

Streets meeting notes.

Public Works Committee meeting that was attended by about 20 Belle Isle residents. The city Engineer presented the following facts:

*The Belle Isle streets are scheduled to be redone in 2011

*The first time a street is "improved" (concrete curb and gutter) the property owners share 60% of the cost of the improvements

*A standard street is 33 feet wide however the city council may approve a greater or lesser width on a case by case basis

The committee asked the attendees for input on two main issues, street width and of curb design.

The city recognizes that the streets of Belle Isle are used almost exclusively by the residents and therefore do not necessarily need to conform to the standard 33 foot width. The current street width is as follows:

- Tecumseh – 22' – 28'
- Neponset – 22'
- Nishishin – 22' – 26'
- Nishishin Tr NE – 22'
- Pocahontas Dr – 28' – 30'

Please provide your feedback as to the desired width you would like to see for your particular street understanding that a narrower street will carry parking restrictions to ensure emergency vehicle access and a wider street will most likely reclaim some of your current yard/driveway.

The city will accept input from the residents as to our desired curb design (standard curb, mountable curb, concrete ribbon – see attached Public Works – 2011 Street and Utility Improvements Packet) however, the drainage of the streets and the islands overall is of primary concern and may dictate certain curb options for certain streets.

The city will accept input from residents and experts to determine the best design on a street-by-street basis. They clearly understand the unique nature of our neighborhood and are willing to be creative in their approach to this project to ensure we get the best possible outcome. Your input counts!

For additional details, please reference The Public Works Packet for the 2011 Street Improvements which has been uploaded to the BINA website.