



## Minutes of the Community Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

In-person meeting: Arlington Hills Rec Center, 1200 Payne Avenue

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**Welcome:** Introductions and Review of the Agenda

**6:40 pm**

Attendance: Rebecca Nelson, Patricia Enstad, Janey Atchison, Athena Hollins, Carolyn Keeton, Justine LaCroix-Martin, Damian Schaab, Seanne Thomas, John Thompson, Dayna Wolter

Staff: Jack Byers, Robin Horkey

Community Participants and Guests: Susan Banovetz, Brad Griffith, Maron Schraufnagel, Joann Ellis, Emma DeVera, Bill Zajicek, Ted Madison

**Developing the Payne-Phalen District Plan:**

**6:47 pm**

1. *Community Discussion: Arcade Street Redesign (PPCC), Facilitated by Rebecca Nelson, PPCC President*

MN Department of Transportation (MnDOT) presentation by three MnDOT staff including Arcade St. redesign and E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Followed by Q & A session. (*MnDOT responses in italic.*)

- Are there changes to speed limits? *MnDOT can review after changes are made.*
- What is percentage of budget designated for street scaping? *Currently streetscaping is targeted from Wheelock to Larpenteur. There is a % and they will provide later after inquiring.*
- Maryland from 35E east is very bad.
- Is there concrete boulevard on Maryland? *Can be considered.*
- Are there plans to add additional crosswalks? *Will evaluate where crosswalks can go. Hope fewer lanes provides more safety.*
- What about lighting – lack of consistent lighting along Arcade. Would like more aesthetics incorporated. No crosswalks identified. *Pedestrian lighting is included, crosswalks will be evaluated.*
- Will there be changes to the Wheelock & Arcade intersection?
- We were threatened if the project did not move forward we will only get mill & overlay. *There is a possibility MnDOT will lose a grant.*
- How are speed limits applied? *There will be design for slower speeds and evaluate traffic speed afterwards. Maryland is an example of speed slowing on their own from the design.*

Jack introduced draft recommendations and asked for community input.

- It has been recommended that MnDOT work with the Purple Line to address how the Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit project overlays with the MnDOT project. **PPCC will make a recommendation on a turn lane.**
- York to Geranium. What does the transition look like between a center turn land section to a bump out section? **PPCC will make a recommendation for more information.**
- (Regarding buses stopping) a community member that takes public transit prefers the bus pull out from the curb versus stopping in the lane to load & unload. Stopping in the lane results in visibility and safety issues for pedestrians wanting to cross the street and for drivers going around the bus and/or turning and not seeing a pedestrian. A concern in winter of the bus stops not being cleared of snow. **PPCC recommendation that MnDOT work with the city to make sure bus stops are cleared of snow in winter months.**
- **PPCC recommendation for flowerpots on the bump outs.**
- St. Paul Public Works has an artist in residence that should be tapped.
- Are there surveys by Metro Transit for pullouts versus no pull outs? Or the time difference? Or pedestrian safety? **PPCC recommendation for a survey if it doesn't exist.**
- We hear there is no street parking between Geranium and Hawthorne.
- LPI – Leading Pedestrian Interval – pedestrians should be able to cross the entire street in one light, not have to stop on the median. Eliminating right turn on red at certain intersections would also increase pedestrian safety.
- **PPCC recommendation the MnDOT work with St. Paul, ESABA, ESND, & PABA on parking and delivery options for the businesses on the NW corner of Arcade & Maryland. A left turn arrow for Arcade should be added.**
- Hawthorne to Wheelock. **Recommend zebra crosswalks and pedestrian lights. MnDOT should work out the bus transit location with Johnson HS.**
- **Recommend the Wheelock/Arcade intersection be comprehensively looked at in regard to the Grand Round Bike trail. MnDOT & St. Paul should work together. Pedestrian lights.**
- Wheelock to Larpenteur. **Recommend center turn lane, appropriate bus stops, sidewalks on west side and bike path on east side with lighting. Crosswalks across Arcade at Larpenteur. Slower speed on Arcade to Wheelock from Larpenteur.**
- MnDOT should talk to the city about flying golf balls from the golf course.
- **PPCC recommendation to work with Public Works artist in residence for comprehensive streetscape for the entire project that includes all amenities and charging stations for electric vehicles.**
- **PPCC recommendation for more information on construction timing and a communications strategy for the changes; and construction grants to business owners and resources to offset assessments to business owners and residents. Timeline is to start early 2024 and finish in one season.**

**Business items:**

**8:10 pm**

2. Filing of IRS form 990 – Annual statement for non-profits for 2021 (Janey Atchison, Treasurer)  
Motion by Justine to approve and submit IRS 990. Second by Seanne.  
Motion passed.
3. Resolution to Approve the MN Attorney General's Annual Report for 2021 (Janey Atchison, Treasurer)  
Motion by Damian to sign and submit the Annual Report to the Attorney General. Second by Janey. Motion passed.
4. PPCC Monthly Financial Report and Status (Janey Atchison, Treasurer)
5. Approval of minutes: (Marci Exsted, Secretary)  
Not available to Board Directors before meeting.
6. Announcements (Rebecca and Jack)

**Adjourn**

**8:20 pm**

- **Next PPCC Community Meeting:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 6:30-8pm at the Arlington Hills Recreation Center, 1200 Payne Avenue