

Falcon Heights City Council Workshop

**City Hall
2077 W Larpenteur Ave.
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES
Wednesday, February 3, 2016**

1) Proposed MnDot Sidewalk on Snelling Ave - Curtiss Field

The City received a sidewalk proposal from MnDot to complete a connection on the east side of Snelling from Hoyt Ave to Larpenteur Ave. City staff was not in agreement with the initial MnDot proposal because of the existing sidewalk around the pond in Curtiss Field because MnDot would request that the City maintains the sidewalk for snow removal and also the proposed three feet boulevard. It would not make sense or be an efficient use of staff time to maintain sidewalks that were parallel to each other.

MnDot did not agree to our proposal to connect current sidewalks. The new proposal is to meet halfway between Curtiss and Snelling to avoid a 3 foot boulevard. We would propose a 10-15 ft. boulevard to avoid snow removal issues and pedestrian safety issues. The newly planted trees would be relocated closer to Curtiss pond.

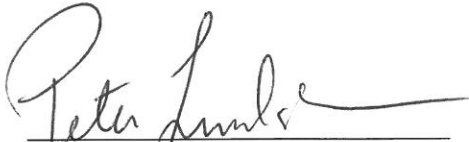
2) National League of Cities-Service Line Warranty Program

City Administrator Sack Thongvanh discussed the Service Line Warranty Program that is endorsed by the National League of Cities. The program is administered by Utility Service Partners, Inc. and is an affordable home protection solution that helps with high cost of repairing broken or leaking water or sewer lines.

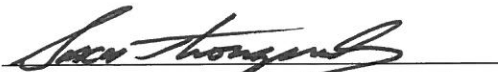
This is an insurance program for residents who have not set aside money to pay for an unexpected, expensive utility line repair. There is a monthly fee with no deductibles or service fees. The repair is performed professionally and quickly.

There is no cost to the City to participate in the program, but the company would have the right to use the City's logo for promotional materials for the program. Promotional materials for the program would go out three times a year for spring, fall and winter. The City could receive royalties of \$.50/month for each subscriber, but has agreed to pass along the savings to reduce the subscriber's month cost.

There are a handful of cities in Minnesota that are utilizing this service. Cities that are utilizing this service have found it to be a good resource. Columbia Heights has about 2,000 residents utilizing this service, and St. Louis Park has about 1,000 residents utilizing the service. This service would repair the sewer line when issues arise but not replace the entire line.


Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2016


Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator