The City of Burlington and the Burlington Housing Authority (BHA) are collaborating on efforts for the City of Burlington to accept Franklin Square as a City street in the public Right-of-Way. This street acceptance would allow the Department of Public Works (DPW) to conduct maintenance operations on existing utilities and infrastructure as well as manage parking around Franklin Square. Future correspondence will be provided regarding change of addresses for the Franklin Square apartments.

Essentially the right-of-way is public property; specifically property that the City has accepted, and property which has been deeded over to the city. The right-of-way does vary, a good rule of thumb on most streets is, the right-of-way is about one foot away from the sidewalk toward private property.

Planners, Engineers, Utilities, Construction staff and City Leadership coordinate efforts to establish the location and design of transportation projects that will minimize impact and be of the greatest benefit to the public. The final product takes into consideration feasible engineering, safety, economics, public well-being, and convenience for the travelling public in parallel with the needs of local residents.

Franklin Square Street Acceptance Impact to Residents

1. Change of Address
2. New parking layout
   a) Diagonal parking scheme
   b) Snow ban parking zones
3. Maintenance
   a) Street sweeping
   b) Pothole repair
   c) Plowing
4. Future Improvements
   a) Stormwater drainage
   b) Street Lighting
   c) Street Paving
   d) Sidewalk reconstruction

The diagonal parking should give residents an additional 10 parking spaces.

Snow parking bans are an important and necessary tool for the City to remove snow and ice from City streets, and Franklin Square cannot be excluded. However, we have developed a promising solution. A snow parking ban on Franklin Square will be a two day process; on the first day of a snow parking ban residents will not be allowed to park in the existing Zone-A which includes parking on Red-Maple Lane, the south side of Franklin Square, and the spaces directly adjacent to the community center; on day two of a snow parking ban residents will not be allowed to park in the new Zone-H which includes the parking on the north side of Franklin Square and the pull in parking on the east side.

Maintenance

- Street-sweeping, Pothole repair, and plowing

A total of 8 catch basins were identified as in need of replacement in the near term (deteriorated brick structures or cinder block style). 1 catch basin was discovered as no longer functioning as it has been overrun with root intrusions.

The work involves replacing fixtures on existing poles – no new poles are required.

The paving plan this Summer is well set, and Franklin Square is not on the list. 2021 is a possibility, however 2022 is the earliest Franklin Square would be considered.
Sidewalk assessment will be this Summer. Franklin Square will be compared equally to the rest of the City.

Franklin Square Acceptance Timeline

1. City Meetings
   - 2.4.20 Update for Transportation, Energy, and Utilities Committee
   - 2.18.20 Update for City Council
   - Fall 2020 – City Council Street Acceptance
2. Parking layout change
   - Fall 2020
3. Planned Work
   - Stormwater drains, Anticipated in 2021
   - Street Lighting, Anticipated in 2020
   - Paving, Anticipated in 2022

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