

Midtown Phillips November Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Hosted by Stewart Park

Boardmembers present: Joe Golish, Jana Metge, Mahamed Cali, Rand Retterath, Sunny Sevigny, Beth Hart, and Donna Neste

Boardmembers absent: Miriam Maples

Guests: Marj Magnuson, Larry Matsumoto (City of Mpls Public Works)

I. Joe welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Joe introduced Larry who asked to present a proposed resurfacing project scheduled for the Summer of 2020. Larry passed out information and started with an overview of the project. It will impact 10th Ave S to 18th Ave S between Lake St E and 26th St E. The impetus of this project is CenterPoint Energy wanting to replace gas lines and meters.

Beth asks how much this will charge us. Larry explains homeowners along the affected streets will be assessed \$0.22 per square foot based on their lot size. Example, a 5,000 sq. ft. lot would be assessed \$1,100 payable over 5 years starting May of 2021.

Rand expresses frustration; believes current condition of most streets are good. Property owners will be unnecessarily taxed. He questions the City of Minneapolis favoring corporations over its residents.

Jana asks if this project can be delayed. She states that some streets in this area were blocked this past Summer. She states property taxes have gone up for most residents and that they need a break. Larry did not believe this is an option. He said the work will take 2 days to resurface the street. Then they will move on to the next street. Total project will take 2-3 weeks.

Beth asks when they plan on starting the project. Larry responds that it is dependent on CenterPoint Energy being able to complete their work first. The city will send out postcards one week prior to the start of the project. They will post no parking signs. They will robo-call land lines. Beth asks if they will provide notices in other languages. Larry says that is not part of their plan. Beth states that is unacceptable. If neighborhoods are expected to translate documents, then the city should be expected to translate as well.

Larry wraps up by stating that Chris Trembath is the person coordinating the schedule. His contact info is provided: Email: chris.trembath@ci.minneapolis.mn.us Phone: 612-919-1196.

A Pre Public Hearing will take place at Stewart Park on March 10th at 6:30pm. A Public Hearing will take place on March 17th at City Hall at 10am. If you are unable to make the public hearing and would like to submit comments; you may write a letter to the City Clerk. In the letter you need to state your name, address, and state your objection or favor for the project.

II. Partnerships for 2020

Due to time restraint Jana asks if we can move this discussion to December and instead propose two motions. A consensus was reached and motions were heard.

Motion – To approve submitting an application with the East Phillips Improvement Coalition seeking grant applications. Donna/Rand - Approved unanimously

Motion – To approve extending our contract with Bart Buch. Rand/Donna - Approved unanimously

III. Financial Report

Motion: To accept and receive September 2019 financial reports. Jana/Donna - Approved unanimously

Motion: To accept and receive the IRS 990 and MN Attorney General Charities Division Annual Reports. To be signed and mailed certified. Jana/Mohamed – Approved unanimously

Beth reported that we invoices and payments were reconciled regarding Bart Buch's contract and that we underpaid him \$200. A check will be written to correct that.

KRSM submitted an invoice for \$850. Beth is questioning whether this should be paid. Sunny will look into the agreement with KRSM and advise.

IV. Annual Meeting

Joe, Jana, Sunny and Miriam had met recently to discuss date and location of the Annual Meeting. Locations considered were the Global Market, Stewart Park, and Allina offices. Initial location of Banyan was ruled not available. Global Market is hard to conduct business. Stewart Park was chosen as the location. Date of February 25th was initially considered as that is the regularly scheduled date of the Community meetings. That is the same date as other events in the area so the 27th was the next best option. Jana confirmed with folks at Stewart Park that the 27th was available.

Motion: That the MPNAI 2020 Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election be held Thursday, February 27th at Stewart Park. Jana/Mohamed – Approved unanimously.

V. For the Good of Midtown

Joe shared that a public hearing on safety in the neighborhood took place last week and a video was created. He thanked those that helped to organize and participated in that event. This event was filmed by Somali TV and will be valuable for sharing people's stories. Marjorie and Donna asked for a link to that video.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.