MEETING NOTES

Board of Local Improvements
Tuesday April 09, 2019
2:00 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge, Room #2404

Members Present:      David D. Stoneback, Lara Biggs, Hitesh Desai, Edgar Cano,
                      Robert Bauer, Devon Reid

Members Absent:

Staff Present:      Alexandra Ruggie, Christopher Venatta, Paulina Albazi

Presiding Member:  David D. Stoneback

I.        Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum
D. Stoneback called the meeting to order.

II.        Approval of Meeting Minutes:

a.  Regular Meeting – March 12, 2019
L. Biggs motioned to approve minutes from March 12, 2019
H. Desai seconded the motion. All in favor.

b.  Public Hearing – March 21, 2019
L. Biggs made a motion to approve minutes from March 21, 2019 Public Hearing
D. Reid seconded the motion with an amendment to the board’s final vote. All in favor.

III.        Public Comment
No public present.

IV.        Alley Projects Update
C. Venatta provided the board an update on the alley projects. The waste transfer station alleys are currently in design phase. By the next Board meeting these alleys will be advertised for bid.
H. Desai asks for confirmation that these alleys will be funded through the waste transfer funds.

V.        Alley Project Budget Summary
C. Venatta provides the board with an update on the alley project budget. Final walk through has not yet been completed. Final cost will be brought to the board in May.
VI. New Business
   a. Revised Special Assessment Ordinance Review
      D. Stoneback provided the board with a draft revision to ordinance 7-158-7 Alley Paving Improvement. The current petition gives properties owners an option between a concrete alley and a green alley. The revised petition will allow the City to determine if the location is an appropriate location for a green alley. The sewer fund will cover the additional cost to construct a green alley.
      Board members and staff provided their feedback.
      Clerk Reid made a motion to move forward with taking this for approval by City Council. L. Biggs seconds the motion. All in favor.

VII. Old Business
   a. Custer Street Alley Vacation
      The Evanston Lumberyard is looking to obtain an easement from Maple Avenue to Custer Street going through the lumberyard for the propose of installing a water main to connect to Custer St.
      Surveys have been completed. This is now with legal to draft a resolution to receive the easement and an ordinance to vacate the property. This will allow the City to construct the water main which will help greatly improve the water main situation on Cuter Street. This will be moving forward.
      Evanston/Custer LLC. Granted an easement to the City, now the City has a 20 foot alley surrounding the property. This will make it easier for emergency vehicles to get to the new townhome development that is being constructed in this area.
   b. Alley Petitions for Distribution
      D. Stoneback proposes to hold off on this item until the proposed ordinance is presented to council.
      C. Venatta discussed with the board the method for calculating the assessment for the petition at north of McCormick, east of Dodge, a City owned property is along this alley.
      L. Biggs made a motion to use liner footage and unit method.
      D. Reid seconds the motion. All in favor.

VIII. Roundtable Discussion
      Clerk Reid opened a conversation regarding the alley petition method. After reviewing council meeting minutes from the early 1900s and is asking if the Board is required to use the petition method or can the City determine if an alley needs to be improved and move forward with a special assessment.
D. Stoneback states that in the early 1900s this was done to aide streets that needed improvement. The streets were in need of improvement and the City moved forwarded with placing a special assessment on the neighboring properties. The resident is now the one who circulates the petition.

A resident reached out to Clerk Reid about the condition of their alley. C. Venatta confirms that 833 Dodge Ave is on the list to receive a petition.

IX. **Adjournment**

D. Reid makes a motion to adjourn.

L. Biggs seconds the motion. All in favor

**NEXT MEETING – May 14, 2019**