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

Monday, March 10, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Central Library Fourth Floor Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:	Monica Bryand, Kellie Charles Connor, Jacob Dorer, Diane Gerth, Kong Her, Deb Jessen, Jane Lyon Lee, Gene Olson, Carrie Pomeroy, Paul Sawyer, Michael Steward, Darren Tobolt,
Members Excused:	Leo Jackson, D'Ann Urbaniak Lesch, Melanie McMahon, Dave Pinto, Gary Unger
Members Absent:	
Visitors and City Staff Present:	Daley Lehmann, John McCarthy – OFS Paul Kurtz – Public Works Jody Martinez, Ellen Stewart - Parks Samantha Henningson – City Council Jane McClure - Villager

1. Convene at 3:35
2. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Gerth made a motion to amend in the ordering of the agenda to move the discussion with Chris Ferguson to the beginning of the meeting, followed by the Parks Department action item, and then the Public Works Department's action items.

Mr. Sawyer moved for approval of the agenda with the motion, Mr. Olson seconded; all approved.

3. Approval of February 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Sawyer moved for approval of the minutes, Mr. Dorer seconded; all approved.

4. Chair's Comments

Ms. Gerth sent out her thanks to Ms. Lesch for chairing the February meeting. Ms. Gerth also introduced Mr. Her as the new committee member.

5. Discussion regarding the University Avenue parking study with Chris Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson started the conversation by introducing himself as the Chair of the Business Resources Collaborative (BRC) which is working to save businesses Twin-Cities but more recently spending its efforts in the University Avenue Corridor. Mr. Ferguson mentioned the other goals of the BRC which included bringing living wages to the University Avenue Corridor. Mr. Ferguson stated that the reason for him coming in front of the CIB Committee was to answer any questions the Committee might have regarding the proposed parking study along University Avenue. He stated that there are some businesses doing better than others in the corridor and that the study was one of the ways BRC was looking at getting people out to that area to shop.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the study would not begin until after the Green Line had been opened and that ridership had become "normalized". The BRC wanted to get a sense of how ridership as well as get a sense of the routine around the new light rail line. He mentioned that the study would look at five different areas around the University Avenue Corridor and how to bring parking back to each specific area. The overall goal of the study was to try to make University Avenue more parkable, walkable, and workable. Mr. Ferguson also stressed that this is just a study and that any actual changes to the Corridor need to first go through the Planning Committee and then be adopted by Ramsey County. Mr. Ferguson felt that most changes would be painted parking spots for the first several years and that any infrastructure changes would happen at least five years or beyond, if necessary.

Mr. Steward asked if parking was the only thing this study was looking at. Mr. Ferguson responded by saying that the study is looking at parking in both a business perspective as well as an engineering perspective.

Mr. Steward also stated that he lives by the Corridor and that he has seen on several occasions fire engines and other emergency vehicles having a hard time navigating through traffic. Mr. Ferguson stated that both the Police and Fire Departments will have representatives on the Survey Review Committee and that public safety is always the main concern of the BRC.

Mr. Dorer stated that St. Paul put money towards the businesses in the Corridor's alleys as a way of parking and wondered if Minneapolis did the same thing. Mr. Ferguson stated that parking is a bigger problem in Minneapolis because there is less free space.

Mr. Sawyer asked if there was some kind of specific parking that the study would be looking at or is it just 4-lanes vs. 2-lanes. Mr. Ferguson stated that it would be 4-lanes vs. 2-lanes.

Mr. Sawyer also asked what departments would be on the survey review committee. Mr. Ferguson answered by saying Police, Fire, Public Works, and Planning.

Mr. Dorer made a motion to approve the tabled RES PH-33 from last CIB Committee meeting. Ms. Bryand seconded. Motion approved with Mr. Steward voting no.

6. Action Items

PARKS AND RECREATION

RES PH 14-69: Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$500,000 accepting a Livable Communities Demonstration Account/Transit Oriented Development (LCDA/TOD) grant through the Metropolitan Council for Iris Park Improvements.

Ms. Martinez began the conversation by explaining where Iris Park is, when the Parks department plans to go out to bid for the improvements, and what part of Iris Park will expect to have the improvements. Ms. Stewart explained that the Parks department applied for the money through PED so that Iris Park will have a connectivity plan which will bring more people and increase the safety in the Park.

Mr. Sawyer asked if there was a local match to the grant dollars. Ms. Martinez answered that there were not. Mr. Sawyer followed up with a question asking what the actual improvements were going to be at the Park. Ms. Martinez replied that there would be a new circular walkway, a new entrance to the park – which the parks department hopes to draw people in because of its landscape and signage, improvements to lighting, and there will be some grading to the land.

Mr. Dorer moved motion to approve, Mr. Olson seconded. All approve.

PUBLIC WORKS

RES PH 14-60: Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$561,770 to add Ramsey County portion of project expense to Raymond Ave and transferring an additional \$10,966.50 to Bayless Project.

Mr. Kurtz began the discussion by stating that the resolution is a clean-up resolution. The City now has the dollar amount that Ramsey County is paying for the Raymond Ave project, so the resolution is adding that amount to the project. The second part of the resolution is the final part of removing the Bayless Ave project from the Raymond Ave project.

Mr. Olson motions for approval, Mr. Tobolt seconds. All approve.

RES PH 14-61: Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$30,244 in Trunk Highway Financing to reimburse the City of additional expenditures.

Mr. Kurtz stated that the City paid BNSF railroad for access to land it used and that this resolution is reimbursement from MNDot for that payment.

Mr. Steward asked when the city receives money, how does it know it is a reimbursement. Mr. Kurtz answered by saying that there is a contract agreement between the City and MNDot, and when the money is received, the contract number is referenced.

Mr. Tobolt motions for approval, Mr. Dorer seconds. All approve.

RES 14-62: Amend the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$42,750 in additional revenues, \$8,290.23 for transfer of appropriations in order to close out the Lexington Bike Bridge Project.

Mr. Kurtz stated that this was another clean up resolution. Public Works needed to close the Lexington Bike Bridge project to get it off the books.

Mr. Steward asked where the Parks Department will get the \$42,720 to give to Public Works. Mr. Kurtz replied that Lexington Parkway is in the Parks' jurisdiction, but was not certain where the money exactly comes from. He said he would do a follow up for the CIB committee.

Mr. Sawyer moves for approval, Mr. Dorer seconds. All approve.

7. Committee Officer Elections

Ms. Bryand moves for approval of Ms. Gerth to remain Chair of the CIB committee, Mr. Tobolt seconds. All Approve.

Election was held for vice-chair position. Mr. Sawyer won.

8. Adjourn

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