

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Arlington Street Rehabilitation

(University Ave to Anderson Ave)

Meeting Date: September 24, 2014

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: SE Neighborhood Service Center, 320 N. Goodman St – Suite 209

Attendees: See attached list

The purpose of the meeting was to explain to the residents the preliminary design planned for Arlington Street Rehabilitation from University Avenue to Anderson Avenue. The project includes removing existing curbs and installing new granite curbs, new under drain, new driveway aprons, spot sidewalk replacement, carriage walk removal and/or replacement, catch basin upgrades, new water services and hydrant, updated signage and lawn restorations disturbed by construction activities. Additionally, the pavement will be milled and resurfaced.

The street improvements were illustrated on a large scale color rendering of the street. Display boards depicting before and after photographs of a typical curb replacement project and a typical residential street improvement project were also available for viewing.

The attached meeting agenda was provided to all attendees.

Al Giglio opened the meeting with introductions and Kim Batz provided a brief description of the scope of work and the anticipated schedule for the project. Ms. Batz informed the attendees that the City of Rochester Water Bureau will be cleaning and lining the existing water main this autumn and will be substantially complete by the end of November 2014. The final street design will be developed through the winter 2014 with advertising and bidding in the beginning of 2015. Currently, the construction start date is for early spring with substantial completion by the beginning of the summer 2015.

The City Forestry department provided recommendations to remove five street trees. The trees are slated to be removed because they have outgrown the tree lawn area with tree roots overhanging onto the existing curb. Additionally, the proposed construction activities may destabilize the tree or impact the health of the tree due to roots being exposed or damaged. There will be further assessment on whether the trees can be preserved by installing steel curbs, omitting the new curbs in front of the trees or installing stone curb four inches in width. New trees are proposed to be planted wherever an existing tree has been removed. New trees are planted as close to the original location whenever possible, but placement also depends on the location of underground utilities.

During construction, there will be times when access to driveways will be interrupted. Notices will be distributed to the residents in advance when access to their driveways will be interrupted. The contractor may only work on one side of the street at a time, to minimize the impact to the residents.

Ms. Batz communicated that any questions and concerns should be sent to her via her office phone or email address that was provided on the agenda. It was also communicated that a project webpage was created for the project on the City's webpage and that the public display board (color rendering) is available for viewing and printing. The project webpage will be regularly updated to keep the residents informed of the project details and schedule.

The meeting was opened for questions, comments, and/or concerns:

Q: Is the existing asphalt along the former school going to be removed?

A: The existing concrete within the tree lawn area is proposed to be grass. The asphalt area beyond the public right of way will remain as the City is not authorized to perform work beyond the limits of the public right of way.

Q: There is a historical iron horse hitch located at my property in the tree lawn area. What is the disposition of it?

A: The horse hitch will be protected and maintained in its current location. A note has been added to the design plans.

Q: Why are 5 trees being proposed to be removed? We would prefer to keep the mature trees.

A: These are preliminary recommendations provided to us by the City's Forestry department. The City makes every effort to preserve trees on construction projects. Removing a mature tree is not taken lightly.

Q: The removal of the 5 trees will change the entire character of the street and will remove the shaded areas that we currently enjoy.

A: We will continue to assess whether the trees can be saved. In some cases, the tree will have disturbance around the perimeter of the tree with curb and sidewalk replacement as well as driveway apron installation. This amount of disturbance is very detrimental to the health of the tree and there is no guarantee that the tree will survive and may still need to be removed in the near future.

Q: Will the existing plantings within the tree lawns be impacted? If so, will they be restored?

A: Any special plantings within the tree lawn area may be disturbed by construction activities. Residents will receive advanced notice to move and relocate their plantings prior to construction beginning. The tree lawn area will be restored with topsoil and hydro-seeding. It is the responsibility of the resident to move and/or relocate desired items in the tree lawn area.

Q: I have a rain garden established in the tree lawn area that I have been cultivating for a long time. Is there monetary compensation to the property owners for any disturbance to the plantings?

A: No, there is no monetary compensation.

