

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 1, 2012
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Paul Skrede, Police Chief Cory Johnson, Jon Monson, John Menzel, Jeff Kask and City Administrator Dana Young

Also in Attendance

City Engineers David Martini & Dan Lonnes

Public Safety Communications

Chief Johnson stated that there have been a number of phone calls from residents inquiring about the recent burglary in Amesbury and wanting to know why they weren't provided an alert about the incident. He stated that he typically relies on word of mouth to spread notice of the incident and he also placed a crime alert on the city webpage, but the webpage has been down for the last three days.

Further discussion was held on methods of providing crime alerts to the community. Specific discussion was held on the email notification system used by Southlake Police Department, real-time messaging systems provided by Code Red and Nixle, and the possibility of developing an email notification system on Deephaven's webpage.

Paul Skrede suggested that the old neighborhood Captain System, first developed by Mayor Tom Anderson, could be reinstated such that approximately 25 neighborhood captains could receive a crime alert from the Police Department and would be responsible for alerting their neighbors.

Chief Johnson stated that he would look into all of these options and report back to the Committee.

Vine Hill Bridge Update

City Engineer David Martini stated that they are currently working on the funding application. He stated that since one of the main factors in the grant is correcting an existing safety concern, the application includes a turn lane and sightline improvements as potential safety improvements. He stated that the application will be requesting \$250,000 as the construction cost for the approach work.

Paul Skrede asked what would happen if we don't receive the full amount of the funding that we have requested.

David Martini stated that if we don't obtain the full funding, we can reevaluate the turn lane. He stated that it would be more likely that they would give us full funding or deny the grant rather than give us partial funding for the project.

Paul Skrede stated that discussion with the City Council on Monday evening should include discussion of the turn lane, the railing design options, and the cost impact on the approach work due to the addition of the turn lane.

Vine Hill / Hwy 7 Intersection Meeting

David Martini and Dan Lonnes provided a summary of the meeting held with representatives from the cities of Minnetonka and Shorewood on January 12th on potential improvements to the Vine Hill / Hwy 7 Intersection.

David Martini noted that MNDOT representatives informed him at the meeting that they have delayed the traffic signal replacement project until 2013-2015 and thought that the proposed intersection improvements would score very well as a Cooperative Agreement project.

David Martini stated that he was informed by Minnetonka representatives that they approached Deephaven years ago with a Cooperative Agreement project for that intersection and were turned down. He stated that he was further informed that Minnetonka would not be interested in revisiting this issue. He added that Minnetonka couldn't participate in a Cooperative Agreement anyway because their city limits don't extend to the intersection. He stated that Shorewood representatives also didn't particularly view this project as a real high priority.

David Martini stated the question becomes whether the City of Deephaven would be willing to apply for these grant funds solely, paying the full cost of the grant application, in order to improve both Deephaven's and Shorewood's legs of the intersection. He noted that this project would be significantly larger than the original project to simply move some curbs around.

Further discussion was held on the scope of the grant application, which could potentially include the costs of installing the signal lights, and the potential savings to the cities of Deephaven and Shorewood from no longer being required to contribute \$75,000 each to the future upgrade of the signal lights.

David Martini suggested that he could draft a letter to Shorewood that would outline the scope of the proposed project and the potential benefits of the grant application in regards to the signal light obligation.

Paul Skrede stated that would be a very good idea and would like to continue to approach Shorewood to discuss the mutual benefits of this project.

Rutledge / Azure Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Discussion was held regarding the scope of the Rutledge / Azure Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project, particularly in regards to the extent of the Phase I vs. Phase II components of the project.

Paul Skrede stated that he was surprised the project proposed street replacement. He stated that he was working under the assumption that the storm water main would be bored under the street. David Martini stated that the proposed size of the main would be 30", which would make it more expensive to bore that to open cut the street.

Deephaven Beach Swimming Dock Designs

Dana Young stated that the Deephaven Beach swimming dock was replaced back in 2007 at a cost of \$8,458 in materials and after four years, the dock is not holding up very well and once again needs to be replaced. He stated that he obtained two quotes on floating dock designs from Dock & Lift, which were not reviewed favorably by the Park Committee last week. He stated that the Park Committee didn't like the fact that kids could swim unobserved under the floating dock and didn't like the fact that swimmers would be trapped within the floating dock area.

John Menzel suggested that he could obtain quotes from Dock & Lift on a permanent swimming dock. He stated that Tim Latterner of Dock & Lift thought that the costs would be similar to that of a floating dock at around \$34,000.

Paul Skrede recommended that John ask Tim Latterner if it would be possible to install removable and adjustable dock sections so that dock sections could be raised or lowered depending on the water level. He also suggested that 12" pilings for a swimming dock seemed excessive wide and asked John to check whether the dock could be supported by 8" pilings.

Other

There were no other items discussed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by John Menzel, seconded by Dana Young. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012.