



**SAINT PAUL LONG-RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, February 14, 2022 at 3:30pm  
Meeting held remotely**

The chair has determined, due to the emergency declared by the Governor of Minnesota and the Mayor regarding the COVID-19 health pandemic, that it is not practical nor prudent for the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Committee to meet in-person or pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.02. In light of the COVID-19 health pandemic, it is not feasible for any member of CIB Committee to be present at the regular location, and all members of the CIB Committee will attend this meeting by electronic means. It is also not feasible for members of the public to attend the meeting at its regular location due to the health pandemic and emergency. Accordingly, no meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the George Latimer Central Library at 90 West 4th Street in the City of Saint Paul. Members of the public may monitor this meeting via Microsoft Teams. Public comment and materials can be submitted to [madeline.mitchell@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:madeline.mitchell@ci.stpaul.mn.us). Any comments and materials submitted by 3:30pm of the meeting day will be provided to the CIB Committee for their review.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Attendance	
Members present:	Abshir Ali, Jack Fei, Raymond Hess, Darren Tobolt, Ryan Vue, Elsa Vega Perez
Members excused:	Amy Huerta, Patrick McQuillan
Members absent:	
Visitors and City staff present:	Madeline Mitchell – OFS Alice Messer – Parks Anne Weber – Public Works Aisha Mohamed – Youth on Boards Jane McClure – Press Sarah Brown - OFS

- 1. Call to order** – The meeting was called to order by at 3:35 p.m. by Chair Tobolt.
- 2. Approval of January agenda and December meeting minutes** – Hess moved to approve the agenda for the February 14, 2022 meeting. Fei seconded. Fei moved to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2022 meeting. Hess seconded. The agenda and minutes were approved.



### 3. Action Items

#### **Parks**

RES PH 22-11: Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) grant funds, enter in a grant agreement required as a condition of receiving said funds, and to amend the Department financing and spending plan by \$136,167 for the Cochran Park Pool and Sculpture Restoration project.

- Fei moved to approve the resolution. Hess seconded.
- Alice Messer presented the resolution to the committee, requesting to accept the grant funds received for Cochran Park. Cochran Park is just off Summit Ave and the funds are from the Minnesota Historical Society. It is a new grant source and will be used for restoration of sculptures and the tiles in the pool. There are matching funds of \$25,000 for the fountain. Community members have been working hard to advocate for preservation of the park.
- Hess asked if there is any upgraded security to protect the bronze sculpture. Messer said there is nothing related to security from the grant specifically, but Parks security is working to continue protecting park assets.
- The motion passed unanimously, and the resolution was approved.

#### **Public Works**

RES PH 21-23: Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to add Minnesota Department of Public Safety funding to the 2020 Water Street Project.

- Hess moved to approve the resolution. Fei seconded.
- Anne Weber presented the resolution to the committee. The 2020 Water Street Project experienced flood damage to a roadway riverbank and guard rail. This resolution adds state emergency management funding to the project.
- The motion passed unanimously, and the resolution was approved.

RES PH 21-24: Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to close out 2014 projects with 880 bond funding.

- Fei moved to approve the resolution. Hess seconded.
- Anne Weber presented the resolution to the committee. The resolution is technical in nature and closes out 880 bond funding no longer being used. There is some funding (\$180k) moving from old projects into a contingency fund that will be used to finish some projects that meet the original intent of the project. This includes some public art, Como parking lot, Wabash trail, and some others.
- Fei asked why some projects remain open. Weber said that when 880 bonds were set up, resolutions outlined general ideas of spending (Grand Rounds, Jackson Street, Palace Theater), and there were some general pots of money for smaller projects. As the City has closed out these projects, excess funding has been moved into contingency funding to spend on some of the smaller



projects. This resolution repurposes old funds to meet the general intent of the 880 bonds. The directors of Parks and Public Works have agreed on how to spend the remaining funds.

- Tobolt asked for information on the W 7<sup>th</sup> 880 project in the future. Weber said she would follow up.
- The motion passed unanimously, and the resolution was approved.

#### **4. 2022 CIB Process Timeline**

- Madeline Mitchell presented the 2022 timeline for the community process.
- Fei asked whether the district councils would review all of the projects. Mitchell confirmed that they will be invited to provide feedback on all projects.
- Tobolt asked for an overview of the scoring rubric at one of the future meetings. Tobolt also expressed a desire to make sure all community projects have time to present to the committee. Mitchell confirmed that, if necessary, additional meetings would be scheduled to allow all applicants to present.

#### **5. Other Business**

- Mitchell informed the committee that stipends should be in the mail soon. Mitchell also noted that there will likely be a new member at the next meeting. There are a few other appointments in the works.

#### **6. Adjournment**

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent.

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