

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes – February 2, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Monona Public Works Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Jennifer Kuhr, at 6:30 pm.).

Members Present: Alder Kuhr, Alder Thomas, Ms. Piliouras, Mr. Speight, Ms. Busse, Mr. Turino, Mr. Podell, Mr. Boyer

Members Absent: Mr. Stolper

Also Present: Monona Alder Kristie Goforth, Madison Public Art Project President Jillian Talarczyk, Strand Associates Project Engineer Josh Straka and Zach Decent, DPW Director Stephany

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPEARANCES –

- Alder Goforth – appeared before the committee to share her support for the Vibrant Hydrant public art project proposed for fire hydrants on Monona Drive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and consideration of request to allow public art on City fire hydrants.

Madison Public Art Project president, Jillian Talarczyk provided a summary description of vibrant hydrant program. The project looks at public art as a way to address society challenges, and to spark and ignite change. The goal is to provide colorful hydrants and capture the attention of people passing by. The project uses local artists from the greater Madison area to paint designs on city fire hydrants. The area being planned for is the Monona Drive corridor. The total number of hydrants being considered is 10-15 hydrants. The goal of the project would be to start around September 5th and have all the hydrants ready by September 11th to commemorate 9/11. Upon approval the project would go through a fund raising phase to raise the needed funding for all phases of the project. Funds are raised for the project through donations from corporations, grants, the community, individual donors, and other contributions.

Comments from the committee:

- Mr. Speight stated he likes the program and will support the project.
- Alder Thomas asked what the average cost for painting each hydrant is. It costs approximately \$500 each.
- Alder Thomas also asked if more funds are raised will more hydrants be painted, and that MG21 might be a good partner for this project. Ms. Talarczyk mentioned that if fund raising efforts exceed what they hope for then more hydrants would be considered.
- Mr. Turino asked why the program is limited to only ten hydrants. Ms. Talarczyk stated that the number of hydrants being considered is based on expected funding to be received for this project. It's a new program in the early stages and is hoping to raise enough for ten.
- Mr. Turino mentioned that any money dedicated to restoring the painted hydrants at the end of the project be used to add more painted hydrants to the program. With that he offered to the committee that at the end of the project, once the hydrants fade in future years, that he will personally pay and volunteer his labor to restore each hydrant to original condition. Mr. Turino also stated that he would like to see this program run indefinitely.

This project has received a letter of support from Fire Chief McMullen and Alder Goforth.

A motion was made by Alder Thomas and seconded by Mr. Turino to approve up to fifteen hydrants as part of the long term hydrant painting project, with preference given to Monona contractors for painting and maintenance if possible was carried. Mr. Podell voted no.

South Winnequah Project 60% design update. Josh Straka, the City's engineer from Strand Associates provided a page by page summary of the project design plans for south Winnequah Road. Committee members discussed various design items for each segment of the project. Recommendations were made for minor additions or tweaks, but no changes to the overall design were requested.

- Standard design features as approved by the PWC and Council include sidewalks on the east side, bike lanes, bump outs removed, and curb adjustment from Owen to Moygara to accommodate sidewalk at this location.
- Minor changes to the 60% plans include placing a sidewalk along the right of way at Graham Park and not extending to private property.
- Speed humps were going to be separated from intersection crosswalks to allow for better storm water drainage in the gutter.
- Crosswalks will be included at each approach to the intersections in the project zone.
- Sidewalk approaching Maywood Park to go through the apron and connect to the existing crosswalk.
- Project intended start date after July 4, 2022. No work during the holiday week.
- Project is expected to be placed for bids in the Herald Independent for the March 10th and 17th editions, with bid opening on March 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Turino and seconded by Mr. Speight to adjourn was carried (9:50pm).

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