

SAPCC Transportation Committee
August 30, 2022

Present: Nick Studenski, Karen Nelson, Ray Bryan, Pat Thompson, Betty Wheeler, Scott Jensen, Kim Frair

Membership

Joe Kendrik is resigning from the committee because he will be moving to Germany in September. Nick Studenski will be leaving by the end of the year (moving to NYC, but since he will be working remotely for a few months he will remain on the committee through December).

Minutes

The minutes of July 2022 were approved unanimously (motion: Frair / Jensen).

Fence between Westgate Park and Sunrise parking lot / connection to Curfew

Sunrise Banks has put up a new fence along the west side of its headquarters property, which is east of the new Westgate Park. Currently there is a gate in the fence at the northwest corner of their parking lot, but nearby residents are concerned that they may lock it. Many people, including the bank's own employees, use this to access the park.

This relates to Parks and Rec and the future trail connection from Wabash. Someone from SAPCC should talk to Anton Jerve from PED because the city originally wanted to recreate the street grid with Myrtle connecting to Curfew, so having at least an ADA-accessible pedestrian / bike connection there is the minimum. Transportation Committee requests that Land Use Committee discuss this and take it to whatever part of the city is needed, and/or discuss with Sunrise Banks.

Territorial Road connection at Berry / Hubbard

Reminding Land Use to ask Bob Straughn about the Territorial / Berry closure at Hubbard's vacated Territorial Road area. Thompson will send what she has from the *Bugle* and from Anton in PED and Reuben in Public Works about history/when the street was vacated.

Territorial Road mill and overlay

We reviewed Jensen's draft letter to St. Paul Public Works about a mill and overlay. Once revised, it will be forwarded to Kathryn Murray to send, since it is already approved by the board.

Ice Cream Social preparation

The remainder of the meeting was spent planning for our table at the Ice Cream Social. Hands-on demonstration of the effect of varying amounts of speed — using toy cars, ramps, and crates. Studenski will make an additional toy car; several people will stop by Ax Man, Goodwill or the Dollar Store to look for little figures that can be used in the demonstration. We will also have committee recruitment info and Metro Transit info. Thompson will look into whether she can get some pedestrian pins from Our Streets Minneapolis.

Next meeting: September 27, back on Zoom.