

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

1. Introduction / Roll Call

Chair Wozniak called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and at his request, Public Works Director Marc Culver called the roll.

Present: Chair Joe Wozniak; Vice Chair Karen Huiett; and Members Stephanie Hammer, Shane Spencer, Jarrod Cicha and Youth Member Jana Lynch.

Absent: Member Michael Joyce, and Nancy Misra (Excused)

Staff Present: Public Works Director Marc Culver; and City Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer.

2. Public Comments

3. Approval of June 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Comments and corrections to draft minutes had been submitted by PWETC commissioners prior to tonight's meeting and those revisions incorporated into the draft presented in meeting materials.

Motion

Member Huiett moved, Member Hammer seconded, approval of the June 23, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

4. Communication Items

City Engineer Jesse Freihammer provided a brief review and update on projects and maintenance activities listed in the staff report dated July 28, 2020.

Member Spencer asked when there is a vacant lot, who is responsible for keeping down the weeds and mowing. He noted there is a lot down the street on South McCarrons where a project to build a house went sideways and the structure had to be torn down and now there are just weeds there.

Mr. Culver indicated generally speaking, whoever owns the lot is responsible for maintaining the vegetation as if there is a house there. There is an Ordinance for this in the city. He explained he was not sure what the current owner status is with the lot on South McCarrons because it was basically in foreclosure and the city had some interest in it but those meetings were behind closed doors so he was not privy to the information and what is going on. He noted staff will follow up on this to find out who is responsible.

Member Hammer indicated she was interested to learn more about the basin going in on Brenner.

Mr. Culver reviewed the progress and plans with the Commission. He noted a lot of trees were removed and the city has a pretty aggressive landscaping plan for the lot.

Member Cicha indicated he was curious about the iron enhanced sand and wondered if it had a life span to it.

Mr. Culver indicated the sand does need to be recharged but was not sure how often.

Mr. Freihammer explained Roseville installed on Williams Street, by Lake McCarrons one of the first enhanced ones about 12 years ago and in 2019 the city did its first refresher of the sand where the city re-segregated the sand to break it up a little bit but did not have to add any filings yet. That is actually one of the test sites to see what the life expectancy is but it is anticipated that at some point additional iron will need to be added to the sand. He figured it was roughly a twenty year life span.

Member Huiett indicated she just recently visited Langton Lake and the water did not appear to be very high quality and thought she could use some more education. She noted the interpretive signage was very nice. She thought it would be interesting to learn about the evolution and what has been happening at that lake.

Mr. Culver explained Langton Lake is challenging because it is very shallow, especially during the hot weather. He noted the lake also gets a lot of runoff and does have some substantial algae blooms in it.

Chair Wozniak asked about the Partners in Energy application.

Mr. Culver indicated staff has not heard anything yet. The applications were due in July and were submitted prior to the deadline.

5. Transportation Project Updates

Mr. Culver provided a brief review and update on transportation project listed in the staff report dated July 28, 2020.

Mr. Culver reviewed the Larpenteur Avenue 3 Lane Section project.

Member Spencer indicated he lived by this project and he thought the restriping and three lane of Larpenteur at Dale, the test section, has been wonderful for that section of road. He would like to see this done at the intersection at Dale too.

Member Huiett indicated along with the follow-up study she would be curious to see if the bus stops have had any ridership improvement or increase/decrease in ridership as well.

Mr. Culver reviewed the County Road B2 at Lexington Project with the Commission.

Member Hammer indicated she lived on County Road B2 when the sidewalks went in and there are often many opinions and she commended staff putting this together with resident comments and input and she thought this was really transparent. She noted the intersection of Victoria and B2 is also a busy street with a stop sign and she wondered if this will improve the traffic flow for these intersections or is that something that will be looked at as a result of this improvement.

Mr. Culver indicated the danger of doing improvements at one particular spot, particularly with capacity is what will be the impact of that intersection downstream. In this case, it could be both east bound and west bound. If there continues to be issues the intersections will be looked at in the future.

Mr. Culver reviewed the Rosedale Environmental Assessment Worksheet with the Commission.

Chair Wozniak suggested the Commissioners look at the EAW, even though it has been approved, to get to know some of the components of it. This is a huge project and will have significant impact on the community. He thought the traffic study that was done was based on a different count of residential units than what is actually being proposed. He thought the ones currently being proposed are more than what was in the traffic study and indicated he would like Mr. Culver to take a look at that. He also noted there are two new businesses the city Council approved along Fairview and the Macy's parking lot and those will also have impacts on the traffic as well. He wondered how that will figure into traffic counts.

Mr. Culver indicated as a part of the Conditional Use Permit needed for the drive-throughs for those uses, the traffic numbers were updated.

6. Civic Master Plan Update

Mr. Culver provided a brief review and update on the Civic Master Plan listed in the staff report dated July 28, 2020.

Member Huiett indicated she was a little disappointed because she did not see how the plan impacted stakeholders and she was curious how intensively is the service model studied. She understood completely all of the aspects about space utilization and square footage but she has not seen the discussion around how the service provided to people will change and improve in quality. She thought there needed to be more conversation otherwise she cannot support this.

Mr. Culver understood and did indicate there will be more information in the final report.

7. Year in Review – Preliminary 2020 – 2021 Calendar

This item was postponed to the August meeting.

8. Items for Next Meeting – August 25, 2020

Discussion ensued regarding the May PWETC agenda:

- Year in Review – Preliminary 2020 – 2021 Calendar
- City Campus Master Plan update and review
- Partners in Energy Program
- Ordinance updates
- Citizens Survey review

Mr. Culver noted at the October meeting he hoped to have the Government Alliance on Race and Equity presentation along with discussion and what the city is doing in all departments and Commissions.

9. Adjourn

Motion

Member Hammer moved, Member Spencer seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.