

September 18, 2014

**Minutes of Community Meeting for the design of 177<sup>th</sup> Street between Hawthorne Blvd. and Prairie Ave.**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Elizabeth Overstreet, P.E. at the North Torrance Branch Library at 3604 Artesia Blvd. Torrance Ca 90504. There were approximately 25 people in attendance.
2. **Introduction-** Residents were introduced to Beth Overstreet, Judy Emerson, Joe Enzmann, and Lea Reis.
3. **Summary-** Beth pointed out the poster showing the project limits and the problems encountered in the project vicinity. Trees have become damaging to the street, curb and gutter, and sidewalk. Sewer point repairs will need to be made. She mentioned that another meeting will be held prior to construction to inform residents of what to expect.

**4. Questions and answers-**

Why are we slurring now?

Since construction is not scheduled until 2016, the slurry will help preserve the pavement until then.

Has the City decided what to do about calming traffic?

We are in preliminary design stages, and have not looked at any calming measures yet. Yellow speed signs are against code and will not be considered.

How far will the sewer lines be sleeved? How will it affect our private laterals?

Private laterals are the responsibility of the homeowner. Our mainline will be sleeved, taking into consideration each home lateral connection.

Can any of the trees be saved? Will residents be informed if his/her tree is to be removed?

We have not started design yet, so we have not determined which trees can be saved. And yes, the City will always notify residents before a tree is removed along their frontage.

Can we widen driveways?

Yes, if a permit is pulled and coordinated with the contractor at the time of construction.

What size tree will we be getting if you remove the trees?

Typically, we replant with 15 gallon trees. We have found in the past when we specify larger trees, they are root bound and do not grow.

When will project begin construction?

Possibly in January 2016.

What is incorporated in the parkway restoration?

Existing concrete pavers and/or bricks will be placed back in the parkway if they still fit. What no longer fits will be returned to the property owner and the remaining area will be backfilled. For pavers and/or bricks concreted in, that is not allowed per City Ordinance and will be removed and replaced with backfill and seeded. For all other areas, we typically seed the parkway, and water it for approximately 90 days. After that, the resident(s) would maintain it.

Orchid tree is not lifting at 4034 177<sup>th</sup> street. Will that tree stay?

If in fact there is no uplift, and there are no concrete improvements needed at that location, it's possible the tree would not need to be removed. However, we need to evaluate each location before we can make that determination.

Will construction impact our private drains?

Parkway drains will be fully restored during construction

Will aprons be replaced in concrete?

Yes

How long will it take for trees to grow?

Depends on the species. Species recommended for a 3' parkway will not grow as large as the trees there now.

Can we do anything to save the trees? Narrow the street, etc.

We will look into options, but would like residents to understand that any measures to widen the existing parkway, will have an impact on the functionality of the street (i.e. loss of on-street parking, going from two-way to one-way traffic, etc.)

Would like to address the water ponding, which residents feel is not because of tree roots.

Water drainage will be addressed during the design.