

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
GOAL SETTING SESSION
SATURDAY, January 26, 2019
Steinhauser Group Meeting Room
4181 W Broadway Ave, Robbinsdale, MN 55422

1. Mayor Pro Tem Selman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy
3. Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Jim Franzen, Police Chief; Larry Jacobson, Finance Director; Pam Schmitz, Recreation Services Manager; Kate Croteau, HR Coordinator/City Clerk; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director/City Engineer.

Department Highlights: Police

4. Body cameras have been deployed – council members expressed interest in a future work session.
5. The department is working towards a goal of a three car minimum staffing level.

Department Highlights: Public Works

6. Crystal Lake levels were discussed as well as flood safeguards such as sandbagging basements.

General topics

7. The Main Street program was discussed noting that there would need to be buy-in from local businesses. Staff will do research on communities that have the program and bring information to a future work session.
8. The 2017 City Survey indicated that the City-wide newsletter may not be the best way to reach people. Discussion of alternative ways to reach residents.
9. Work toward adding organic recycling is moving forward.
10. Transit Oriented Development zoning changes would have buildings oriented towards West Broadway with parking underneath, or on the County Road 81 side. US Bank could be redeveloped in a similar fashion. THE TOD overlay district will show how tall buildings can be based upon their location and the width of adjacent right-of-way.

Community Center Discussion

11. The 2017 City Survey indicated support for a community center; need to further define what a facility would include: meeting room space, other types of uses, location, cost for structure and operations. Community buy-in is key. Concept to work towards a referendum in 2020 or part of budget process depending on the scope of the project. For example a project could be part of enlargement of a park building or part of a larger redevelopment. Prior to this there would be community events to discuss options.

Discussion -- Infrastructure Projects Discussion

12. Discussion took place on sidewalks on West Broadway and the maintenance problem with the bricks.
13. A discussion took place as to the costs of the alley reconstruction on the 4100 block between Shoreline and Beard. There was a discussion on whether the City should further subsidize alleys (currently 100% assessed to adjacent owners).
14. McCoy reported on issues related to the storm water options for Chowen Avenue and staff brainstorming on solutions.
15. The water treatment plant open house planned for February 11th was discussed including the possibility of grants to help add water softening.
16. It was noted that there had not been any submission of phase 2 plans for Hollingsworth park improvements
17. Lakeview Terrace Park central area plans were discussed.
18. Goal Session was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Kate Croteau, Recorder



George Selman, Mayor Pro Tem