

SAPCC May Minutes

May 29 2018 7:00

Attending: Pat Thompson, Scott Jensen, Charlie Christopherson, Betty Wheeler, Karin Nelson, John Mark Lucas, Liam Stewart, Steve Mastey, Patty George, Mark Snyder

Meeting called to order 7:09

Minutes approved, Nelson motioned, Wheeler second. Unanimous

Como reconstruction phase 2: trees, detour, traffic calming, signs

Thompson passed out an inventory and map of trees along Como slated for removal, with many trees already removed. Trees yet to be removed are printed in red. Transportation committee had no previous knowledge of the extent of tree removal which will render most of Como barren. Trees needed to be removed to widen the street for bike lanes and parking; this was known when designing for the bike lanes. Most significant tree loss will be outside of the commercial area between Carter and Luther Place. It was unclear to the committee and neighborhood that this would affect trees outside the business district where parking is not so critical. Lucas proposes writing a letter to Barb Mundahl, Samantha Henningson, Russ Stark and Cathy Lantry, strongly protesting the lack of community input and due process about the trees and asking that they do more to preserve the remaining trees. (Reference letter handout from city forester). Cease all tree removal, enter a discussion about revisiting the design to preserve as many remaining trees as possible, coordinating with the city forester and explore alternate solutions, including bump outs. Mastey reports that we can petition Barb Mundahl to save trees, city forester can step in and require it. Lucas motions, Wheeler seconds, passes unanimously

Speeding along the detour

Parking along Valentine detour has been removed on one side, and motorists are now speeding through. Thompson has ordered “please drive slow” signs for neighborhood residents. Parking was supposedly removed for emergency vehicles. Thompson will ask if there is anything else about the detour that we haven’t yet been told but should. Temporary stop signs will be requested along current and future (Hendon & Grantham) for better traffic management.

Bike parking

HPC request for bike parking on Raymond in front of the Security building was approved. Next step is to place an order with Dero for the racks. Mastey asks about getting one for the vet clinic going up by the Coop. Lucas mentions that we’re ordering more racks than original to have left-overs for other non-public right of way.

Seal and Territorial Crosswalk (SHIP grant)

Paint plans have changed due to problems seeking approval from the city. There is a safety issue for people painting a non-residential street. Tire planters may still be possible. Mastey has tires for the project from the community clean up at Kasota. Plans for a bench at the intersection on

the HiRise property may be beyond the budget and approaching deadline of the SHIP grant, but will be kept alive pending other funding.

Cleveland construction Plans

Lucas reports that this year will not see the beginning of construction, just further assessment and planning. No set start date yet. County is doing the work, along with the city. The U is also rethinking its grounds around the St. Paul campus. Nelson reports the land use committee is keeping ears open.

SSAP parking around Raymond, Long, Ellis, Bradford

Thompson and George met with the city regarding parking, little action from that. Angled parking was suggested for Bradford, with one-way, but city did not like the idea. A parking study was discussed, we will follow up with the city regarding the study. A district parking solution was suggested, but would likely be too expensive. Grand avenue (GABA) has done a parking study, as has Prospect Park. Nelson will reach out to PP about their study. (Prospect Park study attached)

Additional

Mastey has one further item: there are reports that Brock woods on the Lauderdale border has been sold for commercial development, routing traffic through St. Paul residential streets. Luther seminary is selling all property north of Hendon, for further development. We need to keep an eye on it.

8:35 pm Motion to adjourn. Nelson, Lucas. unanimous.