

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 6, 2015

Members Present: Ryan Daniel, Kurt Franke, Steve Ludwig, Hazel Youngmann, Sue Ek, Caleb Dirckx (ex-officio)

Member Absent: Tama Theis

City Staff Present: Steve Foss and Cheryl Malikowski, Recording Secretary

Chairperson Ludwig called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Youngmann moved to approve the April 1, 2015, minutes. Franke seconded and the motion passed.

Malikowski reported that the Parks Department added the Greenway Trail to their plow list as a secondary priority area. Franke questioned the walkways between the two cul-de-sacs of Polaris Court and Aurora Court and whether those would be included in the snow plowing. The walkways do not have to be plowed by the adjoining property owners and the City does not usually plow them in the winter. Franke also questioned whether the residents in the area could plow the snow off the trail on their own. Foss stated if they just did the walkways, they would not need permission. If they are doing a large trail area, they should contact the Parks Department. Franke questioned whether the City is replacing the orange bollards that are on the trails. He suggested that if the City is not replacing them, maybe they should just remove them as they can be a hazard to bicyclists.

Foss discussed the 2016 construction projects listed in the current CIP. There are neighborhood informational meetings scheduled for some of the areas: May 6th – Cooper Avenue South area; May 13th – Area between 33rd and 38th Avenue North; and May 14th – 5th Avenue SE area. All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. These projects will still need to have public hearings held with the City Council. Foss mentioned that the City is looking at possibly assessing for overlay projects.

Youngmann reported a pothole at 11th Avenue North/Northway Drive that she hit with her wheelchair. Youngmann had also brought the pothole to the attention of the Mayor's office prior to the Board meeting. The Mayor's office reported the pothole to the Public Works Department.

Ludwig stated that the frontage roads along Highway 10 are in bad shape. Foss stated that those streets would possibly be more apt to be included in a crack fill project.

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Dirckx commented that the pole by North Junior High has been replaced and now students can get cross the street safer. He also discussed some fundraiser ideas that the Community Problem Solvers were looking at possibly doing in 2016.

Franke stated that he was biking the Beaver Island Trail and noticed that Merrill May had plowed some snow up onto the bike trail leaving debris from the spring thaw. He talked to Merrill May and they went out and cleared the trail. Franke also mentioned that he attended the Pedal Minnesota Bike Conference in Minneapolis.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.