

Saint Paul Greenway Committee Meeting

September 8, 2010

Merriam Park Library

6:30pm - 7:45pm

Present: Paul Nelson, Mike madden, Andy Singer, Martha Flynn, Bill Turek

Minutes from Previous Meeting 11 AUG 10

No changes made to the minutes from the previous meeting.

Discussion items:

Cindy Zerger will represent the Saint Paul Greenway Committee at Sierra Club North Chapter on Oct 4th

Nelson provided an update based upon phone conversation with Ward 4 Samanta Hennington in August, and that CM Russ Stark and Samantha were scheduled to attend the HMC Transportation Committee from 7:15 to 8:45 PM.

- 1) Not able to get federal funds for roadway unless 4 lanes (CM Stark explained at HMC meeting afterwards).
- 2) A Jersey barrier method to make a trail taking one lane provided safety problems for street crossings.
- 3) Seeking a way to complete an Ayd Mill project without a supplemental EIS.
- 4) City Council agrees with two lane alternative.

Madden explained that the EIS must be considered if the roadway extends to I-94

Nelson expressed that though we are not engineers, we should be as informed as we can, executing our own preliminary engineering and funding "cocktail" What funding would a "four lane" highway for bike walk be eligible for, and might we hire a consultant to do some of this work?

Madden asked that the committee address the two issues he raised last month; preliminary engineering to determine the feasibility of CP Rail alignment and the immediate conversion of some part of the existing Ayd Mill Road to pedestrian and bicycle use. Since Zerger, Longley, and Baum were not present, he said he did not want a decision at this time, but asked that it be an action item on next month's agenda.

Outreach for Vision and next steps:

Nelson handed out flyers for the vision. Martha Flynn provided color flyers with precut tabs for distribution.

Meeting closed early with plan for anyone who wished to attend the remainder of the HMC Transportation meeting. On the agenda for HMC will be two lane vs four lane on University for LRT.

Turek wished everyone well to enjoy the HMC meeting.

Madden, Singer, and Nelson attended the HMC Transportation committee meeting.

Next meeting: Maintain notes from HMC meeting. Update our committee next month on HMC meeting and record in minutes as needed.