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

**Monday, January 13, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.**

**Central Library Fourth Floor Conference Room**

### MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:	Monica Bryand, Jacob Dorer, Diane Gerth, Deb Jessen, D'Ann Urbaniak Lesch, Gene Olson, Dave Pinto, Carrie Pomeroy, Paul Sawyer, Michael Steward, Darren Tobolt, Gary Unger
Members Excused:	Melanie McMahon, Kellie Charles Connor
Members Absent:	Jane Lyon Lee
Visitors and City Staff Present:	Daley Lehmann, John McCarthy – OFS Paul Kurtz – Public Works Alexandra Iverson – City Council

1. Convene at 3:40
2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Sawyer moved for approval of the agenda, Ms. Bryand seconded; all approved.

3. Approval of December 09, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Tolbolt made a motion to make one change in the minutes. Mr. Tobolt's pointed out that his last name was misspelled and wished it to be corrected.

Mr. Sawyer moved approval; Ms. Jessen seconded; all approved.

4. Chair's Comments

Ms. Gerth mentioned that she will not be available for next month's meeting and will seek someone else to run the meeting on her behalf.

5. Action Items

**Public Works – Paul Kurtz**

RES PH 14-9: Amend the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$206,448.03 in additional revenues, \$14,043.91 for transfer of appropriations in order to clean up and realign projects.

Mr. Kurtz began the conversation by explaining that this is a multi-part resolution and that he would like to walk the Committee through each section. The first section of the resolution involves the Phalen Village project, which installed left turn lanes and is now finalized. There is a remaining balance of roughly \$14,000 in the project which will now be transferred to MSA contingency. The second part of the resolution dealt with the Bayless project from University Ave to Hampton. The project is now being moved under the Local Streets and Alley Program. Public works had tried to put the project under the Raymond Ave project but due to the federal dollars associated with Raymond Ave, the Bayless project had to be moved to Alley program due to the project's change in scope.

Mr. Kurtz then went to explain the other parts of the resolution, including the closeout of the 2012 Sidewalk Program. The resolution also included information on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street widening project, which moved water financing into the project due to the Water department doing work when the street was under construction. The final part of the resolution was the Marshall Ave median at Wilder project in which the resolution moved financing to pay for the project.

Mr. Stewart had a question about the financing for the Phalen Village project. He wanted further explanation about the contingency line item on the resolution versus the MSA financing. Mr. Kurtz assured Mr. Stewart that the remaining \$14,000 was being moved to MSA contingency.

Mr. Tobolt wanted to know about the other financing sources for the Marshall project. Mr. Kurtz explained that the STAR program was going to pay for part of the project.

Mr. Sawyer moved to approval; Mr. Olsen seconded; all approved.

## **General Government**

### Citywide Bike Plan Information

Mr. Kurtz began the conversation about the Citywide Comprehensive Bikeways plan by explaining that Public Works, Parks, and Planning departments have been working for over a year on the bikeway plan and that Mr. Kurtz was going to give the CIB committee a high level executive summary. Mr. Kurtz wanted to make sure that the CIB committee was given enough information about the plan so in the future if projects went before the committee, the committee would understand the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Kurtz explained that the plan expanded the current St. Paul bikeways by over 200 miles with an emphasis on downtown and the Grand Round bike trail. Mr. Kurtz went further to explain that the downtown portion of the comprehensive plan would be a loop and spur network by creating several "off-road paths". The comprehensive plan takes into account that there are several trails in and around the city, but none of the trails really led to downtown.

Mr. Unger wanted to know how many street lanes the downtown portion of the project takes up. Mr. Kurtz explained that there would be many tradeoffs in this plan, but the downtown lanes, for the most part, would not be affected, but rather the downtown street parking. Mr.

Kurtz wanted to stress that the comprehensive plan is still a working document and that it is still in the concept level.

Mr. Kurtz went on to explain how the comprehensive plan will be rolled out. The city will release four different maps on to the City's website as well as an explanation of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Kurtz talked about the objective of releasing the plan, as well as plans for meeting with committees and community leaders to ensure if what the City was proposing was okay, if there were any flaws in the plan, what criteria should be used to prioritize bike lane projects, and if resources are being spent correctly.

Mr. Dorer wanted to confirm that the projects submitted for the Comprehensive Plan would go through the Streets and Utilities Task Force. Mr. Kurtz confirmed and also mentioned that the high level summary in front of the committee was heavy on downtown information but the plan itself is not and takes into account everything citywide.

Ms. Jessen stated for the record that she is for the Jefferson Ave bike lane. She requested information from Mr. Kurtz regarding bike lane striping on Jefferson and information on the Cleveland Ave. crossing. Mr. Kurtz said he would do a follow up.

Mr. Sawyer thanked Mr. Kurtz and stated that he is in support of the direction this comprehensive plan is taking. Mr. Sawyer then asked if the city owned all 146 of the current bike lane miles. Mr. Kurtz stated that he was unsure if all 146 were city owned or if the county maintained some of them, but insisted that all 146 miles were within city limits.

Mr. Tobolt thanked Mr. Kurtz as well and explained that he thought Downtown St. Paul could go on a "Road Diet". Mr. Tobolt expressed concern about the "raised look" of the bike ways that were depicted on the high level plan summary. He stated that it looked like bikes were pedestrians instead of vehicles and believes that bikes should be on the street. Mr. Tobolt then stated that he knows the comprehensive plan is a working document and not set in stone which meant there was plenty of time to talk and work on his concerns.

Ms. Pomeroy expressed concern about the tight release and community meetings and wanted to know if she would start getting out the word to her community groups about the open houses. Mr. Kurtz then went through the timeline of the Comprehensive Plan release and stressed that the public meetings, except the downtown one, were confirmed and that he would like everyone to spread the word to community groups to come out and participate.

Mr. Pinto mentioned that Nice Ride Minnesota has been well integrated into the bikeways throughout St. Paul. He, however, feels that they have installed more bike stations in Minneapolis and would like to see a push for more bike stations being installed in St. Paul. Mr. Pinto feels that increased ridership as well as more installation of bike stations will go hand in hand.

### **Other Committee Comments before Adjourn**

Mr. Unger wanted to express concern for one project that the City has asked for under the State of Minnesota's bonding bill. Mr. Unger articulated concern for the McMurray remodel project and its \$14 million dollar price tag. He said that this project never gets a friendly reception from any of the task forces and would be setting the city up for trouble due to the State's match money requirement. He wanted everyone on the CIB committee to keep an

eye out for this project and to heavily scrutinize anything that is put forth regarding the remodel.

## 6. Adjourn

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