

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

*April 8, 2013
6:30 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jim Brey
Jason Sladky
Allan Schema
Tyler Martell

STAFF PRESENT

Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr

OTHERS

Ald. Scott McMeans
Dave Henderson
Mike Check

MEMBERS ABSENT

Announcement that meeting is being taped and audio tape will be available to the public on City's website

D. Soeldner made an announcement that the meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the City website.

Discussion and possible approval of minutes of previous Streets Committee meeting (March 25, 2013)

J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2013 meeting. A. Schema seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Discussion and possible action regarding Safe Routes to School Project

D. Soeldner informed the Committee that it is possible to amend the project scope of the Safe Routes to School project. We would need to provide a narrative and explanation as to why we are doing it along with a detailed plan and cost estimate.

G. Minikel said his concern was that we have sidewalk that is not connected. He thought installing sidewalk from Albert Drive to Indian Creek might be a better solution. Otherwise, we are allowing access over the bridge, which they weren't going to allow without a proper barrier wall.

J. Brey is concerned about the required land acquisitions on N. 8th St. to the north of Albert Drive. G. Minikel is concerned about the proposed re-routing of the sidewalk to Albert Drive as this is a major change to the scope of the project. D. Soeldner doesn't believe they will rule it out.

J. Brey asked if we could build the sidewalk on N. 8th Street from the railroad tracks on the south end up to Albert Drive. This will not resolve the issue that we currently have with the bridge. He was suggesting that we move forward with the necessary bridge work (deck, barrier wall and railing), but that we would eliminate the sidewalk from Albert Drive to Indian Creek Drive.

Ald. S. McMeans was present and said an argument to make would be that there are many people that park along the side of the road to fish. There are many people utilizing the park to Frisbee golf, run or bike and this is the area that people begin to accelerate as they are traveling out of town. It is a dangerous area and many joggers have had to move aside.

G. Minikel said that we would be responsible for all costs that weren't funded. J. Brey said the purchase of right-of-way was not budgeted for. (After the meeting we looked and there is actually some money in the 2013 budget for land acquisition and design).

J. Sladky said he would prefer installing sidewalks on Albert Drive from Johnston Dr. to N. 8th Street and picking up all the residents in this area as well via new sidewalks on Wild Oak Drive. Most of the kids in this area attend Stangel School.

G. Minikel said there is a piece of Woodridge Subd. No. 8 that isn't paved.

J. Sladky mention putting sidewalk on Albert Drive from Johnston Drive to N 8th Street and then link to the north via Wild Oak Drive

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G. Minikel said he has not figured out costs for this stretch.

D. Soeldner said the bridge is very expensive and can understand the concerns with the park as stated by Ald. S. McMeans.

J. Brey asked if he could submit 2 different routes to see if there is a design that would be approved.

D. Soeldner suggested coming up with cost estimates for the new design that allows for installation of sidewalk for the entire length of Albert Drive.

G. Minikel said he already asked if there was extra funding if it could be applied towards the bridge and he was told "no".

D. Soeldner would just like a cost estimate for Albert Drive to discuss at the next Council meeting at recess.

Presentation by AECOM (Newton Gravel Pit Update)

D. Soeldner introduced Dave Henderson, AECOM, to the Committee. Dave Henderson briefed the Committee on the history of the Newton Gravel Pit.

D. Henderson explained about the disposal of liquid waste back in 1960-1970 timeframe. He also explained to the Committee the findings and work that has been done up to now.

Back in 2009 the DNR approved the remedial action. The last 2 years have been awaiting the DNR and EPA to determine who had jurisdiction of the site due to the PCB issues. We finally received word late last year that the DNR was responsible for this site and not EPA, which is a good thing. Another round of groundwater sampling was completed in September 2012 and the information was sent to the DNR. The results continue to show a new hot spot beyond the creek on private property. The Streets Committee previously approved work for this area.

D. Henderson informed the Committee that the DNR has assigned a new Project Manager, Annette Weissbach, to this project and she is requesting further testing as she feels this may be all tied together and not be from a new source.

D. Henderson said back in 2009, the Streets Committee approved a contract amendment for \$34,000. This money was supposed to be used for developing the plans and specifications for the cap over the contaminated area. However, the money has been used to do research to answer the numerous questions that were being asked by the EPA and DNR over the past 2 years. This budget has been used up and the plans and specifications have not been completed. Dave said that he sent out a new proposal for completing this work and the amount is \$33,900.

