

Penn Avenue S Reconstruction
3rd Public Meeting Notes
July 26, 2012

Armatage Recreation Center Multipurpose Room

Attendees: 23 signed in, included owners or residential and non-residential properties, a few business proprietors and Jen Borger from Nicollet East Harriet Business Association

City Staff: Jeff Handeland and Bill Prince

- Jeff Handeland started the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
- Purpose of meeting
- Brief summary of planned street reconstruction project
 - History
 - Reason for street reconstruction
- Reason for street lighting process at this time
 - Minneapolis Street Lighting Policy
 - Coordination with street reconstruction
- Lighting
 - At signalized intersections
 - Intersection with traffic signals today will also have signals after project
 - New signals will include luminaire regardless of lighting petition result
 - Existing wood pole lighting
 - Proposed City lighting
 - Heights
 - Styles
 - Advantages
 - 100% assessable
- Coordination
 - Cost effective
 - Less disruption
- Policy
 - >70% Opt-out
 - Estimate on petition cannot be exceeded
- Assessments
 - Additional to street reconstruction assessment
 - Assessment notice and Public Hearing for any and all assessments in 2013
 - Influence area method
 - Area x Rate = Assessment
 - 20-year payment period
- Proposed Lighting System
 - All 15' poles north of 60th
 - 15' soldiered with 30' south of 60th
 - Lantern or Acorn style option for 15' pole tops
 - Lantern style on Lyndale Ave

- Discussion Included
 - Questions and answers about assessment calculation
 - Request that we add sample assessment calculation to project website
 - Question regarding if light will glare into residences and answer that full cut off fixtures will direct light downward
 - Question about bus detour during construction and answer that the official detour route is likely to be Xerxes but Metro Transit might find a different route for busses.
 - Significant concern and upset at the 70% opt-out threshold
 - At least a few upset about the petition response period (two-week City practice)
 - Jeff Handeland responded that he will not change the policy nor the deadline and that he will record and date any petition responses he receives after the deadline as a separate subtotal
 - Bill Prince responded to lighting policy concerns by explaining that the lighting policy was approved by City Council following about three years of public input meetings
 - A few concerned that no council member is attending meeting
 - Question about taxation without representation and answer that any and all assessments will not be adopted until public hearing at City Council Transportation and Public Works Committee meeting in 2013.
 - Question regarding if the City checks the benefit test before calculating assessments
 - Question about the weight of each petition vote and answer that each vote holds a weight proportional to the size of assessment which it represents
 - Jeff Handeland asked if anyone had any preference between lantern or acorn style in case the lighting project proceeds. Jeff listened and then stated he heard a couple of people say acorn and a couple of people say lantern and that most people did not seem to have a preference.
- Jeff Handeland thanked everyone for their time and invited them to call or email him with any more questions about lighting or about the street reconstruction.
- Jeff provided a drop box for petitions and opportunity to return petitions at the meeting.