

Meeting Minutes from **Wednesday Sept 11, 2019**

Roll Call: Distribute sign-in sheet and assign note-taker & timekeeper

Present: AJ, Ali, John, Naomi, Gabe, Anthony.

Absent: Jessica, Rob Skalrz.

Guests/Advisors: Margaret, Tamsin, Omari, Kristin, Gabrielle.

1. Public Comment Period

- Tamsin Hollo & Kristin Mahoney - 1st and Liberty- parking bollards. Second crash after seven years. Request to put two stop signs on Liberty Street. Making it a four way stop. Blames the one-way off set and no stops between South and 1st. Visibility is an issue. Asked if there is targeted parking enforcement for those parked too close to the intersection. Naomi to send link for request and buy signs.
 - Ali's response- Parking bollards on all four intersections to push parking back and increase visibility. Stop signs are not effective speed control devices. There are special recommendations. At Liberty & 1st put in bollards on every corner to push back parking at least 20 feet to create much higher visibility. Goal to have bollards in within two weeks. Track accidents to see if crash data shows decline in accidents, then install bollards at other intersections and see what other strategies may be necessary. Speed checks are also being introduced by PD.
 - Gabrielle Bell - Leroy & North Street- (Not a city owned road). Speeding and pass through on Dubois Street
 - Gabrielle Bell & Margaret Sanchez - There aren't enough buses running. Some routes only have one bus instead of three. Communication isn't effectual enough. Drivers and dispatch know when there are bus shortages or when a bunch of scheduled buses aren't going to show. This information needs to be communicated to riders. Drivers are also underpaid. Job demands are too high for such low pay. Bus situation when the school starts and bus drivers switch back to their jobs. TAC Bus Taskforce is organizing public hearing so that residents can voice complaints. Ali will inquire w Dutchess County how to handle complaints.
 - Bump-outs are good for street safety. Projects coming on Liberty & Broadway.
 - Budget meeting- DPW Budget hearing is Thursday 9/26.
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- Announcements

- Topics

Pedestrian/Walkability/Bicycle (30 min)

Update: Parking bollards at Liberty St and First St (Ali)- all four intersections.

Update: Crosswalk Taskforce- waiting for City Council members to share feedback. Finalize crosswalk painting protocol and process for public to get involved with crosswalk painting. Figure out which type of paint to use based on traffic volume. Did DPW get a new paint sprayer from the county? Will consolidate information and hopefully present at the next meeting. (Jessica)

Update: Crosswalk painting award at HOH (Naomi)- revision of memo.

Update: Bike Repair Station- NYSBA & Rec Center (Naomi)- Announce

Update: Earn a Bike & Bike Repair Program via ESPRI/United Way (AJ)- Vista intern is getting the proposal. Next meeting mini-grant on Monday Sept 23rd.

Update: Bike & Scooter Legislation (Gabe/Anthony)- Corporation counsel wants to hear from the State. Gov Cuomo will write bike-share.

New: Funding for bike study in 2020 (Naomi)- Next deadline for Nov 8th.

New: Bicycle rack outside of Skoufis office (Naomi/Jessica)

New: Process for disposing bicycles from PD (Naomi)- inventory, surplus, (specific not for profit or market), donation to

Buses

Updates: OCTC new bus shelters - Gabe to reach out to Ashley to get sense of the plan (Who is deciding where they go? What are the new shelter designs?)

Set up a preliminary meeting with OC Transit planning as a precursor to a public hearing. Target date for hearing is 10/23.

Bus problems and comments to OCTC: Can we put comment boxes in the bus? Also, signage in bus stops and at stops for people to call OC (Not Leprechaun). Can we get on the electronic ticker in the buses?

What were the results of the county's planning dept bus riding field trip?

Update: Report on 7/26 interview (John & Margaret Sanchez)- Margaret translating poster into Spanish.

New: Bus incident report forms (Gabe)

New: Rob Parrington preliminary meeting (flexible- Sept/Oct), public hearing Wed 10/23) & agenda preparation prepared by Bus Taskforce.

Car & Parking (30 min)

- Does the speed sign on Water St log volume and speeds? Can we access that data?
- NHR ask George.
Plan is for parking and crosswalk on west side of Water St opposite Pizza Shop
- Pending Projects: Regal Bag, Hudson Tacos.
Regal Bag may make a similar request and the TAC should submit commentary for best practices and preferred strategy for implementation.
- Update: 511RideshareNY - target employers.
- Update: Washington Street Parking (Chad)- no update.
- New: Parking Day on Friday Sept 20th & X-ING Performance on Sat Sept 28th at 1pm (Naomi)
- New: No parking areas ie. outside of OCCC on Grand St?
- New: Brainstorm incremental approach to Broadway
We should consider republishing the plans and proposals for the Liberty St trial project showing modern street planning, bump outs, street design, bioswales. Start brainstorming medium and long term on Broadway. Improved traffic signals allowed for pedestrian heads. Improved crosswalk markings. Bump outs. Car and bike lane designs.

Ferry: Pilot weekend service for NOS? How to coordinate a communications campaign? (Ali)- MTA will do its own promotion; social media; messaging (take a boat w your family); Stewart Airport; Tourism; Create press release (Aquanetta ask her).

Pilot weekends are being planned for Sept. 28-29 and Oct 19-20.

Marketing:

Contact MNRR

Social Media

Print ads?

Flyers

Orange and Dutchess County Tourist Depts

What is the payment system? Cash only?

Need volunteers for day-of to do surveys or offer information.

4. Admin

Member resignation. Need recommendations for new member.

Finalize Public Request process

Set timeline for City Manager response

Establish labels and statuses to better track requests and close when possible

Add contact info to meeting print outs. Make request spreadsheet easier to read.

Maybe one TAC member should go to each council meeting and just make quick announcements and remind any residents to please reach out to us or attend meetings

5. Tabled

- Progress: Sidewalk Repair Workshop w GSAPP & HV Housing Parts (AJ/Naomi)
- Muni Meters (City Comptroller)

Next Meeting: Wed. Oct. 9, 2019, 6pm @ The Heritage Center on 123 Grand Street