

## **Public Information Meeting #1**

### **Public Commentary Summary**

Red Wing Avenue Street & Utility Improvements  
City of Kenyon, MN

5:00pm – 7:00pm September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Kenyon City Hall

- 11 members of the public in attendance, see attached Attendance Sheet
- Comments/Questions Received are summarized below:

### **Questions about the project in general**

Q: How was this project developed?

A: The proposed project is being considered as part of an on-going plan for the City of Kenyon to address infrastructure needs on an on-going basis. Most recently, reconstruction and utility replacement projects within 3<sup>rd</sup> St (2013) and 1<sup>st</sup> Street (2016) were completed. Currently, the Red Wing Avenue (and alternate 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Alley) areas are under consideration. The needs of the pavement surface and underground utilities are described in the presentation and have been known for many years. The City is now at a point that they feel an improvement is financially feasible.

Q: How do assessments work for corner lots?

A: Assessable frontage is calculated at 100% for “frontage” (side of property address). Side yard frontage is calculated at reduced rate of 20% for residential and 50% for non-residential.

Q: What type of curb will be used, drive-over or high-back?

A: High back curb will be used and is recommended base on increased strength, resistance to cracking, and improved drainage properties.

Q: Will the trees that are removed be replaced?

A: There is no current plan to replace trees with this project. If requested by property owners, this will likely need to be decided by the City at a later date.

Note: There were many positive reactions to the storm sewer work being discussed.

Note: 804 Red Wing Ave sanitary service is pressure system and discharges to manhole at 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Street and Sidewalk Discussion**

General Comment: There are many drivers who have been observed to be speeding through Red Wing Avenue

Q: Will driveways (including those done in the last few years) be re-done?

A: There will be some amount of impact to all driveways abutting Red Wing Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Street or Alley. The actual extent will be better understood during final design and fully understood during construction.

Q: Can our shared driveway be widened?

A: Possibly, this level of detail will be discussed in greater detail during the public information meeting planned for January 2020, just prior to finalizing plans for bidding.

Public request: Can the entire road be a 9-ton design? A lot of heavy traffic leaves town on Red Wing Avenue, to the south.

Q: What is the cost differential between the proposed road and a 9-ton design?

A: 1” gravel and 1/2” bituminous is the additional street section required to upgrade from 7-ton to 9-ton pavement design, however we are also including a drainage layer. Any adjustments can be made in final design.

Q: What will happen to the sidewalks that are in good condition?

\*This document is intended to provide a summary of the comments received and may not include all questions, comments, and discussion of the public information meeting.

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A: Due to a variety of reasons (utility work, street grading, etc), we are planning for a worst-case scenario and replacing all sidewalk within the project. Replacing parts of it is often expensive and it is more cost effective to redo it all.

### **Utility Discussion**

Q: Will there be water service disruptions?

A: Yes, but they will be short (few hours, when planned). Notice will be given for all planned water service disruptions. Temporary water will be provided to each property while new watermain is being installed. Sanitary sewer service will not be affected.

Q: What happens when road access is restricted outside our house?

A: (In summary) This will vary, depending on the specific house. Some properties have rear alley access or side street access. If this is not the case, there will be time when you will need to park on a nearby side street and walk to your home.

Q: Will there be first responders' access? (Police Chief Lee Sjolander)

A: Alleys will be used as much as possible. Emergency services will need to develop a contingency plan for times when access is very limited.

Note: Handout from tonight to be posted on city website in coming weeks. All comments, reports, notices etc will be posted. Newsletters will be mailed and/or emailed.

### **Funding/Assessments**

Q: Is Held Bus Service being assessed (for using the road/their property)?

A: Yes, according to their property frontage and the assessment policy.

Q: Why aren't other people (community wide) who drive on the road responsible for assessments?

A: The project benefits the adjacent property owners, who are thus assessed.

Q: This project affects property owners by using regular tax revenue and also special assessments?

A: This is correct and special assessment to benefitting property owners have been a part of the funding for this project and other projects in the past. The legislation allowing special assessments supports the idea that properties directly adjacent to a street improvement project receive an additional benefit, not realized by the remainder of taxpayers within a community. As a result, special assessments have been allowed.

Q: What is my assessment?

A: Preliminary Assessment value shared with all property owners requesting assessment at meeting.

### **Miscellaneous**

Q: When will we know about the tree/sidewalk removal?

A: At the final design public information meeting, planned for January 2020. Notices will be sent out.

Note: 227 Red Wing Avenue reportedly had a water and sewer service replacement previously. Need for new services will need to be determined during final design.



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