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PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

From: J.J. Popowich, Secretary

Date: February 28, 2004

Subject: Meeting Minutes for 02/23/05

1. Call to Order and Committee Members Roll Call.

Wayne Schulte	Marilyn Robinson	Dwight Burgess	Richard Montaine
JJ Popowich			Armineh Chelebian

Ms. Chelebian was absent so Mr. Schulte held the chair for the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes.

2.1. Minutes approved as is.

3. Update on the Winnetka Sign Beautification Ad Hoc Committee.

3.1. Mr. Schulte opened up the agenda item.

3.2. Mr. Popowich explained the plan briefly. He said the committee met and decided they would pursue gathering of bids from qualified contactors. We have decided that we will be looking for river rock around the sign for about five feet, blending into sod the length of the median. We will also be asking for low level flowers and iceberg roses to be interspersed through the median. Finally he said they were looking at “old fashioned” street styled lamps that are solar powered and a bank of low level lights on both sides of the sign. He said that they have a standard form letter which would be given to all the contractors they speak to.

3.2.1. Mr. Schulte asked if we would be contacting local small businesses that are approved by the city.

3.2.2. Mr. Popowich said we would. He said that all contractors would be advised they need to go through the city process.

3.3. Mr. Sims, a stakeholder, said that he is trying to go around all the bureaucracy by going to all the city managers directly who are in charge of the median. He said he believes we can just determine a contractor and get to work. He feels that we don’t need city hall to approve it and we can just cut all the other work out and get to the process. If we can get the contractor approved we can work from there. He also feels that the city can provide a lot of the material and we can save money.

3.3.1. Mr. Popowich said that we can’t go around Councilmember Zine. Without his approval we can’t do anything. There is a process and we have to go through the process.

3.3.2. Mr. Sims said that we already have a letter from Councilmember Zine and we don’t need to go back and forth which is office.

3.3.3. Mr. Schulte said that after a year he has realized that things get delayed. However, he said he knows we have to get Councilmember Zine to approve it.

3.3.4. Mr. Sims commented that he’s [Councilmember Zine] is not paying for it.

3.3.5. Mr. Popowich said Councilmember Zine is paying for it in a way.

3.3.6. Mr. Schulte said it's his money.

3.3.7. Mr. Sims stated that we just need to spend the money.

3.3.8. Mr. Popowich explained that the funds have to come from Councilmember Zine unless it's in our budget. This item was not budgeted as it was agreed we would be using the \$20,000.00 that Councilmember Zine provided the WNC. In order to get that we have to have his approval on a project.

3.3.9. This led to a brief discussion on how the things are funded and budgets and so on.

3.4. Ms. Dunn, a stakeholder, asked if the project would have lights.

3.4.1. Mr. Popowich said they were included in the plan.

3.4.2. Mr. Sims said that the manager he spoke to stated that the lights were out of his jurisdiction and we would likely have to get approve from Building and Safety.

3.4.3. Mr. Popowich confirmed that lights were part of the plan with a bank of lights in front of the signs on both sides. He said it probably would not be enough to illuminate them at night but was more for ambience.

4. Discussion and possible action on street issues.

4.1. Mr. Popowich updated everyone on the Mason Ave issue. He said the letters have been completed and they are accompanied by copies of four stakeholder stories. He said the letters would be mailed out as soon as he is able to meet up with the Committee Chair for her signature.

Mr. Popowich also brought up the Jumilla St. issue. He said that last month we had decided that we wouldn't take action until someone came before the committee. He said he felt this wasn't really fair. He pointed out that if someone were to write Councilmember Zine's office they would take action and look into the problem. Why should we not take action when someone writes us for assistance?

4.1.1. Mr. Schulte said they already know about it. He then went on to say that he had bid on a job in the past and it's very expensive. They just don't have enough to fix every street.

4.1.2. Ms. Dunn, a stakeholder, described the condition of the streets in her area and the damage it causes.

4.1.3. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

WNC-PWT-02205-1: "The WNC will contact Councilmember Zine's office to request that Jumilla Street be evaluated and repaired as soon as possible."

