

Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Works Committee Meeting

FEBRUARY 3, 2021 8:15 A.M.

DUE TO THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ORDERED BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS DUE TO COVID-19, THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY VIDEOCONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

The meeting was called to order at 8:28 a.m.

The following members were present

Mark Ratterman, Brent Suffian, Randy Parham, Clint Williams, Tim Kaufmann and Brook Palanca

Staff present

Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works; Councilmembers John Fox and Patrick Hensleyk

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Parham made a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Suffian seconded the motion. All those present were in favor.

Approval of meeting minutes

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting. Mr. Kaufmann seconded the motion. All those present were in favor.

Public Forum

Stacy Carman, 675 S. McKnight Road addressed the Committee detailing a speeding problem on McKnight between Clayton and Ladue Roads. Ms. Lamitola proposed to speak with the Ladue Chief of Police regarding regular enforcement.

Update of Current Public Works Projects, Initiatives and associated committees

Ms. Lamitola gave project updates on the following:

The City Council approved the 2021 budget December 21st; budgeted projects include:

1. Mill and overlay of N. Rock Hill Road,
2. The design phase of Conway/Warson signalization,
3. ADA sidewalk improvements Phase 3 construction from Eversdale to Lindbergh,
4. Removal of eastern medians on Clayton at Lindbergh adding lane capacity,
5. Design Phase 4 of the Walk/Trail/Bike plan update after the completion of the Comprehensive Plan,
6. Microseal: Litzsinger, McKnight from Litzsinger to I-64 and the WB lanes of Clayton east of Lay.

BOSTA updates:

The TRIM grant project for tree and stump removal and tree pruning was awarded to Gamma Trees. The City will be reimbursed \$10,000 for the work by 3/31.

The tree inventory, via the Tree Keeper software helped identify tree value and gained the City an additional \$18,000 from Ameren for trees in the Right-of-Ways.

We are requesting the City Council to approve a one-year extension for the Tree Keeper software at a cost of \$2,500, at that time a reevaluation will be necessary to determine continuation.

The City is underway with a Master Plan for Rodes Park funded by the Municipal Park Planning Grant program. Two public meetings are being held via Zoom. At the January 28th meeting 43 residents joined via ZOOM. The next planned meeting is February 25. Priorities for the park include targeted plantings, access, and a pathway. A community survey is in the works to obtain input from residents on desired amenities and potential concerns.

The City will apply for a municipal park construction grant in August to implement priority elements of the Master Plan for Edie's Mulch Site including a walking trail and small parking area. Throughout 2021, MSD will be working on a large portion of the site for the Deer Creek Sanitary Sewer replacement project. Some clearing has been done and the trail has been moved to those areas.

On February 19th BOSTA will meet via Zoom and will focus on planning the Arbor Day celebration which is scheduled for April 24, 2021.

In February, the City Council will be presented with the following:

Award of the construction contract for the Phase III ADA sidewalk replacement for Clayton Road from Eversdale to Lindbergh.

1. An agreement with Missouri American Water Company for the Willow Hill Stormwater project related to lead service lines. The City is responsible for the investigation and Missouri American Water will replace the impacted lines.
2. A Professional Service Agreement for a one-year contract for Tree Keeper Software
3. An MSD presentation regarding a proposed Wastewater rate increase

Tentatively at the March City Council meeting the following will be presented to Council:

1. An Arbor Day Proclamation (the Arbor Day celebration will be April 24th from 9 – 11 am)
2. Results of the Rodes Park Master Planning
3. Conway/Warson Engineering Contract for signalization and intersection improvements
4. Construction Administration Contract for Robin Hill/McKnight Lane Streambank Stabilization
5. Clayton Road ADA Sidewalk Improvements Phase IV design work order

Public Works crews completed leaf collection on January 7th and will be working on sealing cracks on asphalt pavements in February. Citywide brush collection resumes in March.

Ladue Stormwater Engineering Manager Pete Merten will retire this February or March. His replacement, Amanda Griffin, starts February 1st and will transition with Pete Merten for several weeks.

Storm water project update:

- The Willow Hill Project is in final design.
- The Robin Hill Lane/McKnight Lane Bank Stabilization is in final design and permitting

- Deerfield/Wakefield storm sewer improvements is in preliminary design
- South Tealbrook Drive storm sewer improvements, is complete
- Babler lane storm sewer improvements, has been placed on inactive status

MCKNIGHT ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING METHODS DISCUSSION

In 2019, the cities of Brentwood and Ladue contracted CBB for a traffic study of the McKnight Road corridor between I-64 and Litzsinger Road. CBB recommended modifications that neither City accepted. However, the cities have since worked together attempting to reduce truck traffic and speed.

The City of Brentwood would like to partner with Ladue to install a speed cushion on McKnight Road near the crossing at Tilles Park near Sonora to reduce the speed of motorists on McKnight Road. The cushions are made of thick rubber and are anchor bolted into place. Brentwood installed a speed cushion pilot program on Pine Avenue as part of traffic calming program to reduce speeds. Gaps in the speed cushions align with the Fire Department pumper for maneuverability. Outside caps between the cushion and the curb to allow for drainage. Installation can be done by staff. If approved, the \$4500 - \$6000 costs will be funded from the Road and Bridge fund as the City's part of the shared cost. This request has been reviewed with the Mayor and the Department Heads. Mayor Spewak supports the speed cushion solution with the following conditions:

- The Public Works Committee recommendation
- Southbound McKnight Road and Litzsinger Road west of McKnight Road traffic counts of existing volume/speed conditions.
- Brentwood provides detailed data for the speed cushions as to whether they can withstand an average daily traffic count of 20,000.
- Speed Cushions only be installed for a 60 – 90-day trial period in the spring. During this time, traffic counts will be obtained to ascertain if vehicles are re-routing onto Litzsinger (west of McKnight) which is moving the problem from one area to another.

Mr. Raterman suggested the committee members drive over to Pine Ave. and check out the speed cushion. Mr. Parnham made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Mr. Suffian seconded the motion. All those present were in favor. Ms. Lamitola asked committee members to send her emails with questions and comments.

The funding application was successful for the Warson corridor at Conway Road. The importance of connectivity was discussed. Anne and Mark will invite Mayor Spewak and set up a time to meet with Ameren and MSD to communicate preemptively as projects come through.

The next meeting will be held April 7, 2021

Mark Ratterman
Department of Public Works Committee

