

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010
6:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, May 10, 2010. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Jay Andolshek, Steve Roe, Rusty Taubert, John Moengen and Dean Swanson. Also present were City Administrator Tom Swenson, Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Max, Community Development Director Ken Anderson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Police Chief Bob Hartman, Park and Recreation Director Jon Henke, General Manager Paul Hoge and City Engineer Dave Reese. There were approximately twenty people in the audience.

Mayor Andolshek called the Public Informational Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Proposed Manhattan Point Boulevard Trail Project. Mayor Andolshek then turned the meeting over to City Engineer Dave Reese.

Mr. Reese began the presentation by discussing the City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan which includes Manhattan Point Boulevard. Currently Manhattan Point Blvd is scheduled for improvements in 2013 which includes reconstructing the road and also a separated 8 foot paved trail. Part of the reason for moving up the trail portion of the improvement is due to private funding for the trail which was received by the City. Mr. Reese then moved on to describe the proposed trail construction plans. The trail will be eight feet in width, which is the City minimum standard for trails. Wherever possible it is ideal to have the trail separated from the road, but if that is not possible there will be a curb and gutter section constructed to give some separation between the trail and roadway. Mr. Reese also noted there were many factors that were considered when designing the trail, one of them being utilities. Manhattan Point Blvd has both underground and overhead utilities that affect the design and layout of the trail. The objective is to minimize utility impacts and keep the trail within the existing right of way. Lastly, Mr. Reese reviewed the estimated construction cost of the trail. With all of the foreseeable elements accounted for, the estimated construction cost is approximately \$200,000 which includes a 10% contingency. The meeting was then turned over to the Council for any questions and then opened to the public for comments.

Mary Williams, 11230 Manhattan Point Blvd, was present and stated that she lives by Camp Knutson and agrees there is a safety concern that should be addressed. Ms. Williams asked if it was possible to look into using an alternative surface other than asphalt since it is impervious and carries a heavier environmental impact.

Jay Smedberg, 12155 Manhattan Point Blvd, was present and stated his concern for having a dual-purpose trail that both bikers and walkers would have to use together. Mr. Smedberg's concern was that the trail would not have an up-north feel and perhaps a five foot wide trail for walkers would be a better alternative. City Engineer Dave Reese

commented that DNR standards for trails have been at least 10 feet wide for the past 10 years and they are continually increasing. The trail width is also in line with the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

Mary Miller, 12482 Whitefish Avenue, was present and stated that she is very supportive of the trail project. She has many concerns when her children ride their bikes on the road and to be able to ride on a trail would allow much more comfort as a parent.

Tom Fiella, 11526 Manhattan Point Blvd, was present and stated with all the traffic on his street there is a big safety issue with having pedestrians using the road along with the vehicles.

Harold Haws, 12143 Manhattan Point Blvd, was present and stated that in his experience, if everyone is cautious there should be no problems with having walkers and bikers on the same trail.

Jim Talbot, 12604 Manhattan Point Blvd, was present and stated that he drove down West Shore Road where a similar trail was built a few years ago. Mr. Talbot thought the trail looked very nice and could see the benefit for the neighborhood. However, Mr. Talbot was wondering how the City would be able to keep the snowmobiles off of the trail in order to not damage it. City Administrator Swenson noted it would be awfully difficult to police snowmobiles; however, most of the snow on Manhattan Point Blvd lasts longer on the South side which should provide some buffer between the snowmobiles and the trail and the trail will be signed "No Motorized Vehicles."

Tom Fiella addressed the Council a second time to ask if there were any other guy wire solutions other than the second pole the City Engineer was proposing. Doug Herren from Crow Wing Power addressed the Council regarding this issue and noted they will minimize the double poles wherever possible but at this time there was no plan to bury the wire on Manhattan Point Blvd.

Rob Larson, 11183 Whitefish Avenue, was present and stated as Director for Camp Knutson he is very thankful for all the support that has been received for the trail. Currently their groups do not even leave the Camp property since it is dangerous to walk on the roads, and the trail would be beneficial to use as part of their program.

Dennis Taylor, 12812 Manhattan Point Blvd, was present and asked what the future plans are to finish the trail to County Road 66. Mr. Reese noted that the remainder of the trail is currently scheduled for 2013 when the road improvements would take place.

Doug Steele, 11486 Manhattan Point Blvd, was present and stated his concern with the easements that if you own property where a guy wire has to be relocated then instead of a five foot easement you have a twenty foot easement. The City should try to put more pressure on Crow Wing Power to find an alternative solution. Mr. Steele also noted his concern regarding completing the trail in two phases, and that the City should consider completing the project all together.

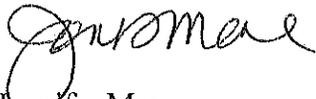
Dean Olson, 11589 Manhattan Point Blvd, was present and inquired if the road will be leveled out on the five year plan. Mr. Reese noted the road will be adjusted to provide better visibility and improve the safety of the road. However, because of the topography the road will not meet 30 MPH standards.

Gerry Boe, 12053 Pinedale Street, was present and commented that the electrical issues with the guy wires and power lines should be considered as they are very important to the residents.

Councilmember Roe state that it is important to take these comments into consideration because changes such as this trail can have a big environmental impact. Councilmember Swanson noted the trail is a good thing for the neighborhood and that it should stay at eight feet in width. Mr. Swanson also noted further consideration should be given to the utility piece and that it would be wise to get a cost for burying the electrical to see what the City's options are.

There being no further input from the Public or Council comments, MOTION 05S1-01-10 WAS MADE BY RUSTY TAUBERT AND SECONDED BY JOHN MOENGEN TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 7:05 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,



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City Clerk/Treasurer

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