G. Minikel said that this is an amendment to the contract that will go to Common Council next week. G. Minikel said that he plans to pay for this work with money that was remaining in the 2012 budget and will request a carryover of funds with the Finance Committee and Council.

The Committee and D. Henderson continued to discuss the sampling and the best way to test and monitor. D. Henderson is requesting approval to move forward with project and perform more ground

water sampling next September.

J. Brey made a motion to recommend approval of the contract amendment. J. Sladky seconded the motion. J. Sladky seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Discussion and possible action current condition and future plans for Dewey Street

D. Soeldner reported that previously he mentioned delaying this project. However, after further review he has changed his mind and would like this to be put back on the 2014 project list.

J. Brey agreed with D. Soeldner. He said he doesn't want to disrupt traffic and said we can break down into 2 sections, which can be determined at a later time. G. Minikel said the worst sections are from S. 26th to S. 39th Street.

J. Sladky asked if this is the only option, or if we could put asphalt over the top. G. Minikel said it will crumble as the joints are failing. He said he thought about rubblizing the concrete and repaving with 4 inches of asphalt, but this will reduce the curb height to 2 inches or less. Greg also said that many of the utilities are not in the roadway and we may not need to grade and gravel. This would be a significant decrease to the estimated project cost if it is not required. Engineering will need to look into this issue further.

D. Soeldner requested putting back in the plan in two sections.

Discussion and possible action regarding a constituent concern on a traffic signal and possible turn arrows at Michigan Ave/Rapids Rd.

D. Soeldner said that after discussion at the last meeting, a letter was received from the constituent with concerns he had with the traffic signal at Michigan Ave/Rapids Rd. D. Soeldner said that he doesn't feel there is a problem at this area, and the Alderman for this district has not received any complaints. He said what was discussed at the previous meeting still stands.

D. Soeldner said he will respond to the constituent.

Discussion and possible action on weed violation at John Johnson Parcel #826-403-115 on Expo Drive

D. Soeldner said he has previously spoken with Mr. Johnson. His parcel is a 6-acre undeveloped parcel on Expo Drive.

The City did their part and sent out a weed complaint letter and notice before the City performed any work. G. Minikel said that typically they will only receive one notice letter; however, he received a second letter because of the change in the City Ordinance.

D. Soeldner asked if we should change the policy and send out a second letter if further violations occur. J. Sladky said he doesn't want to make more work for the staff and the property owners should be responsible for their own properties.

G. Minikel read the Weed Ordinance.

D. Soeldner asked if he will have to mow the entire parcel or just the perimeter of the property. The Committee agreed to mow the perimeter to keep from residential properties.

D. Soeldner will contact the property owner and inform him what the Committee discussed, and if further complaints come in, we will require him to mow more.

Discussion and possible action regarding drainage complaint at intersection of Elder Drive and E. Ash Ave.

D. Soeldner said that he received a complaint from a property owner on the corner of Elder Dr. and E. Ash Ave. He said that the Committee is aware of the problem and can continue to monitor at this time.

G. Minikel said that he lived next to her at one time and said that flooding did occur, especially on the street and gets real close to the house. He is not aware of any basement flooding at this time.

G. Minikel said that because of the elevations it doesn't matter what size pipe would be installed. He mentioned a few options, but they are all quite costly.

D. Soeldner asked if this was a yearly occurrence. G. Minikel said that it was not a yearly problem.

D. Soeldner said if there is re-development with the mall area, this could possibly be addressed at that time.

If she wants to come to an upcoming meeting, we could always discuss at that time.

Request (13-133) from SMI as representatives of City Centre LLC for a variance for a commercial driveway width greater than 35 feet for a site at the northeast corner of S. 16th & Wollmer Streets for proposed boat storage building

G. Minikel said that he spoke with Jeff Wall, an abutting property owner. He explained the situation to him and we also tried to contact other property owners and left a message for one and the other was disconnected.

J. Sladky made a motion to approve the 45-foot wide driveway request. A. Schema seconded the motion.

This will be brought to Council for approval.

Other Discussion

The Committee briefly discussed the mess and damage that is taking place with the oversized loads.

D. Soeldner made a motion to adjourn and J. Brey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for April 22, 2013 at 5:15 p.m.


Greg Minikel, P.E.
Interim Director of Public Infrastructure