

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes - 07/10/08

Meeting called to order: 6:03PM on July 10, 2008, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue So., Des Moines WA 98198

Purpose/Agenda:

1. Bus Rapid Transit - S. 216th Street Fiber Design
2. TIB Grant Applications
3. WCIA Public Works Audit Results
4. Continue Street Standards Discussion

Attendees: Chairman Dave Kaplan; Dan Sherman, Mayor Pro Tem (arrived a little late due to another Human Services meeting); Ed Pina, Councilmember Staff: Grant Fredricks, PB&PW Director; Dan Brewer, Asst. Director Transportation & Engineering; Tony Piasecki, City Manager; and Linda Wright, Secretary

Discussion:

- ✚ Bids for DMMD came in lower than Engineer Estimate and a couple were very high.
- ✚ Cash flow - reimbursements very close (may be short). **Have a report @ next meeting** - talking with Paula going over.
- ✚ 8th Avenue was pulled from agenda and rescheduled to 7/24....no one knew it was going to be on the agenda. Came about when original issue of ingress/egress was brought up. Engineer study done and appears some safety issues to be addressed....staff feels one-way is the best method.
[Note: has now been rescheduled to Study Session 8/7/08]

1. Rapid Transit Fiber Design:

- Metro putting fiber in along PHS....City wants to run down 216th to PD (take in Activity Center) northern portion already has undergrounded wires; after 24th would be above ground and added to poles already in existence (line is about size of pinkie finger) once down to 11th would again be undergrounded as lines are undergrounded there already.
- Looking for permission and consensus from Council to leave aerial until the DMCBPk etc. and other development frontage improvements are undergrounded and then add to the conduit @ that time. **Members agreed - Chairman Kaplan would bring up to Council for input.**
- Eventually would enhance our capability to monitor traffic, tie into Redondo Substation and the Activity Center plus enhance our servers. May have to come to Resolution.

2. TIB Grant Applications:

- Dan met with SeaTac and Greg Armstrong re DMMD/200th project. Won't compete well. SeaTac not pushing and would have to be the lead. Stiff competition for \$. Turn in best project.
- Dan turning in 3 projects: (1st) S.216th Phase 4 (11th to MVD) because there is funding from CDBG plus some from Wesley and it's closest to being ready w/design for construction. (2nd) is DMCBP along S.216th and (3rd) Phase 5 for 16th Ave PHS to 272nd. Dave asked how much would need.....Dan \$2.8 million

3. WCIA Audit:

- Went pretty well. Public Works is the topic this year. Sidewalk issue most serious with biggest liability potential for injury. Three "mandatory areas" we need to enhance:

1. Identify a list of areas that flood

2. Link and cross reference the CAR “Citizen Action Request” and “Work Orders” covering variety of topics. [Comment from Grant - takes a lot of admin time to coordinate the initial request and follow up to see if completed - right now falls on Linda’s shoulders - doing best with time available].
3. Sign Inventory - currently have no real system. To be discussed at another time.

4. Continue with Street Standards [Dan passed out a new version with items left to discuss on the front 4 pages and the back 3 pages in blue shows his understanding of what has been approved, changed, etc. **Asked that Committee Chairman and members review the new handout and let him know if there are any misunderstandings/mistakes or changes that need to be made.**

- Culdesac - drawing still on board...OK to leave @ 400ft...measure from edge of traveled lane
- Alley can be linked by to private streets because not for general public....usually exclusively for homeowner, garbage truck, etc. Private street cannot be connected between two public streets.
- Pavement Design - Standard varies re different types of streets. Need to have a policy when Transportation Engineer can require something different but needs to have a criterion for a finding of fact i.e. soil condition, history of failure possibly due to water, other issues known etc. Can’t just be @ whim of Engineer. Deviations w/have a process to go thru i.e. director, on up to Council. Perhaps due to new type material. Need to have a minimum standard listed.
- Street Lighting - Currently have 1 every 200 ft. Want to continue. Electricity bill is 25% of operating budget (260 - 270,000/yr). Want standard design approved by PSE - deviation would have to be spelled out, i.e. Pacific Ridge, MVD, etc. PSE uses most efficient bulbs available @ this time. Passed out 7.11 Illumination standard.....**Policy Discussion for arterial roadways and when required on Neighborhood Collectors.** OK with PSE criterion listed in 7.11 Illumination
- Traffic Calming - OK with various types listed....prefer some more than others but can be a case by case decision depending on what’s required and why. Chairman Kaplan believes crosswalks and pedestrian crossings should tie in to traffic calming. Doesn’t seem to make any difference what we do....look at PHS higher barrier and still people cross in middle and climb up on them. Markings should be consistent and w/be in Standard Operating Policy and Procedures book.
- Landscaping - **Key is \$ for maintenance in the future.** PHS very costly and 16th was thought about too late. Need to look at some variety, mixed possibilities.....not enough Kent and too much in SeaTac. Need a happy medium we can afford. **Must be in the design discussion in the future** - fiscal future impacts. Low maintenance and reasonably attractive. Dan feels traffic circles need some kind of landscaping.

Adjourned 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted - Linda L. Wright, Secretary