

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 2, 2008
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Paul Skrede, Public Works Supervisor Jerry Hudlow, John Menzel, Police Chief Cory Johnson, Teresa Pendleton, City Administrator Dana Young

Main Beach Landscaping Issues

Several residents of the Main Beach area were present to discuss the uncontrolled growth of vegetation along the hillside of the Main Beach that was blocking their vision of the lake. The residents included Jack Braun (19390 Park Avenue), Doug McIntosh (19350 Park Avenue) and Bill Day.

Dana Young stated that the purpose of today's meeting is to get some feedback from the residents to try to understand their concerns regarding the growth in vegetation with the hopes of coming to a common resolution on the issue.

Jack Braun stated that he had received a letter from the Park Committee last October stating their intention to have the trees along the hillside trimmed by the City. He asked if there had been any progress in trimming the trees in this area.

Dana Young stated that none of the trimming had taken place and this was partially the reason why he wanted the discussion to be held before the Public Works Committee. He stated that while the Park Committee is well intentioned, it was the Public Works Committee that decided the work load of the public works crew and not the Park Committee.

Doug McIntosh stated that he bought his property from the former owner with the understanding that there had been an accommodation between the City and property owner to work together to ensure that the vegetation is maintained. He stated that he had met with former City Administrator Bob Larson, who stated that while the City didn't owe him a view, the City would try to accommodate him. He stated that he came here today to try to find a public and private solution to this problem.

Further discussion was held on the potential erosion issues impacting the hillside and the extent of nuisance trees such as buckthorne.

It was the consensus of the Committee and the neighbors to meet down at the site to discuss the issue in more detail with the hopes of establishing a common solution to the growth of vegetation along the hillside.

Motion by Dana Young to adjourn the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Cory Johnson. Motion carried 6-0.

19150 Highland Avenue Storm Drain Bids

The following bids were reviewed that proposed to realign the storm drain at 19150 Highland Avenue:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>
Widmer Construction	\$12,106.80
G.L. Contracting, Inc.	\$16,935.30

Paul Skrede asked if staff felt that this project provided a reasonable solution to the drainage concerns in this area.

Dana Young stated that the City had been contacted the last two years by Nina Shepard (19155 Highland Avenue) and Brian Schmidt (19150 Highland Avenue) regarding the elevation of two storm drains that are located at the end of each of their driveways. He stated that Ms. Shepard is concerned that the storm drain is set too high, which is causing water to pool in her garage and Mr. Schmidt is concerned that his storm drain is set too low, making it difficult for him to pull into his driveway without scraping the bottom of the car.

Jerry Hudlow stated that City staff first looked into the possibility of simply elevating the storm drain and allowing Mr. Schmidt to increase the grade of his driveway by approximately 6". This solution would effectively eliminate Mr. Schmidt's grade problem and allow him to match his new driveway with the elevation of the new elevated storm drain. However, after consulting with the City Engineer, it was decided that it would make more sense to reconstruct the storm sewer system so that it was totally out of Mr. Schmidt's new driveway.

Motion by Paul Skrede to approve the Highland Avenue Storm Sewer Project and recommend approval of the bid submitted by Widmer Construction in the amount of \$12,106.80. Seconded by Dana Young. Motion carried 4-0.

Hamilton Avenue Drainage Project

Mazi Miar, 3486 Highland Avenue, was present to discuss the installation of an underground storm water main at his residence to control the flow across his property and asked if the City would be willing to extend the storm water main from the end of his driveway across Hamilton to Lake Louise.

Discussion was held on the project scope, the size of the proposed pipe and the proposed design of the pipe and catch basins.

Motion by Paul Skrede to ask the City Engineer to meet with Mazi Miar and his contractor to coordinate the extension of the storm sewer main across Hamilton into Lake Louise and to offer his recommendations to Mr. Miar regarding the pipe size and to the City on extension options. Seconded by Jerry Hudlow. Motion carried 4-0.

2009 Project List

The Committee reviewed the following list of items that had been included on the 2009 Capital Improvement Plan:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Skid Steer Trailer	5,000
Toro Rider Mower	20,000
Seal Coating	110,000

Street Overlay	120,000
Children's Park: (5) Benches (7,500) Sign (850)	8,350
Shuck Park: Sign (1,700) Swings (3,000) Benches (1,700) Spring Toys (1,500)	
Basketball Court (1,000) Picnic Table (750)	7,650
Village Park: (2) Picnic Tables (1,500) (3) Benches (850)	2,350
Thorpe Park: Playground Equipment	30,000
St. Louis Bay Marina: (42) Cruiser Docks (90,000) Breakwater Dock (20,000)	110,000
The Pines Hydrant Replacement (8)	10,000
Sewer Main Repairs	70,000
Azure / Northome / Rutledge Storm Sewer Main Phase I	159,000

The Committee recommended postponing the purchase of the Skid Steer Trailer and a further review of the items proposed for Children's Park, Shuck Park, Village Park and the replacement of (8) hydrants in the Pines.

Paul Skrede recommended obtaining quotes on seal coating in order to provide a better estimate on seal coating Minnetonka Blvd.

Street Infrastructure Plan

Discussion was held on the need to develop a street infrastructure plan, which would be used to prioritize the repair of city streets.

Paul Skrede suggested touring the City streets next week.

Project Update

Brief updates were given on the following projects:

St. Therese drainage culvert – Completed.

Sewer Rodding & Televising Project – 96% completed.

Fairhomes Storm Sewer Project – Only restoration work remained, check with David Martini on balance of work remaining.

Chris Wilhelm, 4880 Highcrest Drive – Dana Young stated that the City Engineer reviewed the storm water drainage problems that were presented to the Committee by Chris Wilhelm. The City Engineer stated that he didn't feel the City caused the drainage problems and Mr. Wilhelm should make his own improvements to alleviate the runoff problems.

Bldv Trimming – Jerry Hudlow stated that he has been receiving complaints regarding the low hanging branches along Minnetonka Blvd and asked if a tree contractor should be hired to clear branches back to a greater height. Paul Skrede suggested that the issue could be discussed at the upcoming Council meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Paul Skrede. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2008.