

Whittier Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16th, 2023, 6:30-8:00pm

Hybrid Format: WhittierAlliance (10 E 25th St) +
Zoom Digital Meeting

Attendees: Olivia Clark , Jeff, Ben Johnson, nathaniel clark , Jacob Malho

Presenters: Joshua Solis Centerpoint, Abdullahi Abukar city staff 1st ave and Tracy Lindgren

Staff: Meggie Garcia, George Rishmawi

Welcome/Introductions

-The meeting is called to order at 6:30pm.

Attendees completed a round of introductions.

The meeting chair presented the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda is seconded and passes unanimously.

The meeting chair recognized Standard of Conduct; Non-discrimination and Anti-racism; and Conflicts of Interest Policies.

Motion to approve today's agenda

March minutes motioned to approve

[2024 Traffic Calming update YT video](#) & [City page](#) & [Online Survey](#)

CenterPoint Energy Gas Infrastructure gas pipeline improvements -

- Replacing infrastructure and focusing system resiliency
- Work starting april 29th through summer
 - 22nd street west - Blaisdell to 4th ave s
 - Steven ave s - 22nd -24th
 - 2nd ave s- franklin ave E to 22nd street e
- Construction activities
 - Utilities marked/flagged
 - Pipeline replacement
 - Meter replacement- work with client to move indoor meter to outside and downsize the equipment some requirement on where it can be placed
 - Takes 2-3 hours to move and survive will be temporarily cut off
 - Takes a week per block to do these services
 - Will leave a door tag incase person is not available and for their convenience
 - Restoration
 - Get things back to what they were, sidewalks, grass that was disturbed
 - Hot summer days will hold on these restorations as to not affect the materials
 - Takes a week per block to do these services
 - Service line replacement as needed
- Does the meter relocation to outside have to align when the nearest street is being done? If not, what is the timeline on relocations?
 - If you see workers it means that construction will start in a few weeks as it takes time to inform each homeowner/resident in the area
- Visit: [Centerpointenergy.com/construction](https://centerpointenergy.com/construction) to keep up to date on construction thats coming up

- Their map is broken down by neighborhoods so its easier for people to ind what work is being done in their area
- Q: PPlace holders/construction signs in the way restricting parking, does it have to be placed out weeks in advance?
 - Yes, there is a timeline to notify as many residents as possible
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1st Ave reconstruction update - [Youtube video](#)

- Project limits -Lake street to Franklin and bridge over Midtown greenway
- Project Improvements
 - Reconstructing street - sidewalk to sidewalk
 - 2 way sidewalk lvl bikeway on west side
 - parking/loading bays where possible
 - 1st ave bridge replacement over greenway
 - Replacing sanitary sewer
 - Adding street lighting
 - ADA and traffic signal upgrades
 - Greenway stormwater infrastructure
- Timeline
 - 2022 concept development
 - 2023 engineering
 - 2024-2025 construction ← Here now
 - Phases of construction
 - Lake to 27th of sanitary sewer, bridge, then road
 - 27th → North utility work being replaced up until next spring. Road will be constructed next year
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 - 2026 Restoration
- Expectation of project:
 - How will people get access to their home? There will be heavy machinery but will try to leave part of the road open for people to use to get into their homes as long as possible.
- Bridge: First thing the bridge will be taken down, expect to see big machinery. The bridge work to be done by the end of the year and finishing touches to be done in the spring. There may be a section of the bridge to not get done till spring.
- Detours
 - Project Detours: Mainly redirecting traffic down to Lyndale, may take up to 2 weeks through out the project
 - 28th, 26th, 24th St E
 - Midtown Greenway
 - Driveway Access
 - Utility work - typically a few days
 - Driveway replacement - about 2 weeks
 - Asphalt Paving - day of work, and few days in a row when placing a layer of asphalt everyday

Q: detours looking at other detours and not down lyndale? Already heavy traffic at lyndale

- People who live in the area know and find alt routes that work for them
- Have to find routes that work for the general population, can't direct them

- Looked at parks and portland - cant direct traffic through residential roads.

Q: Wheelchair bound resident - are the sidewalks being ripped up too?

- Yes, I will get in touch with mobility residents and make sure they can still access their homes and others.
- The new sidewalks will be wider and ada compliant

When will this start?

- May - lake and 27th

Construction on Bryant - what will be done to avoid issues with emergency vehicles?

- Yes

Talk to replacing the greenway ramp and making this ramp and is this part of it still getting replaced?

- yes , the nicollet project will replace to offer better connectivity bc we don't have a great bike connection
- All new ramps will be constructed with the nicollet project in 2025

Comments: 22nd lots of construction ada happening

Some surfaces being resurfaced this year

Announcements:

- [Smoke Testing - City of Minneapolis](#) (minneapolismn.gov)
 - City is doing some maintenance on the pipes and trying to identify any leaks, or other issues by using smoke. Do not be alarmed if you see smoke coming from the storm water drains.
- Annual Meeting/Earth Day Clean up - Flyer in folder/shared
 - Please join us at our Annual Meeting and Earth Day clean up, April 20th! We will be having an interactive art piece and learn in depth about the work WA does.
- [2024 Traffic Calming Update](#)
 - This link directs you to an interactive map and all information of all the construction that is happening in the city of Mpls.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm.

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2024

Minutes submitted by Meggie.