

St. Paul Greenway Committee Meeting  
November 10, 2010  
Merriam Park Library  
6:30pm – 7:45pm

**Present:** Nelson, Baum, Longley, Singer, Vanasek, Flynn, Finn

**Minutes from previous meeting**

October 2010 minutes approved

**Upcoming meeting with CDG – ideas for the corridor**

Nelson discussed issues surrounding the future of Ayd Mill Road, including number of lanes and connections to the interstate system. Nelson reported that he has been emailing with Mike Klassen of Public Works, trying to get a large format map of the corridor that shows property lines. Nelson suggested Singer write up a short proposal for his “jersey barrier” idea, which would create space on Ayd Mill Road for cyclists and pedestrians. Nelson said the proposal could include things like: who it would serve, what it would look like, whether separate lanes should be striped, etc.

Nelson briefed the committee on discussions he’s been having with Russ Stark and Mike Madden to organize a meeting with the councilmember, city staff, the Greenway Committee, and representatives from District 13 (Union Park). Singer expressed an interest in learning from Russ what the next direction for the Greenway corridor, and Ayd Mill in particular, might be. Longley said he wanted to learn what the commitment from the mayor and the rest of the city council is. The group discussed the positions of the various elected officials related to Ayd Mill Road. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wed, December 8 at 4:30pm.

**Marshall Green Streets**

Baum briefed the committee on a CIB proposal being written by Alice Tibbetts and others to complete the Marshall Avenue “Green Streets” project. Among other things, this project involves installing medians along Marshall Avenue between Snelling Avenue and the Minneapolis border. Tibbetts plans to include language in the proposal that calls the Marshall corridor the “de-facto greenway extension” in the short-term, given the legal losses suffered earlier this year in trying to acquire land from CP rail for the St. Paul Greenway. Baum asked the committee if they would support this designation and they expressed no concerns with it.

**Future direction and involvement of the St. Paul Greenway Committee**

Nelson discussed his hope that the committee would continue to focus on how the vision we’ve worked on for the greenway corridor could be used for corridors throughout St. Paul and Ramsey County to improve safety and access for cyclists and pedestrians. Nelson suggested perhaps the committee should collaborate with the St. Paul Bicycle Coalition (BPBC) on language related to design standards.