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Meeting Minutes

Park Hills Infrastructure Committee Meeting
Park Hills, Kentucky
8/8/2018

PRESENT:	Karl Oberjohn	Councilmember, Committee Co-Chair
	Greg Claypole	Councilmember, Committee Co-Chair
	James Jenkins	Committee Member
	Dan VonHandorf	Public Works Director
	Matt Mattone	Mayor
	Jay Bayer	City Engineer, Bayer Becker
	Zach Borchers	Engineer, Bayer Becker
ABSENT:	Kathy Zembrodt	Councilmember, Committee Member

This meeting was held at the Sisters of Notre Dame building on Dixie Highway on 8/8/2018 from 7:00-8:45 PM. The following are notes from the meeting.

Lower Jackson Road – Street Meeting

1. Z. Borchers and K. Oberjohn presented a history of the Park Hills Street Program in general and the Jackson Road project in particular and shared design and scheduling details about the planned reconstruction of lower Jackson Road.
 - a. Scope: “Lower” Jackson only, from Cleveland Avenue to the start of the hairpin curve.
 - b. Pavement: 22 feet wide measured to the backs of the curbs. Roadway is asphalt, curbs are 2-foot wide concrete roll profiles.
 - c. Sidewalk: 4 feet wide, directly adjacent to the curb on the north side of the street. (No “planting strip” between the sidewalk and the street.)
 - d. Utilities affected: water main will be upgraded, resulting in a brief (less than one day) service interruption for residents. No change to gas service.
 - e. Timeline: 6-8 months, aiming to start by this fall.
2. Nine residents representing seven out of the nineteen buildings on lower Jackson Road were in attendance, plus one resident from upper Jackson Road. Each resident of lower Jackson Road was provided a drawing depicting his/her property and the proposed scope of work to be performed in the right-of-way.
3. K. Oberjohn indicated that, unfortunately, the trees in the planting strip between the existing sidewalk and street will be lost during the construction project.
 - a. Mayor Mattone indicated that the city will provide residents with a free sapling for every tree that is lost due to the construction. Pat Flannery of upper Jackson Road, member of the Tree Board, was present and confirmed.
 - b. Mr. Flannery, as well as a resident who formerly worked for a lawn maintenance company, suggested that trees located in the planting strip will struggle to thrive due to the constraints on their root systems, compared to trees planted in residents’ front yards.



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4. Some resident questions included:
- a. Q: Will ground-level utility boxes be relocated and/or made from tougher materials so they aren't damaged as frequently? A: This is up to the utility companies should they choose to participate in this construction project.
 - b. Q: Can the sidewalk be narrower than 4 feet? A: 4 feet is the narrowest sidewalk width allowed by the American Disability Act (ADA) and matches most of the other sidewalks throughout the city.
 - c. Q: Can I have my driveway rebuilt at the same time as the street project? A: Residents are welcome to negotiate with the contractors on their own for additional work they would like done on their private property. The contractor may choose to not take on additional work due to scheduling constraints, or to keep a clear distinction between public and private projects.
 - d. Q: Will the street gain or lose any street lights? A: No lights will be lost; still investigating options with Duke Energy for adding street lights.
 - e. Q: Will the underside of my car scrape a roll curb? A: The roll curb profile is a standard design and this should not happen if it is constructed correctly.
 - f. Q: Will a roll curb keep water off my driveway, which slopes downward toward the garage, as effectively as a box curb? A: A roll curb should be as effective as a box curb, and possibly better since there is no curb cut for the driveway.
 - g. Q: Why not wait a few months to start the project and get all the work done in one calendar year? A: Utility upgrades can be performed during the cold-weather months, but the asphalt paving can not. We want to give ourselves as much time as possible to finish the paving before the asphalt plants shut down for the winter in 2019.
 - h. Q: Which streets are good examples of what lower Jackson Road will look like after reconstruction? A: Aberdeen Road is the closest example, although it is only 20 feet wide rather than 22; and Altavia Avenue, although it has a planting strip, whereas Jackson Road will not.

If anything in these meeting notes does not coincide with your interpretation or recollection of the events, please contact the author at your earliest convenience.

Karl Oberjohn

cc: All Present
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