

City of Robbinsdale
REGULAR MONTHLY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Present: Councilmembers Rogan, Selman, Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem Backen
Assistant City Manager Marshall, City Engineer McCoy, Community Development
Coordinator Pearson

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Backen at 8:02 pm.

UPDATE: Hollingsworth Park

2. Hollingsworth Park improvements were discussed. Consensus is to get the Hollingsworth and Donato families together to agree on a plan. The Fire Department should go along with the results.

UPDATE: Triangle Park Playground

3. Triangle Park was discussed. 'ICON' play equipment is ordered. Next staff will recommend for Council approval the remaining equipment and the poured in place under the ICON. Prices are needed for power needs and lighting arrangements and also the specs and prices for site preparation and concrete needs. From the neighborhood open house the ballfield is getting used. Irrigation equipment would not allow flooding for skating. Councilmember Selman asked if TOD funds may be available for the play equipment given its proximity to the LRT station. Work should be completed in August.

UPDATE: Rental Property Management Information

4. Rental housing management was discussed. Council asked about a strategy to acquire duplexes in the 3800 block of Quail & Regent, and along Lake Drive. The idea is to have control of the properties so they can be eventually redeveloped, but have an income stream in the meantime. Staff is concerned about a possible conflict of interest with hiring a management company, although the Broadway Court arrangement seems to work. A non-profit agency such as Habitat or PPL might be appropriate as a partner. Council would like to know:
 - Is it legal?
 - If so, the city could acquire a duplex as a pilot project.

UPDATE: Tear Drop Banners

5. Tear drop banners were discussed. A new advertising device which is being seen around town, particularly at Copperfield Hill, McDonald's and the BP station. Not currently allowed or permitted as a banner. Council would allow them to be permitted similar to a temporary sign – 10 days at a time, 3 times per year if there was a permit and controls on location. Should not be allowed in the downtown.

UPDATE: Pavilion and City Hall

6. The pavilion project at Lakeview Terrace Park was discussed. A consultant will be submitting plans and estimates for Council on the government contract. Should be under construction in 2016. This same consultant will also be coming forth with remodeling plans for city hall that will include a new service window for rental licensing and the deputy registrar area.

UPDATE: Noble Avenue

7. City Engineer McCoy presented conceptual plans for relocating utilities in the Noble Ave. N. area. A storm sewer serving a large area west of Noble is on private property underneath a house. This and other utilities would be realigned to Noble Ave and cross under the LRT and BNSF ROW in the area of the 39th Ave. N. crossing. Cost estimates are not available, but the work should be done before the LRT is built.
A related project could be a greenway at 37th Ave. N. a greenway with little or no pavement would allow storm water to infiltrate and recharge the aquifer. Council supports the idea.
8. Other business:
 - Plaza table & chairs. These have been put out. Marshall asked to get the weekend lock-up volunteer calendar for the season. Council agreed to try not locking them on Friday and Saturday nights with Wuollet Bakery staff still locking them up Sunday thru Thursday.
 - Councilmember Selman asked if there was money left over from the mil & overlay project, could Zane be looked at? It's in very bad shape.
 - Councilmember Rogan asked if 42nd Ave. N. in the Grimes Ave. area could be looked at.
 - Councilmember Backen indicated that Xerxes Ave. was also in bad shape.
9. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Backen adjourned the work session at 9:10 pm.

Rick Pearson, Recorder

Pat Backen, Mayor Pro Tem