**City of Cambridge**

**City Council Special Meeting**

**Monday, May 10, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

6:00 pm

Submitted by Alison Kennedy

* There was an update on work being done on seawalls in Cambridge by Larry White. Repair will begin on the Oakley Street seawall first. Bids came in ranging from $243,093 - $338,000.
* The project was awarded to low bid of $243,093.
* The old Oakley seawall has been there since 1950
* The new wall will be 10 inches higher.
* The building of the new wall will follow 100 year flood plan specifications
* The new wall will have check valves to allow the water to go back into the river and not flood the street.
* This new wall will tie into the wall on Oakley Beach. The other side of Oakley Beach doesn’t have much and water will go to that side. A study will be done to see what can be done on the other side across from Oakley Beach.

All Board members approved this project going forward.

**Pine Street Neighborhood Project**

* A consultant is to meet with the residents of the neighborhood concerning individual land usage of properties. Residents can express their thoughts about what they want their neighborhood to look like. The neighborhood encapsulates the streets within the boundaries of Washington, High and Pine.
* Someone called in wanting to know the difference between this proposal and the “neighborhood revitalization project”?
  + Answer: This proposal will be covered by a $300,000 grant that will be applied for.

All Board members approved this project going forward.

**Public Comment**

Ward 2 question pertaining to land use with Pine Street Project.

**Bird Scooter Program**

The Bird Scooter program has begun.

* A building on Pine Street is being used for storage of the scooters.
* City does get a fee for each ride purchased on scooter.
* A person called in questioning if this was a good use of the Pine Street building because there are other things the building could be used for.
* The Mayor said this is a temporary storage situation.

**Tower**

A department head reported that a tower is still out of service. It has been out of service since September 2020. It needs $30,000 worth of equipment to get up and running.

**Reports by Ward**

Ward 1 – N/A

Ward 2

* There have been 4 shootings in one day. Cooperation from the community is needed.
* Event May 15 – **Walk for Justice** -participation will bring unity to the community.
* This is to recognize every family that has lost a member to violence.

Ward 3

* Survey concerning traffic safety is posted online
* Thank-you to all who filled out the survey

Ward 4

* Events are happening in the city.
* Please send flyers of events to the Commissioners and they can spread the word.

Ward 5

* Congratulations to Cambridge School District in sponsoring a great prom, “Spring Gala”.
* This was a nod and return to normalcy.

Closed Session Begins – approved by all commissioners.