Q: What will happen with the on street parking during construction?

A: The contractor is restricted to only working on one side of the street at a time, to minimize the impact to the residents. We may be able to request that the contractor complete the west side of the street first so that residents can park on the west side of the street during construction of the east side where a majority of the driveway aprons exist.

Q: What is the history of the parking regulations? Can we get them changed? And how?

A: The historic data on the parking regulations of the street is unknown at this time. Yes, parking regulations can be changed if there is a consensus from the residents that modifications are required. The Traffic Control Board administers the parking regulations and they are the governing body for issuing any parking regulation changes.

Q: Our main access from our front porch to the street is our sidewalk bordered by bushes. Will we be able to maneuver through this area during construction to get to work and appointments?

A: Yes, the contractor should provide a temporary walkway for continuous access from the public right of way to your residence.

Q: Can we get speed humps on our street?

A: Speed humps are administered by the Traffic Control Board and Transportation Specialist, Erik Frisch of the City Engineer's office. He can be reached at 585-428-6709. The overall length of the street may not meet the guidelines for specifying speed humps.

Q: What is being proposed for driveway access to K-D Moving?

A: A 24-foot wide, not including transitions, heavy-duty concrete driveway apron. Additionally, concrete is proposed across the entire building façade.

Q: There is slate sidewalk in front of my property which I would like to retain. Is this possible? If replaced by concrete sidewalk can the property owner take possession of the existing stone walk for their own use?

A: The slate sidewalk is proposed to be removed because of its relative elevation to the new full height curb that will be installed. Sidewalk is typically replaced because of the condition of the concrete, problems with effective drainage or tripping and slipping hazards. Slate sidewalk is an expensive material that can average \$700.00 for a 20 square foot piece. Mr. Giglio will check with the City Engineer whether the resident will be able to take possession of the existing stone walk for their own use. It is understood that the stone sidewalk is a durable material but project cost constraints do not allow the use of the material outside of the identified preservation districts.

Q: How long will the project take to complete?

A: Project schedule is dependent on the experience of the contractor that is awarded the project as the lowest bidder. If we have an experienced contractor, the project is expected to take two months to complete.

Q: Can we get a new residential style street lighting system installed?

A: The City's Street Lighting department is currently assessing upgrades. The recommendations have not yet been received. There may be new residential light poles installed at either end of Arlington Street at University Avenue and Anderson Avenue.

Q: Will the existing lighting fixtures be upgraded? Light levels are very low on the east side of the street.

A: The existing light fixtures are probably an older style and will be replaced. New light fixtures will improve the light levels. Light levels can be affected by the existing tree canopies. The City's Street Lighting division utilizes software that analyses light levels on the street.

Q: Can there be different styles and colors of fire hydrants?

A: No. Per the City Water Bureau and the City Fire department hydrants must conform with the requirements of the American Water Works Association. The hydrant is painted yellow for the best visibility for firefighters to be able to locate and extinguish a fire. Additionally, the fire trucks are equipped with standard size hose lines.

Q: What species of trees are proposed to be planted to replace the removals?

A: The City Forester would make that determination. The City's Forestry department has a palette of tree species that meet the standards of the American Standard for Nursery Stock in USDA Zone 5 that will be utilized.

Q: Can the curbs be kept in front of the trees in an attempt to save the trees?

A: Yes, in certain scenarios the existing curb is left in place in order to preserve the existing tree. Yet, it is not always feasible to accommodate leaving the curb because of site grades and potential drainage issues.

Q: Is there a noise ordinance for construction activity?

A: Yes. The City of Rochester Municipal Code, Chapter 75: Noise, restricts noise from construction activities from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Q: What is a carriage walk?

A: A carriage walk is a concrete sidewalk typically 3-4 feet wide from the curb to the public sidewalk. Carriage walks are typically removed and replaced with topsoil and seed at the City's expense. Many of the carriage walks on this street are in very poor condition and will be removed. New carriage walks will be constructed for properties that do not have a driveway.

Q: What will be the signage upgrades?

