

MINUTES OF THE SUNSET HILLS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007

The City of Sunset Hills Public Works Committee met Tuesday, October 2, 2007 in the Public Works Conference Room. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Alderman Frank Gregory
Alderman Lynn Flowers
Alderman Thomas Hrastich
Alderman Frank Hardy
City Engineer Anne C. Lamitola

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the September 4, 2007 meeting will be approved at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Glenn Streibig, 9109 Fox Bridge, Mr. Robert Shores, 9173 Fox Bridge, Mr. Gary Mathes, 9197 Fox Bridge, Mr. Jim Williams, 9165 Fox Bridge, Ms. Kathy Bade, 9162 Fox Bridge, and Mr. Tom Richard, 9141 Fox Bridge, were present. Mr. Streibig distributed a written statement to the members. He reminded the members that the residents attended the July 9, 2007 Public Works Committee meeting regarding storm water runoff and the silt in their pond. Due to the passage of Proposition P the residents of Fox Bridge Estates request assistance from the city to correct the Matthews Lane erosion problem as well as assist with silt removal from their pond. The residents have received bids to remove silt from the shallow end of the pond. He added that the residents have contacted the city and requested a dump site within the city to deposit the silt as well as dump trucks to remove the silt. However, they were advised that the city, as policy, does not do work on private property. They were also informed that the Matthews Lane project was not included in the 2008 budget.

Mr. Mathes stated that it seems a large portion of the silt in the pond is coming from erosion from Matthews Lane. Mrs. Lamitola asked how the residents knew if the sediment in the pond is not predominantly from Watson Trail Park from the time prior to improvements made by the Parks Department. She added that the Parks Department made the improvements as requested by the residents. Mr. Streibig stated that not all problems in the park have been rectified; there are still problems with erosion and the disc golf course. Mrs. Lamitola stated that the holes on the disc golf course were relocated at the request of the residents.

Mr. Streibig stated that there is erosion from the park pond toward the shelter, which is visible on the side of the hill. There is also erosion visible from the new trail. Mrs. Lamitola stated that she feels it would be hard to determine the sediment currently in the detention pond is actually coming from Matthews Lane.

Mr. Mathes stated the silt on one end of the pond is approaching a couple feet deep which will produce growing vegetation as well as become an eyesore.

Mr. Streibig questioned the proposed expenditure for Mattese Tributary. Mrs. Lamitola stated that the Mattese Tributary is in the process of being studied and there will be a list of recommendations. There are problems on private property; however, it is not known if these projects will be eligible for Proposition P funding.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that storm water priorities take into consideration if there is roadway or structure flooding, erosion and if a structure is being threatened. She explained that there are structures located in the Mattese Tributary such as garages and sheds that have corners ready to fall into the creek. There will be culverts replaced that are within the right-of-way. Private property projects may be able to be considered if they positively impact public right-of-ways.

Alderman Gregory stated that the amount available for improvements through Proposition P funding has not yet been determined. The Parks Department and the Public Works Department will identify projects and attempt to identify what expenditures impact the most people and the projects that need to be addressed sooner than other projects. He further stated that currently the significant factor is determining what legally qualifies for funding through Proposition P. Mrs. Lamitola added that it also has not been determined the percentage of funding the Public Works Department will receive from Proposition P.

Mrs. Lamitola requested the residents obtain a breakdown of the bid they received for dredging their pond.

After further discussion, the residents requested Mrs. Lamitola and Mr. Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation, walk the park property to look at the erosion coming from the park.

The residents left the meeting.

APPROVED PROJECT UPDATES

A. City Hall Improvements

Mrs. Lamitola stated that part of the design from Christner includes designing the inner circle. Option 1 is a high-end paving, cut granites, etc. Option 2 would be a granite piece with a water feature. Option 3 would use a planter with a water feature. Option 4 would be a larger fountain. Option 5 is placing a stone wall with perhaps lettered engraving. She stated that Option 2 and 3 could most likely be able to be completed on an in-house basis. It was determined that Mrs. Lamitola will direct Christner to provide construction documents for Option 1.

B. Old Gravois Road

There is not a change with the road project. She stated that it is not yet known if the bridge will be replaced. Therefore, before a public meeting is scheduled it is desired to know if the bridge will be replaced.

C. Hilltop Road Improvements

Mrs. Lamitola stated that this project is progressing.

E. Mattese Tributary; Flood & Hydraulic Study

Mrs. Lamitola stated the public meetings went well. CDG has been meeting with property owners. She will be meeting with CDG and Sunset Ford next week as an informational meeting.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that the fence installation has been completed on Weber Hill Rd. The drainage problem at 12503 Weber Hill Rd. has been substantially completed.

STORM WATER PRIORITIES LIST

Mrs. Lamitola stated the list states it is a preliminary draft due to input still being received.

BUDGET: FISCAL YEAR 2008

Mrs. Lamitola stated the budget has been presented to the Finance Committee and there will need to be budget reductions. However, it is not known the amount that will need to be eliminated from the budget.

OTHER MATTERS DEEMED APPROPRIATE

A. Sunset Hills Country Club – tree trimming

Mrs. Lamitola stated that she has driven the area and does not feel it is a significant issue regarding the trucks. The limbs are located in the public right-of-way. After discussion, the members requested Mrs. Lamitola contact the maintenance department of the country club and request the tree limbs to be trimmed.

B. Operations & Maintenance Manual

Mrs. Lamitola stated that this will be presented to the Board of Aldermen at next week's meeting for approval by resolution. This is an operation and maintenance program for the prevention and reduction of pollution of storm water runoff from municipal operations within the city. This is required by the EPA. It will be an administrative manual.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hrastich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Alderman Flowers seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Anne C. Lamitola, P.E.
City Engineer/Director of Public Works