



**ROSEMONT
CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**

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RE: New Working Group

All:

Recently, we called for volunteers to establish a voice for the association through which to better represent the interests of the citizens of Rosemont in communicating with our city government.

I am happy to report that neighbors Dick Blatt, Dina-Maria Deringer, Garrett Erdle, John Hill, and Dana Lawhorne answered the call. Garrett Erdle was nominated by the group to chair its efforts. The group has already met several times in person.

The consensus of this group is that it should be referred as PELT, the Planning, Environment, Land-Use, and Transportation Committee and that its initial priority and focus should be on stormwater infrastructure and transportation. This includes the nearly \$50,000,000. which the City has approved to spend on stormwater projects in Rosemont over the next ten years.

The projects are divided between what are called Tier 1 projects and Tier 2 projects. At least one of the Tier 1 projects has already been successfully completed. The Tier 2 projects are generally larger and more expensive projects some of which are presently scheduled in the ten-year horizon.

The group would like to keep the association transparently informed by presenting progress on a quarterly basis at our in-person RCA meetings. Focus of the reporting will be the ongoing monitoring of progress against the goals and budget the City has publicly approved and, especially, the impact the projects will have on all of us over time.

We are hopeful that the efforts of the group will enhance the information flow on critical issues affecting us in Rosemont. We believe this is a critical step in better protecting all of our interests.

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President, RCA