



**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2010**

CALLED TO ORDER: By Chairman Stephen Frost at 8:01 am

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Stephen Frost, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Deborah Stamm, Dennis Wencel, Jim Wilson and Student Representative Dominic Vitello

Members Absent: Jay Chiglo, and Student Representatives Alex Hinch and Anirudh Sailesh

Staff Present: Rory Fancler, Sean Marquez and Sgt. Lee Martin

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of November 6, 2010 meeting were approved as amended. The Forest Avenue Motion shall include “These two property owners (with temporary occupancies) should be allowed to move forward with final occupancy in advance of the December TAB meeting”. **Motion by Jim Wilson, seconded by Deborah Stamm. Ayes: Stephen Frost, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Deborah Stamm, Dennis Wencel and Jim Wilson. Minutes were approved 7 to 0.**

PUBLIC FORUM

OLD BUSINESS:

Certificate of appreciation was presented to Marjorie McIntosh in recognition for her service to the city and much needed support to the Transportation Advisory Board.

Resident Request to Establish Forest Avenue as a No-Build Area for Sidewalk Construction-
Rory Fancler:

- Forest Avenue is not a high priority segment and city does not anticipate installing sidewalks in at least the next 10 years
- There is no legally binding agreement between the City of Naperville and current and/or former residents of Forest Avenue regarding installation of sidewalks. The area was not designated “no build” in 2002 when other improvements were made to Forest Avenue. The residents chose at that time to not have sidewalks included in the improvements.
- The Comprehensive Sidewalk Policy was adopted in January of 2004 and includes a list of “no-build areas” but does not include Forest Avenue. The 6 “no-build” areas include locations where the County or State officials will not allow sidewalks, locations with unimproved streets, heavily wooded streets, no curb and gutter and no opportunity for pedestrian links to key destinations.
- There is potential for future development of two vacant lots at the south end of Forest Avenue and pedestrian connectivity to Jefferson Avenue. A number of unimproved footpaths now exist to Jefferson Avenue.

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- The residents of Forest Avenue wish to be included as a “no-build” area citing it is a dead end roadway, a historical area no-build destination, not on a route to schools or parks, true preservation concerns, storm water concerns and potential damage to irrigation systems.
- Staff talked with retired employee John Verzal who recalled this was not designated a no-build area at the time of the Lairds Woods, Fremont Road Improvement Project.
- Staff recommends denying the request to establish Forest Avenue as a “no-build” area for sidewalk construction and implementing a fee-in-lieu contribution for construction of new homes on Forest Avenue to provide for future sidewalk installation. Do have adequate right-of-way for sidewalk construction.
- Staff plans to have this on the December 21st City Council Agenda.

Jodi Kautz-21 S. Forest:

- Residents believe Forest Avenue is a special exception that does not warrant sidewalks.
- Moved to Forest because of the amenities and the mature trees.
- It is not a safety issue for the children – area is fine without sidewalks.
- This is an area with potential to have sidewalks to nowhere—and is not a destination street.
- Fee-in-lieu gives potential to have sidewalks to nowhere.
- Heavily wooded area – trees would not survive if sidewalks were installed.

TAB: If Forest were to be carved out as a “no build” then TAB would need to determine what is unique about this cul-de-sac as opposed to other cul-de-sacs in order to make a recommendation to Council for Forest to be a “no-build”. When this issue comes before Council, the residents will need to suggest to Council what is unique about this area to be designated “no-build”.

Kathy Benson – 51 S. Forest:

- No sidewalks were installed in any parts of the Lairds Woods project in 2001-2002.
- If residents had agreed to sidewalks at that time there would not be a sidewalk issue today
- The issue is City Engineering errors of allowing 2 homes to be built on Forest Avenue without including sidewalks.
- Builder should have option of installing sidewalks versus fee-in-lieu as fee-in-lieu is more expensive.
- Should not make the area “no build” as there is no compelling reason to do so.
- City Staff would be able to complete sidewalk installation without damaging the trees or irrigation systems.

Kara Korosec-61 S. Forest:

- Lives in one of the two homes with temporary occupancy.
- Engineer for 61 S. Forest in March of 2008 was told by the City Staff that they were in a no build area and there would be no sidewalks.
- Later Landscaper of this home was told no sidewalks.
- City made two errors – who is accountable for these errors?
- All of the residents but one do not want sidewalks on Forest.

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- The residents of Forest will come up with something unique other than the residents do not want sidewalks when the issue comes before the City Council.

Janet Lang – 50 South Forest:

- Residents were never told that sidewalks for Forest Av. was a project specific decision.
- Residents felt at that time that it was a permanent decision to have no sidewalks.
- The trees are a unique situation and the dead end portion would lose a lot more trees.
- When going through the building of a new home for 50 S. Forest it was confirmed Forest is a street for no sidewalks by the Building Department and no sidewalks were installed.