4.1.4. Mr. Montaine suggested that we have people drive around Winnetka and look at the streets.

4.1.5. Mr. Popowich said we can make that motion after the election.

4.1.6. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

4.1.7. Mr. Popowich called roll and the motion was passed 5-0.

4.2. Mr. Popowich then said they can discuss Valerio where Ms. Dunn lives.

4.2.1. Ms. Dunn stated that there are tree roots in the street and large holes where chunks of the street come up.

4.2.2. Mr. Montaine made the following motion;

WNC-PWT-022305-2: "The WNC Public Works & Transportation Committee will create an ad hoc committee to create a grading scale for streets in Winnetka and evaluate requests based on the condition of the street. Furthermore the ad hoc committee will present the grading scale to the PWT for approval. Once approved the PWT will create an ad-hoc committee to review streets and submit the ratings to the PWT Committee to determine which streets will be focused on first."

4.2.3. Mr. Popowich summed up the motion and said that the ad hoc committee would be creating the grading scale and submits it to the PWT for approval before the evaluation begins. Once it's approved the ad hoc committee would need to select the top 10 worst streets and bring those to the PWT. He went on to say that this fits very well with he Mayor's proposed plan to have the NC's involved in the process. He finished by stating that this would keep us form over reacting to individual requests.

4.2.4. Mr. Schulte seconded the motion.

4.2.5. Mr. Popowich called roll and the motion passed 5 – 0.

4.3. Mr. Popowich then opened up the discussion to determine who would be on the committee. He said that he will offer his assistance to get them started but would like to let others on this committee as he is committed elsewhere. This led to a brief discussion about who wanted to volunteer. The final list was as follows:

Mr. Schulte, Mr. Sims, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Montaine, Mr. Said, Mr. Tritt, and Mr. Humphreys.

Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

WNC-PWT-022305-3: The WNC PWT Committee nominates the following members and stakeholders to serve on the Street Rating Ad-Hoc Committee: Mr. Schulte, Mr. Sims, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Montaine, Mr. Said, Mr. Tritt, and Mr. Humphreys. Furthermore this committee will be limited to seven total members.

4.3.1. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

4.3.2. Mr. Popowich called roll and the motion passed 5-0.

4.3.3. Mr. Popowich commented how happy he was to see stakeholders on this committee and pointed out that this is really the first committee with a majority of stakeholders and not Board members.

4.4. Mr. Montaine made a motion to rescind WNC-PWT-022305-1 on the basis that we will have a system to be fair.

WNC-PWT-022305-4: "The WNC PWT Committee rescinds motion WNC-PWT-022305-1. Furthermore this matter will be considered under the new street rating system that is created."

4.4.1. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion.

4.4.2. Mr. Popowich called roll and the motion passed 5-0.

5. Discussion and possible action on updates regarding the MTA Orange Line Project.

5.1. Ms. Robinson said that Devon from the MTA will be attending our meetings in March.

6. Discussion and possible action on updates to the traffic impact taskforce for Westfield Mall.

6.1. Mr. Popowich opened discussion on this item and said that while it's not in Winnetka the traffic generated by the project will affect us. We need to be involved in this. He went on to review the 16 traffic mitigation steps that will be proposed to Westfield.

6.2. Mr. Schulte said that he just wanted left hand turn lights at all the intersections.

6.3. A stakeholder asked if these were proposed by Westfield.

6.4. Mr. Popowich said no, these are the results of the first meeting. He went on to say that we need a dedicated representative that can go to these meetings and report back to us.

6.5. Mr. Schulte said he couldn't do it.

6.6. Ms. Robinson said it should either be a stakeholder or the committee Chair.

6.7. Mr. Popowich said that he couldn't approve the Chair as the representative because we've had 6 meetings or so and she has missed several. He pointed out that all were excused, but we need someone to be there. He went on to explain the responsibility as someone who would go and make sure our opinions are represented in a fair manner and bring back reports on what is happening.

6.8. A stakeholder, Said... said he would be able to do it.

6.9. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

WNC-PWT-022305-5: "The WNC PWT Committee appoints Mr. Said to represent the WNC on the Westfield Taskforce."

6.10. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion.

6.11. Mr. Popowich called roll and the motion passed 5-0.

6.12. Mr. Schulte made the following motion:

WNC-PWT-022305-6: "The WNC PWT requests the Westfield Traffic Taskforce require left hand turn signals at as many of the modified intersections as possible."

6.13. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

6.14. Mr. Popowich called roll and the motion passed 5-0.

7. **Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee’s subject matter jurisdiction.**
8. **Committee Business –**
 - A. **Comments on Committee Member’s own activities/ Brief announcements.**
 - B. **Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.**
 - C. **Introduction of any new issues for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting’s agenda.**
 - D. **Requests for Committee Members to research issues and report back to the Committee at a future time.**

Adjournment