

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 7pm

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Meeting Minutes
North Star Community Council
April 10th, 2024

Present:

Officers and Members	Other Folks:	Members Present:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Johnson, President and<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eiden Pospisil, Vice President<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Powell, Secretary<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Miller, Member at Large	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evan Anderson from Rep Fields' Office<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kayla E from Sen Tobin's Office<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fireweed Project Team<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff from MOA, DOT&PF, DOWL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark B<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben M<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donovan C<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon S<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacquie B<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graham D<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keelan K

Introductions

- Round of Introductions
- Approval of Agenda

Reports

- Legislative Update
 - Updates from the end of session:
 - Pump track project submitted to Anchorage Parks Foundation
 - +\$480/student in READS act funding
 - \$10 million in funding for state seafood marketing org
 - Budget amendments for items including increased funding for DOT snow removal in central region
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New Business:

1. AMATS: Fireweed Lane Rehabilitation Project Update

- a. Introduction of project plan and open comments/Q&A from membership
- b. More info: fireweedlane.com
- c. Federally funded AMATS project run by DOT, will be owned by MOA
 - i. Federally funded, associated rules such as NEPA act, certain things that must be considered. Right of way impact, etc.
 - ii. MOA project requires “context sensitive solution process”, public notices
 - iii. Part of project is transfer of partial ownership from state to full ownership of Muni at end of project. City codes and standards apply and the city has a lot of input in the design process.
- d. Three main “families” of design under consideration:
 - i. 4 Lanes
 - 1. Required federally to evaluate a “no build” option, do nothing
 - 2. Also required to evaluate a “rehab” with same design, new pavement, signs, etc.
 - ii. 3 Lanes
 - 1. Similar to north section of Spenard- center turn lane.
 - 2. MOA design standards, AMATS has published specific desired configurations in [non motorized plan](#)
 - iii. 2 Lanes
 - 1. Some have concerns about business access with left turns, but is being studied
 - 2. [Spenard Corridor Plan](#) has 5 cross sections with example two lane configurations, looking at what it would mean to apply those to Fireweed.
 - iv. Likely that final result could be a combination of these profiles along corridor of street, change from one to the other
- e. Schedule
 - i. Fastest timeline is 2028 finalized designs, likely 2029 or 2030
 - ii. Federally funded, ran by DOT, owned by Muni = very long list of things that need to be done as part of process
 - iii. No plans to make any major changes to Fireweed in meantime
 - iv. Acquiring property and negotiating with owners is a 2 year process
- f. Q&A
 - i. Lessons learned from Spenard Project?
 - 1. Expected outcomes happened, same traffic volumes, but lower speeds. 4-6mph decrease in that section.
 - 2. Fireweed may have more right of way to design with vs. Spenard
 - ii. Are you considering other aspects of neighborhood change in process?
 - 1. As a federally funded project, uniform relocation and right of way acts apply. puts hard restrictions on what the project can do off corridor within its legal scope.
 - iii. Studies of conflicts between drivers and ped/bike traffic?
 - 1. Project is doing safety study, data for ped/car strikes, pulling data, major source is from APD, as good as the officer entered the data,

most data gets coded to intersections. seeing them at intersections. can't disaggregate the data, really.

2. In many instances on a coordinator where ped facilities are bad, lack of data does not draw to conclusion.
3. Not pulling specific data from other cities in that sense, but going to the federal publications on road diets, in general, they've studied them for 20-30 years, the success of different amenities.
- iv. Speed for new road?
 1. Complicated- design team isn't dictating a speed, it's a policy decision rooted in a speed study. they're studying the existing speed so they can accurately compare pre/post. speed will have to come after the selection of design alternatives.
2. Board Election Nominations
 - a. Elections for the North Star Community Council Board will occur during the May 8th, 2024 General Membership meeting. Nominations for the election will occur during the April 10, 2024 meeting.
 - b. The officers of the Council shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Members-at-Large, and the FCC Delegate
 - c. Officers shall serve for one year terms, from June 1 to May 31
 - d. Officers may serve only four consecutive terms in the same office
 - e. In order to be eligible to vote, a member must have attended and filled out the sign - in register at a previous meeting in the 12 months prior to the month in which the vote occurs.
 - f. Nominations:
 - i. President: Eiden Pospisil
 - ii. Vice-President: Jacob Powell
 - iii. Secretary: Donovan Camp
 - iv. Treasurer: Jacquie Braden
 - v. FCC Delegate: Penny Gage
 - vi. At large 1 and 2: Keelan Kenny, Graham Downey

Old Business

1. n/a

Updates:

1. Second Saturday Market!
 2. NSCC Committees: No updates
 - a. Fireweed Lane Redevelopment
 - b. Noise in Northstar
 - c. Constitution and Parliamentary Affairs
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