 2021
After the Robbinsdale EDA Meeting that takes place at 7pm
Robbinsdale City Hall
4100 Lakeview Avenue North

A G E N D A

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEM
2. ROLL CALL: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
3. Presentation: Joint Community Police Partnership (attached)
4. Presentation: Xcel Partners In Energy Update from the Mayor
5. Council Request: Discuss Alley Streetlight Policy (policy attached)
6. Update: Problem Properties (to be distributed at meeting)
7. Review: Project Updates (attached)
8. Other Business
9. ADJOURNMENT

Presentation: Joint Community Police Partnership

The Joint Community Police Partnership (JCPP) is a Hennepin County program that works collaboratively to enhance relationships between police and the community, specifically with immigrants, people of color, indigenous people, and faith communities. The cities of Crystal, New Hope, and Robbinsdale will tailor the programming to meet the needs of our specific communities. The three cities are looking to share our resources with two Hennepin County Employees to manage the JCPP Program. The City of Crystal has been part of the JCPP program for several years.

The JCPP's mission is to enhance communication and understanding between law enforcement officers and multicultural residents of these cities. By building trust and communication between the police and community members, we will ultimately improve the safety and livability of our communities.

Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC)

The Multicultural Advisory Committee is a core component of the Joint Community Police Partnership (JCPP). The MAC is an engaged group of volunteers who advise the three Police Departments on how to better serve, communicate with, and understand the many cultures that reside in, work in, or visit the communities of Crystal, New Hope, and Robbinsdale. The MAC meets monthly with police personnel to discuss topics that are important to their communities, build mutual trust, and open up two-way communication.

MAC members represent the three cities diverse cultural, professional, and educational backgrounds. Members are asked to tap into their various skill sets and networks as part of their work in MAC; engage with neighbors, coworkers, students, clients or anyone else to learn how MAC can make progress on police community relations.

On November 9th, an representative from Hennepin County will attend the work session to give a presentation regarding the program and answer any questions council may have.



CITY OF ROBBINSDALE

MID-BLOCK LIGHTING POLICY

GENERAL POLICY

Robbinsdale residents may petition for additional street lighting on a block-by-block basis.

PROCEDURE

Residents who desire additional mid-block street lighting must acquire the signatures of the property taxpayer for 60% of the lots on each side of that block. Petition forms and requirements may be obtained from City Hall.

If the lighting is desired on a block with a total of ten houses or less, the signatures of the property taxpayers for 75% of the lots on each side of that block must be acquired.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) Mid-block lights must remain in place for a minimum of three years.
- 2) Flat fees will apply to all property owners abutting the street receiving the mid-block lighting. Fees will be added onto the utility bill. Fees will cover the cost of operating and maintaining the mid-block lights.
- 3) Resident must determine whether they want one or two additional lights. This information must be indicated on the petition form. Residents must include a sketch with the petition of where they would like the light placed.
- 4) Daily Operating Schedule: The daily operating schedule of lamps on the all- night (AN) schedule shall be from approximately one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
- 5) Signatures of petitions: Signatures must be legible and may only be the name of the person signing the form. Name and address are required next to each signature.
- 6) All property owners that are listed on the tax records must sign the petition form. Occupants of the property that are not listed as taxpayers will not be counted towards the required signatures.
- 7) Xcel Energy will determine final placement of light(s).
- 8) Repeal Process: If residents wish to have the light removed, they must obtain 60% of the signatures of the taxpayers for the properties abutting that street on the block. Residents may only remove lights that their block initially petitioned to have installed.
- 9) If City staff believes that there are already too many lights on a block, the City may deny a request from residents for mid-block lighting. The Chief of Police and City Engineer must approve the decision to deny mid-block lighting in

writing. Citizens who petitioned for mid-block lighting must be notified in writing of the reasons for denial.

- 10) City Council approval is not necessary for installation of mid-block lighting.

CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

For blocks that are between 330' and 660', a maximum of two mid-block streetlights can be added in addition to the lights presently located at the intersections. The approximate spacing between the midblock lights and intersection lights would be slightly over 200 feet.

If block is over 660', requests for more than two mid-block lights will be considered.

The shorter side streets will not have additional lights installed on them. Typical spacing between lights is 330 feet on these streets.

ALLEY LIGHTS

Alley lights will not be installed under this policy. Property owners can have alley lights installed by signing a contract with Xcel Energy that stipulates the property owner agrees to pay for the light. Residents should contact Xcel Energy for further information.

MONTHLY RATE PER LIGHT PER PROPERTY

The monthly rate charged per light per property will vary as the Utility company (Xcel) rates change.

Underground wiring for mid-block lighting will be allowed only in those blocks of the City that now have underground service.

