

Macalester-Groveland Community Council

Transportation Committee

March 22, 2021

Attendees: Hugo Bruggeman (chair), Spencer Ludtke, Jack Fei (Secretary), Cindy Radke, Patty Hartmann, Colin Voerding, Dave Pasiuk, Kensey Lipstreuer, Art Punyko, Gene Johnson, Brian Martinson, Colin Fesser, Alexa Golemo (staff).

1. **Introductions:** no new members.

2. **February 2021 minutes** passed.

3. **SPPD Presentation Traffic and Pedestrian Safety** (Sheila Lambie) – 3:40

- 4:00 Traffic and Safety Unit. Too many serious injury and fatal accidents. Vehicle not always at fault: pedestrians have run into traffic.
- 7:30 Despite speed limit change, many drive over 50 mph. Toward Zero Deaths has provided funds for a 'speed wave' including stops and driver education. Pedestrian must cross at crosswalks. Issues: distracted driving (listening to music while driving), DUI, and street racers.
- 15:10 St Paul Traffic Officers currently five, down from as many as 12 - 15.
- 18:10 Equity in Traffic Enforcement: police view. Data on traffic stops is available and monitored. Driver behavior, not race, determines stops. Most stops occur in areas of serious crime and calls.
- 22:45 Work together with Public Works on Engineering Safety.

Committee Questions

- 25:45 Art Punyko Reporting: Reports are available on Bias and Speed-related deaths.
- 29:05 Cindy Radke Education: Neighborhood Safety Education is an important mission.
- 32:00 Hugo Bruggeman Historical Data: Will check on status on data no longer available.
- 34:30 Jack Fei Citizen Involvement in Policing: Citizens can't use speed guns. Encourage citizens to be neighborhood eyes and ears and report incidents.

4. **Minnesota Best Practices for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety** (Hugo Bruggeman) - 39:45

- 41:00 Tried, Proven and Experimental Methods.
- 42:15 Table of Methods for Crossings
- 43:10 Overview Traffic Engineering Examples
- 49:00 Variations in street design between state, county, city may be different due to construction at different times.
- 51:45 Jack Fei: Possible application by evaluating certain cross-streets. Dave P. indicates MG compliance with best practices may be high due to changes for Metro Transit.
- 54:15 Discussion on Traffic Stop Data.

5. **Macalester College Crossing** (Hugo Bruggeman & Jack Fei) – 1:05:00

- Non standard special purpose crossing with unique pedestrian signage.
- The Grand Avenue speed limit is 25 MPH.
- Median divider with sidewalk extension picked by Macalester High Winds and installed 2010.
- City recommendation was a raised crosswalk (traffic calming), ADA compliance, cycle-friendly.
- Path forward requires partnership with High Winds and St Paul Streets.

7. CIB / CDBG Process Update (Jack Fei) 1:19:30

- St Paul is requesting public feedback on CIB Project priorities by April 2.
https://engagestpaul.org/capital-improvement-budget-2021/survey_tools/test
- CDBG Projects will be reviewed in April meetings.

8. St Paul Parking Minimum Study (Alexa Golemo) 1:22:45

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-economic-development/planning/current-activities/parking-study>

- webinars: April 15th @ 6:30, April 20th @ 12:00
- Transportation followed by HLU committee to make recommendations in April.
- Public Comment closes May 2.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 26th @ 6:30 pm.