

WESTWOOD STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

February 8, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM at Westwood City Hall. In attendance were: Mayor David Waters; Councilmembers Jeff Harris, Lisa Cummins, Jason Hannaman, Laura Steele, and Holly Wimer; Fred Sherman; Chief Greg O'Halloran; and John Sullivan.

I. GENERAL PROJECT/STATUS UPDATE.

A. Budget Update.

Fred Sherman provided an overview of the Westwood budgeting process, including operating costs vs. capital improvements, new debt service fund, and upcoming process for County appraisal of properties.

B. Woodside Village.

Discussed unknown status of Unforked restaurant, and developer plans/financing for remainder of project.

C. 47th Street Road Diet.

Discussed in connection with Laura Steele's proposal for complete streets ordinance.

June 29 is KDOT's deadline for the City (with or without UG) to have a contract in place with an engineer or design consultant. City is in line to receive a little over \$1 million grant for "road diet" project (final construction). Project could also be eligible for CARS funding (County participation, 50% of City's costs).

Council consensus was to proceed with estimated \$50,000 in "striping" project in 2020; John Sullivan to continue to work with UG staff as to the UG's participation and contribution. 47th Street Committee meeting should also be scheduled to help engage UG in the process.

John Sullivan to bring appropriate design and striping construction contracts to Council for approval.

II. PUBLIC WORKS.

A. Process for Improvements East of Rainbow.

Discussed public works concerns with existing road conditions, and identifying "problems" that could perhaps be solved or addressed with additional work, including gravel parking off of street, one-way issues, sidewalks, short driveways and narrow lots, and turnover of homes. Public works committee agreed to prepare, with staff, a list of what the City considers to be problems or obstacles that could be addressed with street projects (with further resident input to follow, per below).

Council consensus was for John Sullivan to bring to Council an engineering proposal for "schematic design" or "design development" that could show options for improvements to these streets that would align with goals of the comprehensive plan. It was generally agreed that design should not be "by committee" or street-by-street, but that following receipt of additional design work, a neighborhood meeting or survey should be scheduled to review plans with residents (similar to as was done with 2019 street projects, to identify specific issues that may arise as to each lot).

III. 5050 RAINBOW.

A. Demolition/Studies as to Repurpose.

Council consensus to proceed with demolition of the church building, preserving cornerstone for potential future recognition, and attempting to sell interior fixtures (pews, oven, etc.). Plan would be to extend fence along Rainbow for full frontage of property, close Rainbow access point, attempt to retain parking adjacent to Westwood View for school pick-up.

B. Dennis Park Expansion.

No discussion (time limitations).

C. General as to Westwood View.

No discussion (time limitations).

IV. PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS.

A. AirBNB and Accessory Dwelling Units.

Council consensus was to proceed with ADU and AirBNB ordinances; Jason Hannaman (as to ADU) and David Waters (as to AirBNB) to work with staff and legal counsel on proposed ordinance, and to involve planning commission for input.

B. Complete Streets (Laura Steele).

Councilmember Steele presented a draft "form" of Complete Streets ordinance she would like to see adopted by City. Council discussed difference between "policy" and enforceable "law" and appropriate place in City Code (or City policy) for incorporation (e.g., in comprehensive plan update?). Other discussion was had regarding establishment of a separate Complete Streets Committee vs. existing Public Works Committee.

Council consensus was in favor of the principles contained in the draft Complete Streets proposal. Individual councilmembers were encouraged to provide staff with questions and comments for further review by staff, and likely processing of ordinance from the Public Works Committee to the Planning Commission, and then back to City Council after Planning Commission recommendations.

- C. Driveway Standards and Fence Regulations.

No discussion (time limitations).

V. PUBLIC SAFETY.

- A. 2020/2021 Initiatives.
- B. Tour de Westwood; Annual NAACP Picnic.

Chief O'Halloran presented the 2020-2021 Police Department initiatives, including: radio replacement; vehicle purchase; "Coffee with a Cop" (March 7); #9PMRoutine; Tour de Westwood (April 18); and NAACP Community Picnic (date TBD).

VI. PARKS AND RECREATION/BUSINESS & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

- A. 2020/2021 Initiatives.

Lisa Cummins and Holly Wimer provided general comments on upcoming meetings to discuss possible new community events.

- B. Business Luncheon/Happy Hour.

VII. ADOPTION OF STRATEGIC PLAN/VISION STATEMENT.

No discussion (time limitations).

OTHER.

Jeff Harris and Laura Steele discussed the Climate Action KC initiative and enhancing the City's promotion. Future steps could include street trees (Jason Hannaman) and electric vehicle fleets.

Holly Wimer stated that she would be interested in addressing tear-downs and house reconstruction in the City, with possible further regulation.

The meeting concluded at 4:10 PM.