

**WORKSHOP  
OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
April 9, 2019  
5 PM**

**Attendance**

The City Council held a workshop on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, Minnesota.

Present: Mayor Paul Reinke

Council Members: Jake Ingebrigtsen  
Susan Olson  
Colleen Swedberg  
Kevin Zabel

Also Present: Susan Barry, City Clerk  
Bart Fischer, City Administrator  
Alyssa MacLeod, Communications Specialist  
Dallas Pierson, Planning Commission  
Emily Shively, City Planner  
Bob Streetar, Community Development Director  
Bill Sullivan, Chief of Police

**Police Incident**

Police Chief Sullivan provided an overview of a car chase incident that occurred April 8.

**Tree Board**

The City Council reviewed a report relating to documents relating to the Tree Board and discussed where clarification was needed.

In response to a question from Council Member Zabel, City Administrator Fischer indicated that although paying advisory body members, who are city employees, would not create any issues with labor groups, city employees serving on advisory bodies could ask to be paid their hourly rate for hours served.

In response to questions from City Administrator Fischer, the City Council directed that: Tree Board to remain a board; city employees may not serve on advisory bodies; anyone holding a voting position on one of the city's advisory commissions may be eligible to be appointed to hold a voting position on the Oakdale Tree Board; no more than one commissioner from any one commission may be appointed to the Tree Board; and all advisory bodies shall have same rules, bylaws, and policies.

**Greenway Station Area Plan**

Also Present: Stan Suedkamp, Mayor, City of Landfall  
Sally Eral, Council Member, City of Landfall  
Katie McNamus, Council Member, City of Landfall  
Lori Lengsfeld, Council Member, City of Landfall  
Joanne Menz, Council Member, City of Landfall  
Ed Shukle, City Administrator, City of Landfall

Sarah Allen, Washington County  
Don Arambula, Crandall Arambula Urban Design  
Ann Carroll, Carroll, Franck and Associates  
Stan Karwoski, Commissioner, Washington County

Don Arambula, Arambula Crandall Urban Design, reviewed the components of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Oriented Development and station project planned for Hudson Boulevard and Greenway Avenue. He noted that the portion of the trail adjacent to Tanner's Lake would be curb separated from the road, with a railing on the lake side. Mr. Arambula also noted that a pedestrian-activated crossing light was being proposed to provide safe crossing to the stations. He further noted that a new sidewalk was being proposed on the west side of Greenway Avenue to connect the sidewalk from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Tartan High School. Mr. Arambula explained that there has been ongoing discussion with the BRT project office on financing these items.

In response to a question from Oakdale Council Member Zabel, Mr. Arambula noted that the trail could include landscaping, lighting, and ornamental fencing.

Mr. Arambula shared that a market analysis shows a robust area for development and recommended small area planning for the Regan and Apostolic Bible Institute properties, Landfall consider additional permitted uses in their commercially-zoned districts, and developing another station to the east at some point.

In response to safety questions from Oakdale Council Member Ingebrigtsen, Mr. Arambula suggested ballards or a guardrail between the pedestrian trail and roadway. He also suggested the city look at lowering the speed limit along Hudson Boulevard.

In response to a question from Oakdale Mayor Reinke about the potential of burying the power lines, Mr. Arambula explained that it would not be a matter for the project office; however, having them moved underground concurrently with the BRT project would be good for the city to consider.

In response to a question from Oakdale Council Member Olson about overflow parking at Harley Davidson events, Community Development Director Streetar noted that the owners are aware of the project and agreed to the loss of onstreet parking.

Landfall Mayor Suedkamp stated that Harley Davidson agreed due to there being no other options. He also commented on the need for safe access to the commercial sites. On another matter, Mayor Suedkamp expressed concern with the steep bank encountered by traffic traveling east off Highway 120 onto Hudson Boulevard as well as bus stop in the vicinity.

Landfall Council Member Eral suggested installing fencing by the portion of the trail along the lake and the curve where Hadley Avenue connects to Hudson Boulevard for safety.

Oakdale Mayor Reinke noted that discussions with the Apostolic Bible Institute have included moving their access as part of flattening out the crown on that portion of Hadley Avenue and making a more gradual curve.

Landfall Council Member Eral asked to be provided with a right-of-way map of the area and agreed that a lower speed limit should be considered. She also suggested moving the trail toward the lake to allow additional room for the ballards and asked about responsibility for maintenance of the grass in the area.

Landfall Council Member Lengsfeld expressed concern about the pedestrian crossing at Greenway Avenue as well as sightlines along portions of Hudson Boulevard.

In response to an inquiry from Oakdale Council Member Ingebrigtsen, Mr. Arambula noted that the project office should be asked about the possibility of putting a three-way stop at Greenway.

Landfall Council Member Menz commented on the importance of signage to distinguish the bus lanes.

Oakdale Mayor Reinke noted that the signals for the BRT route in Eugene Oregon display bus icons.

Oakdale Council Member Zabel added that light rail trains in Saint Paul have their own signals.

Landfall Mayor Suedkamp suggested Hudson Boulevard be designated as 30 MPH and also to install a cable along the lake portion of the trail for added safety.

Community Development Director Streetar explained how the addition of street lighting and landscaping works to visually narrow roadways and slow traffic.

Oakdale Council Member Ingebrigtsen fully supported the burying of the power lines.

Mr. Arambula also suggested that the Landfall and Oakdale look at all utilities in the area to determine whether any improvements are needed.

In response to a question from Oakdale Council Member Olson, Community Development Director Streetar noted that property owners along Greenway have received information about the proposed sidewalk.

Mr. Arambula suggested using a Safe Routes to School grant for the portion of the sidewalk.

In response to a question from Oakdale Council Member Olson, Oakdale Mayor Reinke noted that the Apostolic Bible Institute has not expressed an interest in redevelopment at this time and that several ideas have been considered for the Regan property.

Landfall City Administrator Shukle stated that the project would provide a great transit opportunity for the area.

Oakdale City Administrator Fischer added that staff has worked to keep Landfall and Oakdale's issues out front.

Community Development Director Streetar commented on the importance of doing the project right the first time.

Washington County Commissioner Karwoski stated it was a great project for the future of the area.

### **Commission Interview**

The City Council interviewed Parks and Recreation Commission applicant, Debbie Xiong.

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The City Council discussed appointments to the various commissions.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Barry, City Clerk