

St. Paul Greenway Committee Meeting  
May 12, 2010  
Merriam Park Library  
6:30pm – 7:45pm

**Present:** Nelson, Madden, Baum, Longley, Singer, Turek

**Minutes from previous meeting**

Baum proposed that the minutes not be posted to the website at this time.

**Discussion of engineering documents**

The maps received from Lisa Falk-Thompson with Public Works were emailed to the committee prior to the meeting. With some exceptions, the maps show a trail of 12 feet through the corridor. Nelson suggests that the committee should use the city’s maps at the summit to get people engaged and interested in advocating for a wider trail (16-20 feet clear).

It was not stated in the maps what materials the trail will be made out of. This is another issue that can be discussed at the summit. It is also not clear which “alternative” for Ayd Mill Road the documents are based on (two-lane vs. four lane). The number of lanes would greatly impact the land available for a trail, but the whole road right-of-way (ROW) is not shown in the maps.

Baum asked if anyone knew the status of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is to be conducted for Ayd Mill Road. Madden suggested asking Russ Stark. Members of the committee also asked why the engineering maps were put together this spring. What is the impetus? There was speculation that the maps were needed for the hearing on May 17, 2010.

**Greenway Summit Planning Sub-Committee**

Baum discussed the option of the Linwood Rec Center for the Summit. Longley added that the facility has bike parking, which would be a must for the event.

Madden suggested that we should have information on the supporting policies and plans related to the project including the transportation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, the Bike Walk Central Corridor Action Plan, and the district council plans.

Baum suggested that we could have a petition that people sign at the summit, in addition to getting on our mailing list. The petition could be related to the width of the trail or include a few issues. Perhaps the vision statement (or an altered version) could be what people are signing on to. This could then be delivered to the members of the city council.

Madden suggested we hold on to the language that calls for a facility all the way to the Sam Morgan trail, even though we don’t know how feasible it would be.

→Action Item: Madden will take photos of existing amenities around the greenway, for use at the Summit.

→Action Item: Baum will draft a blurb that can be sent to community organizations. She will email it out to people prior to the June 9 committee meeting for review.