

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016
8:01 pm

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Pro Tem Backen called the meeting to order at 801 p.m.
2. Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tem Backen
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator
Others: Patricia Fitzgerald, Elise Durban- Hennepin County Planning staff
Dan Soler, Alicia Vap – Met Council Bottineau Project Office staff

DISCUSSION:

3. A internet connect presentation was conducted with Crandall Arambula, the planning consultants reviewing the 41 ½ Ave. N. Pedestrian Promenade. TOD & Station Area Planning Priorities and the Park & Ride TOD Liner building.
4. John Arambula explained the consultant's concerns about the Initial Robbinsdale Concept and presented an Alternative Robbinsdale Concept.
5. Councilmember Selman asked about the "live-work spaces" do the mezzanine levels need to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for access? Arambula explained that the upper levels could be living space, or there could be small lifts. The Salon example showed commercial space with steps only. Arambula said all uses requiring ADA access would be on the ground floor.
6. The areas of the building footprints was discussed. The Council wanted to see examples of other stations that were designed by Crandall Arambula. There is an example in Edmonton Alberta.
7. Council member Rogan appreciated that the alternative design removed the bus access from Hubbard Ave. in front of the ramp, moving them under the west part of the ramp parallel with the platform.
8. Council member Backen speaking as a transit user, said he supports the alternative.
9. Discussion ensued about the "stepped building" concept vs. the alternative which has larger but fewer parking levels. Council consensus was in support of the alternative concept with parking above the commercial and live/work units.
10. Alicia Vap said that the bus operations crew will need to examine the proposed left turn movement for west-bound 42nd Ave. traffic.

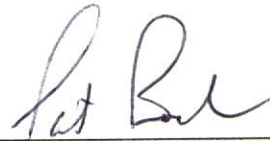
11. Dan Solar explained the mission of the BPO is to develop the methodology for the parking that is needed and to figure out how it can be developed with the parts that will not be paid for by the FTA. Metro Transit can build the commercial wrap and if funded by another entity, not project funds. He likes how the bus component works and wants to ensure that the quiet zone is preserved. His take-away is to look at the busses and traffic movements.
12. Council member Selman asked if the platform could be covered?
13. Solar pointed out the conflict with the catenary wires above the tracks.

ADJOURNMENT

14. Mayor Pro Tem Backen adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.



Rick Pearson, Recorder



Pat Backen , Mayor Pro Tem