



3RD WARD MEETING MINUTES – ALDERMAN DENISE RODD

February 8, 2017

AGENDA:

- Hoffman Parkway Sidewalk Design –Derek Peebles, Civil Engineer

WELCOME:

Focus of our meeting will be on the Villas and the park that is in the middle. There is street re-construction in the West Villas and engineering around the park. Water and sewer work will be done. Other streets (E Grant) are to be done but construction is not yet scheduled.

Derek Peebles is here talk about the Villas project and to get your feedback on it. Forum will be an open discussion format and feel free to ask questions.

HOFFMAN PARKWAY SIDEWALK DESIGN:

Derek showed a Villas layout of the area. All the Villas are being reconstructed over a 5-year period. Couple of streets in the Villas are completed. Project will have a resident engineer in attendance at the site during the construction. She will meet with residents and oversee the streets improvement project. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will look at the past issues about these streets prior to reconstruction and see what can/needs to be fixed.

Hoffman Parkway residents have complained that speeding takes place and CIP is looking at wat can be done to slow down traffic. Sidewalks: Presently, crosswalks and stop signs do not line up. This is being looked at on how to best adjust both crosswalks and stop signs to be in compliance with the Standard Disabilities Acts. [Derek pointed out on the design plan that the way the streets meet up or don't meet up makes it a poor pedestrian crosswalk as well as poor visibility for car traffic safety.]

Standard radius is controllable – 25 foot radius and can be controlled, if too big, 95% of traffic “roll through”. Truck aprons will be used. Box trucks and large tow truck traffic through the villas is common. Derek says that the city will go with a 50 foot curb radius reliefs bump corners a little more and bringing up the turn, relocating crosswalks, stop signs by being more up to standards. Any more of a departure from current structure can be difficult because of the historical nature of the area.

Hoffman Parkway: Hoffman goes 1 way around the circle, yet drivers are not always following the 1 way rule. Once formalized, there will be parking on one side with 1 way signage. Derek has check, there is no crash reports regarding not following the 1 way, testimonials from residents on close calls to the city, the issue will be reviewed. [Hoffman Parkway is scheduled for 2019.] Occasionally, a car will drive through the park.

- Question: Hoffman Parkway, going east at the end of the park, it is difficult to see the car on the other side because of the park's shrubs. Greenery will be low shrubs and low trees to allow better visibility for drivers.

Hoffman Parkway may end at Wolf Road for vehicle traffic but continues across Wolf to a sidewalk between houses that links the Villas to Prairie Lakes.

- Question: Flooding issues at Hoffman and 3rd? No, not any more since fixed.

Streets and Sewers: Where reconstruction was done, there were 2 sewers prior to the reconstruction, afterwards 1 sewer. Because of this the sewers get clogged more frequently.

The construction of sewers connected between house and street connection, residents have been noticing slabs and lawns sinking. Is there anything more that can be done? Derek will follow up.

- Question: When the streets are replaced will sewers be updated too? Yes.

Hoffman Parkway and Wolf Road: Residents requesting a Pedestrian Crossing sign at Hoffman Parkway and Wolf Road. A 2 hr. sampling of 35 crossings confirms if a crosswalk is needed, iDot suggestion is to cross at lights/intersection. Residents stated they prefer not crossing at signals because of turning traffic. Initially, a proposal was to put in a flashing pedestrian crossing sign at the location, but because of the Mt. Prospect fatality on Central Road causing more scrutiny; more than a triangle beacon may be needed to stop traffic on a 4 lane road. There are things that are possible, a stop light, flashing sign or a hawk and all require a study to be allowed. City will have an engineering company do a study of the crossing and probably will put in a medium (approximately 20 feet) in the middle of the road and raised. This can give people crossing Wolf Road a way to go half way across.

Miner Street Corridor: City is bringing in a consortium to re-look at the Miner Street corridor. Fresh eyes can help to look at the Downtown. Without doing major reconstruction, or drastic changes, nothing will be done. Signals are difficult and with the train -- even more difficult with crosswalk East of Metropolitan Square. Maybe if adding a sign saying to not block the crosswalk a possibility? Moving the Pace stop to east of Pearson, which takes this out of the crosswalk, which could be political because of the condos where Pace would move the stop.

Metra Cumberland Station: The depot is in bad shape, is there anything that can be done? Union Pacific owns it and there are letters into the VP. Few years back, the station was going too improved, City Manager is looking into it and it is imperative to get something done about it because of the new Buckingham Residential development.

CITYWIDE:

- Northwest Highway, Broadway and Seegers will be signalized. This will similar to the stop light at State Street and Northwest Highway.
- Circle is going to be turned into a roundabout. Golf and Wolf Roads will have 2 lanes and the others 1 lane. Crossings will be better – still difficult because of the 2 lanes. Will have to see what iDot puts in, should be better than what it is now. Roundabout will accommodate bicycle traffic as larger paths/sidewalk is added.
- There is not a great way to get from Cumberland side to the other side of town. If anything was to be done it would be a road under the train tracks similar to the one further up Northwest Highway near Arthur.
- North Avenue. Blue Sky plans have been submitted. There still is push back from area residents.
- Updates from the February 8 Ward Meeting will be on website and Facebook.

NEXT MEETING

March 8, 2017

Prairie Lakes – 7:00 p.m.

Check at Desk for Meeting Room.

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