

From City Manager Ghida Neukirch ~

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you to those individuals who attended the Edgewood Middle School Advisory Group meeting on September 27, 2017. Below are notes from the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact School District #112 representative Matt Erikson at [merikson@nssd112.org](mailto:merikson@nssd112.org) or City Manager Ghida Neukirch at [gneukirch@cityhpil.com](mailto:gneukirch@cityhpil.com).

### **EDGEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY GROUP**

September 27, 2017

7:00 PM – Edgewood Middle School Library

#### **ATTENDEES:**

- Councilman Alyssa Knobel
- City Manager Ghida Neukirch
- Interim Police Chief Mark Fleischhauer
- Police Sgt. Chris O'Neill
- SD112 Board President Eric Ephraim
- Edgewood Middle School Principal Matt Erikson
- 8 residents

#### **PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS AND QUESTIONS/ANSWERS**

- Dr. Erikson presented a PowerPoint to attendees.
  
- Construction began on June 13, 2017. School began on Wednesday, August 23, 2017.
  
- A total of 66 to 75 pines were on the original landscape plan. The District planted an additional 88 trees and 2 bushes on site. Bob O Link Golf Course will be planning greenery along the southwest corner of District property of the ring road.
  
- Additional work to be conducted includes removal of dead trees and branches along the road; trash/garbage pickup; adding mulch for ground coverage; and the contractor will continue to maintain and address the field work.
  
- The Chaucer Road gate and emergency access road was installed and maintenance is on-going.
  - It was suggested that the District consider painting the black brackets so they don't stand out.
  - It was suggested that additional landscaping be planted by the emergency access gate mechanical equipment.
  
- Inquiry about No Parking sign by the gate.
  - In the event there is an emergency, there isn't sufficient room to access the drive if a car is parked on site. It was suggested by a resident to paint the curb with a no parking regulation, versus installation of a sign.

- It was stated that the two “Do not enter” signs are tall and a request was made to lower the signs. This will be explored with follow-up provided.
- Inquiry about snow plow operations. The District will maintain the emergency access drive; the City will continue to plow Chaucer. The City will explore if trucks can maneuver the site without the use of their back up safety sensors (drive forward through the emergency drive).
- Request to consider keeping the gate marked “4” on the traffic plan to be open at all times. The District will review and follow-up on this inquiry.
- A concern was expressed with the location and impact of the garbage dumpsters. Concern that garbage smells and wind-blown refuse travels northbound to the residential area. This matter will be reviewed with the District’s Buildings & Grounds personnel.
- How many more cars and buses do you anticipate with the school reconfiguration?
  - Currently 45-70 cars access the site. It is anticipated an additional 15-25 cars as a result of school closures.
- The City provided a report of pedestrian/vehicular traffic at the north end of the site near the emergency access road. It was reported that a Community Service Officer monitored activity at Chaucer Lane and Thackeray Drive for ten days starting on the first day of school. There was minimal impact on this residential area.
- It was reported that traffic flow overall along the ring road has worked well and notably, it was beneficial that buses are exiting the property very quickly.
- An inquiry was posed about improvements to the intersection of Green Bay and Edgewood Road. The City responded that no capital plans are currently anticipated for this intersection such as turn lane or signal updates. Improvements will be explored as part of the City’s 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- The District will be conducting a traffic study to evaluate the ring road and traffic circulations. The City will review the traffic study and provide feedback. The study will be conducted in the summer, 2018 for the next school year.
- Another meeting of the Advisory Group will be held in the first quarter 2018.