

City of Galesville
Streets and Sidewalks Committee
Minutes
7/9/24

Meeting was called to order by Chair Carlson at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Carlson, Redsten and Larson. Also present, Mayor Thatcher.

Citizens present: James Wojciechowski, Emma Marco, Nancy Boehm, Osmani Cruz, Renee Brenengen, Brad Simonson

Carlson certified that open meetings requirements had been met by properly posting the agenda.

Item 1: The committee received a report from Jim Lundberg, Point of Beginning Engineering on a concept plan for replacement of the deteriorating wall on West Ride Avenue. He is recommending replacing the existing stone retaining wall with a poured concrete wall which would enhance stability. Need for existing fencing along the sidewalk would be replaced by extending the wall approximately 4 feet above the sidewalk level. Some existing stone from the wall could be used on the side of the wall facing the street. Colored and/or textured treatments could be applied to the concrete on the side of the wall facing away from the street. Lundberg gave the committee a preliminary cost estimate for the project of \$181,423.

Motion by Redsten, seconded by Larson to recommend to the Council that we proceed with preparation of plans and construction documents for replacement of the retaining wall as recommended by Lundberg. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

Item 3: Mayor Thatcher shared some research he had done on water problems on Campus Court. Several residents expressed concern about the ongoing water problems. Thatcher said he would try and get an engineer out to look at the area before the next Streets and Sidewalks Committee meeting so we can get an idea of what could be done and potential costs. No commitments can be made at this time that the city will pay for any needed work.

Item #2: Rene Brenengen, a resident of Crestwood Ct. told the committee that there have been problems with parking on her street, particularly when baseball or softball events are taking place at the middle school, or when events are taking place at the Fairgrounds. With people parking on both sides of the street during these events, the road is essentially reduced to a single lane of traffic and causes a concern for access for emergency vehicles.

Motion by Redsten, seconded by Larson to recommend to the council that parking be prohibited on the westside of Crestwood Court. Carlson indicated he is supportive of the sentiment, but wanted more information before making a decision. Motion carried on a vote of 2-1.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Next meeting: August 7th at 4:00 p.m. at the Galesville Public Library (tentative)