MOTION: The Transportation Advisory Board recommends fee-in-lieu of sidewalks which is better than sidewalk segments which are not connected and would not be aesthetically pleasing to this neighborhood and to deny the request to make Forest Avenue a “no-build” area. **Motion by Dennis Wencel, seconded by Mark Jaynes. Ayes: Stephen Frost, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Deborah Stamm, Dennis Wencel and Jim Wilson. Motion was approved 7 to 0.**

2011 Annual New Sidewalk Program-Rory Fancler:

- At the November Meeting TAB recommended the Bauer Road sidewalk component be changed to east-west street segments within Naperville Heights.
- City Staff has added 12th Av., south side between Washington Street and Eagle Street which provides access to Mill Street Elementary School and connects to the existing sidewalk network.
- The Book Road segment will be an alternate bid and would be included if construction costs come in under budget.
- In 2012 10th Avenue will be evaluated for potential inclusion.
- Bauer Road segment is a critical link between Nike Park and residents of Naperville Heights, Knights and Indian Hill Subdivisions.
- Naperville Township is discussing a cost sharing opportunity for installation of sidewalk on Bauer Road between Eagle Street and west of Apache Drive. Need to take advantage of this potential cost sharing opportunity.
- Frontenac could become an alternate bid if the city does not enter into an agreement with DuPage County for the Prairie Path interim relocation.
- New Sidewalk Construction Budget for 2011 remains at \$150,000.

Lynn Morgan-1035 North Main Street:

- Asking TAB to again reconsider removing the Bauer Road Sidewalk from 2011 Program.
- Main Street in Naperville Heights has just a few pieces of sidewalk which is where the money should be reallocated as Main Street is a major north south route for walking commuters and students going to Mill Street School.
- Walking to Nike Park is not a critical life activity.
- Park District should pay for sidewalks themselves along Bauer Road.

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- Knights Subdivision students are older, 11 to 14 and are more capable of making decisions on how to get to school. This area meets the busing requirements.
- Naperville Heights which has been waiting longer and has the oldest more dangerous neighborhood streets should get their sidewalks first.
- Knights Subdivision is unincorporated and does not share the same tax responsibilities as city residents.

Paul Ferak – 1136 North Main Street:

- TAB recommended at last month's meeting that the Bauer Road money should be reallocated to Naperville Heights which is absolutely correct.
- Have been asking for money for sidewalks in Naperville Heights for 20 years.
- Forced to walk in the streets which is a safety issue as cars avoid Ogden Avenue and Washington and go through the Naperville Heights neighborhood.
- Need the Bauer Road money reallocated to interior east-west sidewalks in Naperville Heights as Bauer Road is not in Naperville Heights. Have not seen people walk on Bauer Road as it is not a school route.
- Request Bauer Road allocation be tabled until next year until a firm cost sharing agreement is reached with the Park District. Knights Subdivision people do not attend the TAB Meetings. They refused to be annexed and are in Township jurisdiction.
- Funds that have been identified should be reallocated to Naperville Heights as TAB recommended so Naperville Heights can be a safer community for students walking to school, and for commuters going to the train station.

Kathy Benson – 51 Forest:

- Supports what the residents are saying, Naperville Heights is one of the most dangerous communities in town.
- Folks on Bauer Road are not City of Naperville Taxpayers.

Staff

- Nike Park is a key factor. It will be a program park open to the public next year. This link provides a key connection for residents in the area as well as residents beyond the immediate area.
- The money this year is to be allocated to the three subdivisions which have significant gaps, Naperville Heights, East Highlands and Lairds Woods.
- Sidewalk cost of Knoch Knolls Road does not equate to the cost of 10th Avenue sidewalks. It is lower.
- East west streets in Naperville Heights are not cheap.

TAB's concern is the 2011 Sidewalk Program is not supporting the north side of the Naperville Heights in getting the younger students to Mill Street School. Need to get one more sidewalk out of the Bauer Road money to use for 14th Street which is the closest street to the school sidewalk to Mill Street School. Should increase the priorities for more sidewalks in Naperville Heights for 2012.

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Can't support Bauer Road Sidewalks based on a Niki Park need. The current Bauer Road foot path is adequate and is less of a safety priority than the Naperville Heights sidewalks. Priority should go to Naperville Heights as they are long overdue rather than Bauer Road.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board recommends the revision of the 2011 Annual New Sidewalk Program including shifting parts of the Bauer Road monies to 14th Street within Naperville Heights. **Motion by Dennis Wencel, seconded by Jim Wilson. Ayes: Stephen Frost, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Dennis Wencel and Jim Wilson. Nay: Stamm. Motion approved 6 to 1.**

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

City Council Report – Deborah Stamm- November 16: Approved No Parking on Hillside in conjunction with Naperville Central High School.

BPAC Report: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee did not meet in November.

Police Department Report-Sgt. Martin: Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Pace Regarding their FY 2011 Budget Process TAB acknowledged the report.

NEW BUSINESS

The next TAB meeting will be January 8th at 8 am in the City Council Chambers. Motion to adjourn by Perillo, seconded by Stamm with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie McIntosh, Secretary