<u>Strategic Direction – established 2017</u> • Investing for the Future • Innovating for Quality Services and Efficiencies • Promoting & Connecting • Revitalizing the Community	 City of Robbinsdale MISSION STATEMENT Robbinsdale... Our Hometown ❖ Our community of citizens and businesses – dedicated, proud and involved ❖ Our government – accessible, accountable, open and compassionate ❖ Our resources – prudently allocated and equitably provided
“What People? What Good? What Cost?”	

Investing for the Future – AA+ Bond Rating Confirmed

- Environmental Sustainability
 - Xcel Partners in Energy – **Mayor update on this 11/9 work session**
 - Energy Usage Review Analysis – complete. Identified projects on maintenance schedule.
 - Green Step Cities – Step 2 – staff will continue to pursue opportunities – citizen volunteer offer
 - Advocacy for Monarchs – pollinator areas
 - Promoted work in this area in summer ‘21 City newsletter – link on Council webpage Top Topics
- Creative finance – identified cost savings shift for fleet leasing and software packages
- Live up to ‘what people-what good-what cost’
- Park Facilities – Meeting spaces –
 - Sanborn Park Building/Park Redevelopment
 - Lower Level Public Safety
 - Historic Meeting Room
 - Lee park building retrofit **Grant application Lee Park building**
- Park Facilities – Playgrounds & Fields – **Discuss Liquor Store Receipt Information**
 - Triangle Park master plan; Graeser acquisition; North Lee Park expansion
 - Potential for ½ court Basketball/pickleball at Manor – **Capital Improvement Budget Discussion**
 - Community Garden at “Bunny Store Site” -3606 Lake Drive Possible for 2022 - in budget
- Asset Replacement & Maintenance – Support the CIP
 - Master Plan Schedule for All Parks – 10 year CIP
 - Public Buildings- 10 year CIP **council chambers AV update & wall shift-** security update
 - Street Projects – 10 year CIP
 - Water infrastructure- 10 year CIP
- Partnerships – Funding/Advocacy
 - Hennepin/State -Infrastructure Grants/Funding
 - BlueLine Connect Now! – LRT
 - Metro Cities/LMC/NLC – legislative priorities/policies & advocacy
 - Communicate about Fiscal Disparities
 - BYR Quad Communities – Active military family support
 - Three Rivers Parks – Sochacki JPA, regional trails & trail head at South Twin Lake
 - Youth Sports Associations (fundraising)
 - NWCT-CCX
 - Shingle Creek/Basset Creek WMO – lake/stream quality and projects Ryan-South Twin cattails
 - DNR/Shingle Creek/State-Fed/Mpls – Crystal Lake water table

Innovating for Quality Services and Efficiencies

- Employer of Choice – retention, attraction, tools-software-resources
 - Inclusive hiring practices/focus on hiring diverse staff
 - Explore Affinity Groups
 - Educational contract for recruitment/retention – **potential cadet identified**
 - Staff training on implicit bias/equity/inclusion
- Enhanced Services
 - technology enhancements –(meters/ BS&A-on line permits/payments/permit look up)
 - Drinking water softening, water pressure improvement
 - New Water Meters add quick report of change in water usage to staff (leak detection)
Confirmed with City Attorney that customers providing email for quicker contact does not make the email information available for those requesting data.
 - Solid waste – **_Service issues/Liquidated Damages**
 - Special Needs – Shared Mental Health Worker – HC Mental Health Dispatch Specialist
- Staff-Council Relations – Department leads connect with Council at multiple meetings

Promoting & Connecting

- Communication to Inform Residents
 - Social media/Energy use awareness/tip411/pedestrian safety/COVID19
 - New Resident welcome letter **Next letters ready to sign**
- Engage/Involve Residents
 - Expand Community Involvement
 - public health i.e. tobacco, Special events, movie in park/gym, on-line surveys, open houses
 - **Written Feedback requested on proposed change to Rental License**
 - Increase Creative Equity for Parks/Recreation Programs
 - **Discuss interest from BIRD scooters and Bikes**
- PR Campaigns/Outreach
 - Consider PT Public Relations Position – **Assistant to City Manager position 2022 budget**
 - Enhanced public communication – share information on success
 - Community Outreach Positions

Revitalizing the Community

- Redevelopment Downtown
 - 2022-23 WB streetscape/sidewalks
 - Developer roundtables RE open development sites- **Realistically wait on LRT LPA**
- Redevelopment Outside of Downtown
 - 4600 Lake Road - **under construction**
 - Point of Sale – discussed in August 2021 – continue program without change
 - Interest in several potential redevelopment sites
- Support/Promote Local Businesses
 - Expanded outdoor service during COVID- **Reminder going out on license renewals**
- Engage the Chamber of Commerce in promotion efforts
 - *Promotion of City-County- technical and grant assistance- Elevate HC, Comcast RISE; Robbinsdale is open site; Chamber site; Business identification as BIPOC, Latinx, Military, women-owned*
- Promote opportunities to Developers. Define what we want
 - Developer roundtable **Realistically wait on LRT LPA**
- Update REDA signage - *no properties for sale at this time*

PARTNERS IN ENERGY

INFORMATION SHEET

HELPING COMMUNITIES BUILD AN ENERGY FUTURE



PARTNERS IN ENERGY
An Xcel Energy Community Collaboration

Partners in Energy provides the tools and resources to support communities in achieving their energy goals. The program offerings include support to develop an energy action plan or electric vehicle plan, tools to help implement your plan and deliver results, and resources designed to help the communities we serve stay informed and achieve their energy goals.



