

MINUTES OF THE LEAWOOD PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2011

The Public Works Committee met November 9, 2011, at 7:30 AM in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall.

FULL Committee in attendance:

James Azeltine, Chair and Ward 4 Councilmember
Adam Abrams,
John Burge,
Ken Conrad,
Michael DeMent,
Jon Grams,
Marsha Monica,
Andrew Osman, Ward 1 Councilmember
Jim Rawlings, Ward 2 Councilmember
Carrie Rezac, Ward 3 Councilmember

Staff:

Joe Johnson, P.E., Director of Public Works
David Ley, P.E., City Engineer, Public Works Department
Brian Anderson, Superintendent of Parks, Parks and Recreation Department
Julie Stasi, Administrative Services Manager, Public Works Department

- **Due to a late arrival of Chair Azeltine, Committee Member and Councilman Jim Rawlings called the meeting to order at 7:35AM.**
- **PAST MINUTES:**
Jon Grams made a motion to accept the Minutes from the previous meeting of October 18, 2011. John Burge seconded the motion to accept. All present members were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
- **OLD BUSINESS: CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF 85th TERRACE TRAFFIC CALMING REQUEST.**
Joe Johnson reminded the Committee of a Resident Meeting planned for next week, November 16, 2011 at 7:30PM in the Oak Room at Leawood City Hall.

The Resident Meeting is for the residents to meet and discuss as some had not been able to come to the last meeting on the traffic calming request for 85th Terrace.

Staff will outline options available and it was decided staff could advise up front at the beginning the options possible and that a request to amend the street program for 2013-2017 could be made to the Governing Body with a request for the City to bear the expense of narrowing 85th Terrace and place a sidewalk on the north side of the street. Any other traffic calming measures

would be discussed and most likely be part of a Benefit District.

At the last meeting the Committee had asked staff to take another in-house license plate tracking on 85th Terrace. Staff in the City Engineers office was out last Thursday (November 3rd) and again this morning (November 9th) taking traffic counts.

At the last meeting the Committee had asked staff to look at past discussions of traffic calming requests. It was found that the last time the issues of cul-de-sacs were discussed; Council indicated they would only consider this if there was 100% agreement with all property owners.

The Committee would also like Police Department representation at the Resident Meeting on November 16th, 2011. Joe Johnson advised Chief Meier has been notified and possibly Traffic Sgt Kirk Yoder can be in attendance. Any observances and/or reports on Police Dept activity or findings on 85th Terrace, Public Works would like to come from the Police Department.

The Oak Room has been reserved with the meeting starting at 7:30 PM. Tables will be set up for the Public Works Staff (Joe Johnson and David Ley) with chairs for the audience. Public Works Committee Members have been invited to attend and may sit with the audience.

Sixty-Six properties are invited and sent a Meeting Invitation; (involving residents of 85th Terrace between State Line and Lee Boulevard, Sagamore- south of 85th Terrace, 86th Street and 86th Terrace running west off of State Line Road.

- **NEW BUSINESS: Changing City Ordinance regarding pruning of overhanging tree limbs.** Joe Johnson explained the current ordinance and why a request was being made. Currently branches must be 8 feet above the surface and it is being requested to change it to 10 feet above surface and 14 feet above the street.

Committee Members had concerns of the following:

- Time constraint given as to when new height requirement would take place?
- Many Homes Associations have active tree companies hired to maintain/trim thousands of trees.
Would Homes Associations be given a time requirement to come into compliance over a period of 4 to 5 years?
- Making the Ordinance requirements the same for individual property owners as well as Homes Associations.
- If an owner does not trim and the City comes in to do it, make it clear there is an assessment back to the owner for the expense.
- Would the new height requirement be on a complaint basis only? With 120 days for an owner to correct violation?
- Is the length proper for tree maintenance? "Measure twice, cut once". We do not want to harm the trees.

- Committee wants Homes Associations notified of any changes to this Ordinance and also posted on the City's Web Site.

Brian Anderson also mentioned there is a Homes Association Meeting planned for February 2012 with the Sustainability /Green Committee. This would be a perfect time to hand out new information.

The Committee requested Staff draft samples of the new Ordinance and will discuss again at their next meeting.

- **The Committee will meet again in December.**
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30AM.**
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