

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016
6:31 pm

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Mayor Murphy,
Mayor Pro Tem Backen(arrived at 6:40 pm)
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Rick Pearson, Community Development
Coordinator
Others: Kathryn O'Brian – Met Council Bottineau Project Office staff
Greg Mathis - MNDOT

PRESENTATION:

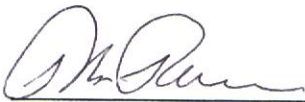
3. Kathryn O'Brian provided background information on the Federal requirements for mitigating impacts the Blue Line Extension's construction would have on historic properties including the Grand Rounds (Plymouth Ave and Golden Valley Road stations) and the Osseo Branch Railroad itself (Plymouth Ave, Golden Valley Road, Robbinsdale, Bass Lake Road, and 63rd Ave.)
4. Greg Mathis noted that MNDOT has the lead agency role in implementing the mitigation of adverse impacts on historic properties. It is a requirement of federal funding. The Robbinsdale location is one of 5 stations where historic interpretation would be included as part of the impact on the Osseo Branch St Paul Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad and Great Northern Railway. Historic interpretation is education to make connections to history and the lives we lead today. He showed examples of historic interpretation.
5. Mathis noted that the Osseo Branch Railroad shapes the landscape and the proposed sub theme to be addressed at the Robbinsdale station is how the railroad contributed to town building and that the beauty of the landscape inspired the founding of Robbinsdale. Priorities were to 1) describe how railroads contributed to the development of towns including location of stations needed for fuel and Maintenance of Way (steam engines needed to stop for water every 5-6 miles); 2) Robbinsdale doesn't fit the normal pattern – history reports that it was a person on the train riding through the area that was inspired by the landscape to create a town; 3) many towns were settled along the rail line a portion of which became the Osseo branch.
6. Mathias showed examples of potential historic interpretation including graphic panels and integrated design elements.
7. Council members questioned the order of sub-theme priority and relevance to Robbinsdale. It was noted that each of the stations provides an element of the whole story about the

railroad development and the discussion of the fueling stop and railroad planned towns provides an opening to segue into information on Robbinsdale's history.

8. Next step is a November 17th consultation with staff on concepts. The draft plan will be prepared in 1st quarter 2017 which will provide for public input. The goal is to have a final plan by 2nd quarter 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

9. Mayor Pro Tem Backen adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.



Rick Pearson, Recorder



Pat Backen, Mayor Pro Tem