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COMMUNITIES
SERVED SINCE 2014



AVERAGE SAVINGS PER COMMUNITY IN 2019

Electricity 5.2 Million kWh

Greenhouse Gas Equivalent to removing 502 cars off the road



TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN 2019

Energy Efficiency Programs
43,500

Renewable Energy Programs
24,500

Planning support



Implementation support



Additional resources to boost results

In addition to our team, tools and resources, we provide opportunities for you to interact and network with other communities participating in Partners in Energy.



COMMUNITY SUMMITS

Attend in-person events with other communities to share best practices. We provide educational opportunities that feature experts on current energy topics and opportunities to learn from each other.



OFFICE HOURS

Attend monthly webinars that cover trending topics, plus access to and examples of initiatives and activities happening in Partners in Energy communities. Ask questions and share experiences.

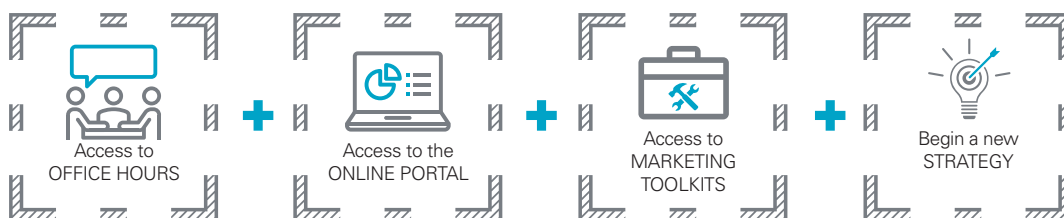


ONLINE PORTAL

Get access to documents related to your community's work, and examples of other community goals, strategies, and collateral. It connects you to a variety of community program materials, a collateral library, toolkits for outreach and education, as well as collaboration forums.

Keeping graduates energized

We invite communities that have participated to stay engaged. Since you've developed a blueprint for your energy future, we have resources to keep your momentum going and keep you up to date with what's new at Xcel Energy.



Join us

Apply in January or July. Applications available at xcelenergy.com/PartnersInEnergy.

Questions: PartnersinEnergy@xcelenergy.com or 800.369.4362.



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Properties with Chronic Code Enforcement Issues – November, 2021.

Owner occupied or non-rental property

3800 Vera Cruz Ave. N. *(Since the beginning – prior to 2018)*

The resident who was incarcerated was released on Oct. 22 under conditional release. Another court date was set for 1-3-2022. There are no current property maintenance issues. Staff is concerned about the number of vehicles frequently parked around the property and has sent warnings about over-occupancy.

3947 Zenith Ave. N. *(May, 2021)*

Complaints about as many as 5 dogs. Citation for rubbish have doubled – mattresses still between garages.

3415 Zenith Ave. N. *(returned to list)*

Occupant on the verge of losing the house through tax forfeiture has applied to repurchase the property. County Auditor hearing scheduled for 2 pm, Nov. 16. Warnings have been sent for rubbish and hazardous waste (TVs).

3826 Noble Ave. N. *(March 2021)*

Multiple citations continue to be issued for dangerous dog. Owner and other family members have not been cooperative with law enforcement. Police are looking into next steps including possibly seizing the dog.

4100 West Broadway (Walgreen's) *(June 2020-most recently)*

The site had been somewhat cleaner, but litter continues to collect in shrubs and the property is slipping back to month-to-month warnings. Rubbish accumulations seems to be a drive-by issue. Also, the historic Robbinsdale photos have been resent.

5624 42nd Ave. N. *(Since June, 2021 – most recently)*

Update from the owner-of-record: The tenant is protected because he requested assistance with the back rent. The owner is waiting on the outcome from “MN Rents.” The owner’s ultimate goal is to evict the tenant.

Licensed Rental properties

2671-73 Meridian *(July 2021)*

The Food concession trailer remains in the street.

3834 Quail Ave. N. *(June 2021)*

Citations for at-large and unlicensed dog. No property maintenance code issues.

4162-64 Adair Ave. N. *(June 2021 – most recently)*

Citations for rubbish and unlicensed vehicles have doubled twice. Owner is not renewing the lease which is set to expire at the end of November. The owner, Reese Pfeiffer was featured in the Star Tribune (10-29 Green Sheet as well) over a law suit for sexual harassment.

3555 France Ave. N. Clare Terrace *(September 2021)*

No recent property maintenance concerns. Police camera has been deployed to the NW corner of the intersection.