



## Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Edward Street

PROJECT NO.: MOA PM&E 00-26

GROUP: Ptarmigan Elementary School Parents and Staff  
Back-To-School BBQ

DATE: August 20, 2007

TIME: 4-6:30 pm

LOCATION: Ptarmigan Elementary School

MEETING OUTREACH: Postcard mailer to residents/property owners on or near the project corridor (2340); Announcement at Northeast Community Council Meeting; School's usual and customary outreach for BBQ

MEETING ATTENDANCE: Approximately 250 parents and students; spoke to 43 attendees

MEETING MATERIALS: 1) Handouts: postcard stapled to landscaping graphic  
2) Graphics –Land Design North plans and cross-sections showing landscaping

STAFF PRESENT: Brooks & Associates: Kathy Burgess, Betty Caudle

MEETING INFORMATION:

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The project team asked the Ptarmigan Elementary school principal if they could have a table at the back-to-school BBQ to present information about the Edward Street Upgrade Project to the parents, students, teachers and staff of Ptarmigan Elementary School. Kathy Burgess and Betty Caudle from Brooks and Associates staffed the table.

Approximately 300 parents, students, teachers and staff were present at the BBQ. After the principal welcomed everyone to the BBQ, Ms. Hubbard announced that the City would be working on Edward Street and encouraged folks to take time to come to our table and talk to us.

Kathy and Betty were able to have one-on-one conversations with approximately 43 individuals throughout the event. They had a large graphic of the layout of the roadway with the landscaping improvements to show folks and gave a copy of the graphic to the public for them to take with them. They asked folks for feedback about the project and also provided them with a comment sheet to take home and submit later if they had more to add. In addition, the project web site was given to them and they were directed to view the web site for project updates or to submit comments. A traffic safety workbook and pencil was given to children.

Everyone they spoke to about the project was in support of the improvements. They were glad to see it happening. Most questions were about when it was going to happen. When they were told 2009-2010 due to availability of funds, most were disappointed that it would take so long.

A lot of people have concern about the pedestrian access and stated that they often see children walking down the middle of the road in the wintertime because of the snow berms along the edges of the road. They are worried about the cars not being able to avoid the pedestrians.

Quite a few of the public thought the plan called for a pedestrian overpass at 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but the team explained that it was a raised crosswalk, which is like a hump across the road with a crosswalk on it.

One person commented about parking in front of the school. He stated that it's hard to find a place to park and wait for your child to get out of school. He has to get here by 3:00 to find a spot and then wait until school lets out at 3:30.

State Representative Max Gruenberg attended the BBQ as well. He approached the team towards the end of the event to discuss the project and asked how it was going. He asked that the project team meet with the school principal and staff to provide a project update. He would like to attend the meeting, or if he cannot, he will have one of his staff attend. He would also like the project team to invite the local Assembly members to the meeting. He intends to get involved with the funding for the project, to get the Assemblymembers involved in the discussion to help move this project to construction as soon as possible.

Ms Hubbard, the principal, asked whether the school's sign could be moved as part of the project when the retaining walls and fencing are constructed. We suggested that she discuss it with project engineering or landscaping team members. She also asked if the project team can come back to the school to meet with her staff and provide an update. We told her that we would pass the request along to the project manager.

Ms Hubbard also expressed the difficulty she and staff members have turning onto Debarr Street from Edwards. She was hopeful that a traffic signal could be installed to protect such turns, especially as the project's changes to the intersection will prevent the maneuver many people use: going into the strip mall from Edwards in order to use the traffic light there.

Grace Wilson, PTA Secretary-Treasurer, asked if the project will affect their school sign? The sign was installed in the summer of 2006. It can be a lighted sign, but they have to coordinate with the school district about connecting it to electricity.

Robin McAllistar, FSSC (Family School Services Coordinator), at Ptarmigan Elementary School wanted to give the project team her contact information as an additional contact at the school. Phone: 742-0412, Email: [mcallistar\\_robin@asdk12.org](mailto:mcallistar_robin@asdk12.org).

Related documents on file:

- Handout
- Meeting graphics
- Mailing List
- Postcard Mailer