

Penn Avenue Reconstruction Committee

Wednesday January 4, 2018 @ 11:00 a.m.

BGC's Community Activity Center, 113 N. Pacific Ave, 15224

Meeting notes

In attendance: Rick Swartz, Emily Gaspich, Ed McCabe, Gene Volpe, Terence Olesniewicz, Mary Anne McGill, Samuel Berner, Amber Epps, Nina Gibbs, Dan Yablonsky, Scott Bricker, Bethani Cameron, Karen Loysen.

Call to Order—Rick Swartz 11:03am

I. Welcome/Introductions

Rick kicked off introductions of new employees: Amber & Nina and said goodbye to Aggie.

II. Previous meeting minutes

a. Motion to approve November 2, 2017 meeting minutes

Amber moves to approve mins. Karen Loysen seconds. Unanimous approval.

III. Construction Update (Emily Gaspich)

a. Planting updates

b. License and Maintenance Agreement

Rick- Went over this in detail last meeting. Skip straight to item 4- Phase 2 Reconstruction

IV. Penn Avenue Reconstruction Phase 2 (Emily Gaspich)

a. Design Consultant Legal Agreement

Emily explained proposal process. Took several months to approve scope of work and PennDot requested TransAssociates to lessen hours which they did and it is now being circulated for signatures. It will be 2-3 months before TransAssociates will be under contract. Once signed surveys of the physical corridor by contractors Transasociates has hired will begin.

b. Schedule

Emily & TransAssociates: Contract will be approved in 2-3 months. Mid-April physical and vault surveys will start with hopes to be completed by mid-August. Summer will be double checks and reports to the city. 2018 will be dedicated to preliminary design. By the end of the year, preliminary engineering will be completed with a 10% sketch completed for the community to fill in during meetings in late fall of 2017. 2019 will be design, which will require another approval from City and PennDot of the design consultant. 2020 Groundbreaking.

V. Other Issues / Engineering & Preliminary Design Phases

Rick asked about utilities.

TransAssociates: Known and unknown utilities will be surveyed based off a utility map. Utility companies are supposed to paint their items. All surveys will surface with ground penetrating radar. Not walking the underground vaults.

Karen Loysen: Will railroad ties be picked up?

Trans: Should pick up where that is. All will be removed as well as the contaminated soil.

Rick: Physical survey by mid-April. Whose job is it to give property owners info?

Trans: We are using courthouse documents to find owner info.

Emily: If BGC has, updated contacts that can be provided that would be helpful.

Rick: Important issues are bus detours, material storage, and block-by-block schedule.

Emily: That happens in final design.

Rick: Can Port Authority transit come to one of these meetings?

Emily: Yes, we have been working with them and will contact.

Karen Loysen: PWSA Laterals and coordinating that process during Phase I was bad.

Emily: Not exactly in our scope of work. Asked to clarify if we are talking about identifying and letting owners know about lead lines and replacement?

Emily: Owner is responsible for lateral from main all the way to the building.

However, will confirm with PWSA. Water laterals are same.

Rick: Is identifying these lateral lines included in the transassociates scope? Will you be able to check for leaks?

Emily: No our goal is surface. It is the utility jobs and responsibility. PWSA was voluntarily involved in Phase I and checked for leaks.

Rick: We are concerned about the laterals and how to lessen the impact on the businesses. Customer traffic and how the barricades are installed to allow pedestrian and car access.

Rick: We will work on finding financing from organizations who will give out loans to replace lateral lines when the time comes. Can we set up a date for next meeting?

VI. New Business

None

Tentative date for next meeting: April 5, 2018
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