A: The Monroe County Department of Transportation sign fabrication and installation section manufactures, installs, and maintains all of the road signs used on City of Rochester streets. The street signs will be upgraded to meet the new Federal sign standards mandated by the National Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Some of the parking regulatory signs may be relocated as part of this project. Signage upgrades will also be dependent on revised parking regulations for the street.

Q: Will the wood poles be removed?

A: Rochester Gas & Electric is responsible for the wood power poles. We are coordinating the project with RG&E and awaiting their recommendations.

Q: Can the electric be put underground?

A: The existing wood poles contain electric, telephone and cable television facilities. It becomes a very expensive venture to put all the utilities underground, not including the individual connections to each private property.

Q: Construction during the summer will impact my business (K-D Moving) during the busy season. How will I conduct my business during construction?

A: The current project schedule is to start work in the early spring of 2015 and to be substantially complete by the beginning of summer 2015. Notices are sent to inform residents of the start of construction. The front of 23 Arlington Street is planned for heavy-duty concrete across the entire façade of the building. Heavy-duty concrete contains reinforcing steel bars and the area in front of the building may have limited accessibility during construction of the driveway apron. The driveway apron will most likely be constructed in two halves to retain some egress and ingress to the building.

Q: My business (K-D Moving) has never had curb across the building façade. The installation of full height curb will impact my ability to pull our moving trucks off to the side of the road. What else could be done?

A: Mountable curb may be an option.

Q: Will the wider proposed driveway aprons reduce the amount of available parking on the east side of the street?

A: A proposed and existing parking analysis will be performed.

Q: We like the existing curb. Could we keep the curb to use in our gardens?

A: The existing curb is deeper than what is seen on the surface. There are typically 6 inches of curb reveal on the surface but the curb actually has a depth of an additional 1.5 feet and a length of 5 feet making the curb segments extremely heavy to maneuver. Mechanical means would be required to move the existing curb segments.

Q: There is currently no parking allowed in front of my business (K-D Moving at 23 Arlington Street), will it remain this way?

A: No parking signs can be installed to restrict parking across this business facade.

The neighbors were interested in meeting again to discuss on street parking regulations. Mr. Giglio committed the city to do a parking study for Arlington Street to determine the number of parking spaces on each side of the street. After this study is completed it will be available for information on the City's project webpage and further coordination with the neighbors will be necessary.

There were no further questions, comments or concerns. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

All statements are known to be accurate. Any significant deviations to these meeting minutes should be provided to Kimberly Batz batzk@cityofrochester.gov for editing and redistribution.

Respectfully submitted,



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ARLINGTON STREET REHABILITATION (University Ave to Anderson Ave)

Agenda for Public Meeting

Meeting Date: September 24, 2014

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1. INTRODUCTIONS

- Al Giglio, P.E. Managing Engineer / Street Design Division
- Kimberly Batz, Engineer I / Street Design Division

2. SCOPE OF WORK

- Pavement rehabilitation with areas of reconstruction.
- New granite stone curbs.
- New driveway aprons.
- Spot concrete sidewalk replacement.
- Updating and installing sidewalk access ramps.
- New water services and hydrants.
- Replacement and adjustment of catch basins.
- Adjustment of sewer manhole frames and covers.
- Lawn restorations affected by construction.
- Adjustment of utility castings in sidewalk areas as needed, by others.
- Adjustment of utilities as required by construction, by others.
- Update existing signage.
- Tree removal – contact Carol Kodweis in Forestry at 585-428-7710.
- Carriage Walk removal and/or replacement.

3. SCHEDULE

- Water main work Fall 2014
- Final Design Plans Winter 2014
- Advertise/Bid Winter 2014
- Street Construction Spring 2015
- Construction complete Summer 2015

4. MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC

- Traffic will be maintained using flag-persons when necessary
- Some access disruptions during curb, sidewalk and driveway placement.

5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

- Kimberly Batz, Engineer I / Street Design Division
- 585-428-6284 or batzk@cityofrochester.gov

6. PROJECT WEBPAGE

- <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589962270>

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