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SAINT PAUL LONG-RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 14, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Central Library Fourth Floor Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:	Monica Bryand, Jacob Dorer, Diane Gerth, Leo Jackson, Deb Jessen, D'Ann Urbaniak Lesch, Melanie McMahon, Gene Olson, Dave Pinto, Carrie Pomeroy, Paul Sawyer, Michael Steward, Darren Tobolt, Gary Unger
Members Excused:	Kellie Charles Connor, Jane Lyon Lee, Kong Her
Members Absent:	
Visitors and City Staff Present:	Daley Lehmann, John McCarthy – OFS Paul Kurtz – Public Works Jody Martinez, Ellen Stewert - Parks Melissa Martinez-Jones – Ward 4

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

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

3. Approval of March 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

4. Chair's Comments

Ms. Gerth introduced the new committee member Leo Jackson. Mr. Jackson spoke about where he lived and thanked everyone for welcoming him.

5. **Action Items**

PARKS AND RECREATION

RES PH 14-76: Amending the Financing and Spending Plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation by adding \$170,000 to the existing budgeted grant amount of \$600,000 to

reflect additional funds received from the Trust for Public Land for initial development of the Frogtown Park and Farm Project.

Ms. Martinez gave an overview of the action item. Mr. Sawyer asked if the parcel of land was under complete city ownership. Ms. Martinez answered yes. Mr. Pinto asked what the extra money will buy. Ms. Martinez explained that the initial money was to acquire the land, anything in addition is to improve the land.

Mr. Unger moved for approval, Ms. McMahon seconded, all approved.

RES PH 14-101: Amending the 2014 Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) by transferring \$170,000 from the 2014 CIB Hampden Park budget to provide for Dickerman Park Improvements; it is planned that the Hampden Park budget will be reimbursed from the 2015 tentatively approved CIB May Park budget, leaving \$27,000 for design for May Park in 2015; it is then planned that the May Park budget will in turn be reestablished from a future 2016 CIB request to complete May Park Improvements.

Ms. Martinez gave a brief overview of the action item and explained that the item would amend the Hampton Park budget by \$170k. Ms. Bryand asked if the Parks Department was assuming that whatever was removed from the Parks projects would be added back in 2016 during the new CIB cycle. Ms. Martinez explained that the money being removed from the May Park would go back in front of CIB in 2016.

Mr. Steward asked whose idea for the moving money around was it. Ms. Martinez explained that the Parks Department had been working with staff from Ward 4. She also mentioned that the project concepts and design with Dickerman Park is coming into place, especially with the parking around the park. The plan with the parking was the re-utilize the existing lot by restriping to give enough parking for the park. Mr. Jackson asked if the location of the park being close to the corridor made the park a priority. Ms. Martinez explained that due to the parks location, the park would be eligible for different types of money used for parking. Mr. Jackson also wanted to know if Hampton Park loses out on anything by the funding being taken from the park. Ms. Martinez explained that the park would not be missing out on anything. May Park was still going to be assigned to a designer and will also receive public comment.

Mr. Pinto asked where Dickerman Park and May Park were ranked in the last CIB cycle. Ms. Stewert explained that May Park and Dickerman were ranked about the same. Ms. Martinez also mentioned that May Park is slated to leave the Parks System Plan so there would be a limit on how much would be spent on the park. With the park leaving the system plan, Ms. Martinez explained that it would not be worth the money to build a playground in May Park.

Mr. Dorer wanted to know if the city was reimbursed by the YMCA for the use of Dickerman Park's parking lot. He said that the YMCA is getting a free lot and new striping. He stressed that the Parks department look for unspent money from older projects instead of taking money from all the other projects. Ms. Martinez said that the City does not receive compensation from the YMCA.

Mr. Sawyer wanted to know how the parking money was funded. Ms. Martinez explained that the money was from the PED annual parking program. Mr. Pinto wanted to know why this project had to happen right now and could not wait until next year to go through the CIB process. Ms. Martinez explained that the parking funding was available now.

Ms. Jessen stated that the CIB Committee put up a big fight for May Park and would not want to see the money disappear. Ms. Jessen also asked what the \$170k would be used for. Ms. Martinez explained that the money would be used for remodeling the parking lot as well as turf renewal.

Ms. Bryand moved for a vote, Mr. Olson seconded. The motion to approve failed with three members voting for, eight members voting against and 2 abstaining.

PUBLIC WORKS

RES PH 14-91: Amend the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works by transferring \$600,000 of MSA cost savings from the recently completed Hamline Bridge Project into the proposed reconstruction of the Kellogg Boulevard Bridges at Market Street and St. Peter Street.

Mr. Kurtz explained the action item in depth. He told the CIB Committee that Public Works wished to transfer \$600k from the Hamline Street Bridge project to the Kellogg Project. Mr. Kurtz said that there was project savings due to the rehab of the concrete retaining walls instead of replacing the walls completely. Mr. Kurtz also explained that the Kellogg Bridge will play an intricate part in the new Bike Plan. The Kellogg Bridge will add more width and sidewalks to the project by widening the bridge by 16 feet.

Mr. Unger wanted to know what happens to the adult detention center during the construction of the Kellogg Bridge. Mr. Kurtz said that that building was to be taken down, he just did not know when.

Mr. Sawyer asked if the Kellogg Bridge project would reduce the costs of putting in the bikeloop downtown and also wanted to know the estimated construction date. Mr. Kurtz answered that this project could potentially reduce the cost of the downtown loop, but that he was not sure how much. Mr. Kurtz also explained that the construction would happen in 2015. Public Works plans to design and bid out project in late 2014 so that construction will begin in 2015.

Mr. Olson moved for approval, Ms. McMahon seconded. All approved.

RES PH 14-99: Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$1,505,000.00 to add SPRWS, Sewers, and Assessment Financing to budget in conjunction with 2014 RSVP Program.

Mr. Kurtz explained that this is a process resolution for the 2014 RSVP program. The resolution will add water and sewer funding and move money into the specific project budget.

Mr. Steward asked what low bid means. Mr. Kurtz explained and said that he would bring in the bid specks to next meeting.

Mr. Dorer moved for approval, Mr. Tobolt seconded. All Approved.

6. FY2014 Neighborhood STAR loan and grant program

Ms. Gerth mentioned that the list of proposals was in the meeting packet and that if anyone wished to comment on any of the projects to contact the person listed.

7. Adjourn

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