

**Richfield Transportation Commission****Meeting Minutes****September 9, 2017**

7:00 p.m. | Richfield Municipal Center | Heredia Room

**Commission members in attendance:** Gerry Charnitz, Brynn Hausz, Ken Severson, Jeffrey Walz, Tim Carter, Gary Ness, Jack Wold, Ted Weidenbach, Paul Chillman, and Wes Dunser

**Commission members not in attendance:** James Melendez

**Liaisons in attendance:** Sarah Musgrave, Sean Hayford Oleary, and Art Felgate

**Liaisons not in attendance:** Michael Howard

**City Staff Liaison:** Jack Broz

**Other City Staff:** Logan Vlasaty

**Other:**

**I. Call meeting to Order**

*Chair Weidenbach called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm*

**II. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion made by Severson to approve the agenda, s/Carter. Motion carried.*

**III. Approval of July 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

*Motion made by Walz to approve the minutes, s/Severson. Motion carried.*

**IV. Updates**

- Construction Updates: 66<sup>th</sup> St., 70<sup>th</sup> St., Concrete Repairs
  - City Staff, Logan Vlasaty, presented the construction updates. Traffic control was discussed for 64<sup>th</sup> St. next year relating to the 66<sup>th</sup> St. reconstruction.
  - The sidewalk and ponding water near 62<sup>nd</sup> Street and the Penn bike trail was discussed.
  - Staff stated 70<sup>th</sup> Street is complete and there have been minimal complaints.
- BCBS Grant Project and Crosswalk Event
  - Commissioners questioned why the crosswalks could not stay in place. Staff explained that Hennepin County asked they be removed because the intersections did not meet their threshold for a striped crosswalk.
- Other Commissions/Bike Advocates

**V. Pedestrian Plan, Dan Edgerton – Zan Associates**

- Dan Edgerton presented with an interactive display of pedestrian crosswalk options and feedback. The main points discussed were:
  - Pedestrian experience/feeling vs. checklist and accommodations “on paper”
  - Roundabout accommodation for pedestrians and room for improvement
  - Need for better crossings at 64<sup>th</sup> St. & Lyndale Ave. (Lakewinds)
  - Commission observed the interactive map detailing route mapping activity

**VI. 69<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Interim Design**

- The Commission received feedback on the City Council’s decision on the 69<sup>th</sup> St. pedestrian interim design. Commission members did not agree with the decision and expressed confusion.
- Commissioner Severson requested to monitor speeds and pedestrian use of the “new” layout versus the pilot project layout versus the original layout.

**VII. Work Plan Review/Next Steps**

- Lyndale Ave – Fall Open House
  - Resident living between 68<sup>th</sup> St. & 69<sup>th</sup> St. has concerns about driveway accessibility with different lane configurations and roundabouts.

- Future layouts were generally discussed, all were encouraged to attend future open houses and be involved in the design

**VIII. Upcoming events/meetings**

- Penn Fest: September 17, 2017
- Next Commission meeting: October 4, 2017

**IX. Adjournment**

*Motion made by Chillman to adjourn meeting, s/Walz. Adjourned at 9:12 pm.*

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