

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016.
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM - CITY HALL

1. The worksession was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Backen at 8:47 pm.
2. Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy,
3. Staff Present: City Manager Glick, Director of Administrative and Recreation Services Marshall, Community Development Coordinator Pearson

West Broadway Transit Alternatives Study

4. Backen shared a handout and reviewed the findings in the study and sought concurrence regarding his participation as a PAC member on the final vote. BRT with service to Hubbard Marketplace would cost \$40 million. Street car terminating at North Memorial would cost \$225 million. The study did not include new information that the North Memorial tunnel under Oakdale Ave. N. does not have the load bearing capacity for street car to cross. Most of the real estate and job development benefit would occur in the North Loop area and the few jobs created in North Minneapolis would be at essentially \$1 million per job. Council concurrence was that it would be better to invest the cost difference between BRT and streetcar on redevelopment projects in North Minneapolis.

BLRT updates

5. Traction power substation locations are likely to be at 3601 Indiana Ave. N. and MnDOT right-of-way at the Regent Ave. cul-de-sac north of 43rd. BPO informed staff that a 14 foot noise wall between 41st Ave. N. and 42 Ave. N. is too expensive and instead they may consider noise mitigation options. Council asked if decibel levels would be measured. Staff will be following up with BPO.
6. The intersection at 45 ½ Ave. N. may be reoriented to connect to 45th Ave on the east with reduced options for traffic turning movements. Council asked if traffic counts were available to show current traffic patterns. Staff will follow up.

Parking Concerns

7. Parking concerns at the 41st Ave. block of Yates. A two-family rental property has insufficient parking. Council discussed alternatives. No action is recommended.

Little Libraries in City Parks

8. A resident expressed interest in putting a Little Library in Lakeview Terrace Park. A policy should be developed for placement on private property and in a park. Libraries in City right-of-way or City Parks would be reviewed annually. City Council supported allowing the little libraries in the city right-of-way though they should be at least 3 feet from a street curb line. Council also supported resident sponsored units in parks with a resident submitting a design to city staff for approval, location and installation by city staff, and care by the resident. Staff will work on both sets of guidelines.

2016 Goals

9. The 2016 goal update was distributed including consultant contract details for station area work, LVT pavilion plans and Triangle Park playground plans.
10. Council discussed the proposed pavilion materials, provision of a concrete area for grills (preferring for people to bring grills vs. providing park grills), adding accent lighting, having the majority of the central area between the pavilion and ballfields being turf with paths across the space, possibility of adding AV accessories.
11. For Triangle Park, Council recommended berms between the playground and Orchard Ave and including some lighting within the playground area. Construction is expected to begin in August.
12. Manor Park new parking on Abbott is still not sufficient if all of the fields are scheduled. Staff will take a look at scheduled field use capacity.
13. Council asked for update on which roads were scheduled for resurfacing. Staff will provide an update in Friday communications.

Other Business

14. 3606 Lake Drive is expected to be conveyed to the City/REDA. Council discussion that the property should be single family residential with some green space along Lake Drive rather than continuing the commercial use. Pearson will schedule Planning Commission review of a Comprehensive Plan amendment and Zoning amendment.
15. Glick noted that Strait Stuff – City Spirit Wear sales are on decline. Staff and council members will remind people where shirts are available. Mayor Murphy will work with Strait Stuff on a possible new design and style.
16. Council members asked for updates that Glick will investigate:
 - Rip-Rap improvement on lake connection under Highway 100
 - 3800 Vera Cruz property clean up – Monday deadline.
 - 5500 42nd (Lilac Way) landscaping – conformance with Conditional Use Permit
17. Mayor Pro-Tem Backen adjourned the worksession at 10:31 pm.

Rick Pearson, Tom Marshall Recorders

Pat Backen, Mayor Pro Tem