

Minutes from Wednesday, Oct 9, 2019 at 6:00pm

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

Present: Ali, Anthony, Jessica, John, Liz, Naomi, Gabe via phone, Bob

Absent:

Guests/Advisors: Marianne Marchial, Roosevelt Rhoden

1. Public Comment Period

- . Roosevelt – 5:00pm bus going westbound on Broadway. Mother and child waiting for a bus to take them to their destination and back at Liberty & Broadway. First bus didn't arrive. Riders often end up calling a taxi or other means of transport.
- i. Marianne spoke about the challenge of wayfinding (lack of signage and information available at a central location/transportation center).
- ii. Jessica – City staff, County staff and TAC bus meeting planned for the week of Oct 21 or Oct 28.

2. Announcements

- iii. Halloween Friday- last critical mass of the season. Friday Oct 25.

3. Topics

• Pedestrian/Walkability

- Update: Crosswalk Taskforce- map feedback, list to DPW & sidewalk inventory (Jessica/Naomi)
 - a. Submit an outline of the project so planning can present to city council. Aim for final feedback by Monday Oct 13. Deadline will be Wed Oct 16 for presentation at next city council meeting.
 - b. Sidewalk data that Chad gave Jessica was done within the past five years.
 - c. TAC to find out about Kingston insurance sidewalk annual fund, something for City Council to consider in January. Liz
 - d. Based on budget hearing – what government properties have sidewalks in need of repair. ADA compliance will come first.
- Update: Creative Crosswalk Project with HOH - Oct 14th, 1-5pm (Naomi)
 - e. Design is finalized
 - f. Eight volunteers from Mt. St. Mary
 - g. Drum circle on buckets
 - h. Sponsorship from Home Depot (not sure of amount)

- Bicycle

- Update: Bicycle racks- is there a permit or doc to streamline, process requests? (Naomi)
 - i. Major question is if it's government owned or business owned. TAC then submits a recommendation based on requests.
 - j. Bike racks purchased last year are in storage. Can be installed in public spaces and on city property. Require assembly. Have anchors. Free standing – DPW does not need to pour concrete footings.
 - k. Skoufis' office and Hudson Valley House Parts would like bike racks.
- Update: Newburgh-Beacon Bridge ped/bike path?
 - l. NYS Bridge Authority Orange County seat is vacant.
 - m. NYS BA claims security opens the gates at 5:30am and closes at 9:00pm. Hours are irregular due to "Dawn till Dusk" postings.
 - n. Unable to post hours because current signage says "Dawn till Dusk"
 - o. NYS BA plans to change the signs.
 - p. Anthony requested 2:30am closure in tandem with last train at Beacon Station.
 - q. Lighting is on 24 hrs – no added cost to longer hours as pathway is already lit.
 - r. When is the next board meeting?
- New: Greenway Grant for bike study. Due Nov 6, 2019. Any update/alternative sources of funding?
 - s. City Planning has an outstanding grant so they cannot apply (City Planner does not have capacity until potentially next grant cycle. Therefore TAC can apply and needs to get a proposal to city council by Oct 16. Ali will send TAC grant request forms. – NHR will inquire with committee / bike advocates about taking on this project.
- New: PD Process for disposing bicycles - Ali/Chad
 - t. Bicycles must be donated to someone / organization.
 - u. Formal recommendation from the committee that PD bi-annually collects unclaimed bicycles and donates those that are in working condition or reparable - dispose of irreparable ones.
 - v. NHR to reach out to a few organizations to see if they would like to be receivers. TAC makes formal request/recommendation to donate unclaimed bikes to X organization on a bi-annual basis.
- New: Three city bicycle workshop this spring with Scenic Hudson (Naomi)

- Buses

- Updates: OCTC new bus shelters- which are completed? (Ali/Chad)
 - w. Jessica shared that it's a long process OC planning has just started to get the bid approved by legal department. County Transit office is writing spec (shelter, concrete pads, etc). Potential start Spring 2020. Expected to take until late fiscal year 2020.

- Car & Parking

- Status on Public Requests: Any new items? Submitted recommendations?

- x. Four Way Stop Requests:

- MUTCD rules + Data backing up request

- . Handicap Sign Requests:

- Does committee want to review sign requests?
 - Decide by January 2020
 - Look at city code, and define process

- . Outstanding Requests

- Ali went through six requests - Phillipe's rejected, BRNDA rejected, Deborag looks positive, Fullerton & First tabled because it needs to be coordinated with school bus, Fowler & Polar looks good because of challenging sight lines.

- Status on TAC Recommendations : (Ali/Chad)

- . Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

- (<https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/>)

- Parking Projects: Regal Bag, Hudson Tacos, Waterfront.

- a. Hudson Taco has begun project.

- b. Regal Bag is looking to duplicate Hudson Taco project.

- c. Current plans do not include bicycle lanes. Ali recommends writing proposal for inclusion of bike lanes.

- Update: Parking bollards at Liberty St and First St (Ali)

- d. Still pending.

- Update: Grand and Washington On Street Parking Inquiry

- e. Chad made a recommendation for Washington. FD and PD had concerns about turning apparatus.
- f. Grand - FD has concerns regarding fire lane. Ali to send formal answer.

- Ferry

- Pilot ferry weekend service - debrief on Sept 28/29 and call for volunteers for a communications campaign for Oct 19/20 (Ali/Naomi)
- g. Ali felt it was unsustainable due to no volunteer turnout on Sept 28/29. Naomi recommends earlier communication from city to increase volunteer turnout. (Request for volunteers was made after contract approval on Sept 24).
- h. Every run was at least 20 passengers (sold out). Rumors of people being turned away – some confusion on Beacon side with Bannerman Island ferry.
- i. Aim to get more volunteers for Oct 19/20.
- j. Feedback that signage was not far enough into the City of Newburgh.
- k. Large amount of data recorded.
- l. Contract deadline for Oct 19/20 is Friday Oct 11.

4. Admin

- Website updates- Government representative need to upload agendas - last one is dated April.

5. Tabled or Archived

- Muni Meters (City Comptroller)
- Progress: Sidewalk Repair Workshop w GSAPP & HV Housing Parts (AJ/Naomi)
- Bike Repair Station- Recreation Center- no word from DPW (Naomi)
- Bike Repair Program via ESPRI/United Way - uncertain about next round of grants(AJ)
- 511RideshareNY & Car Free day organized by NYS DOT (John)
- Bike & Scooter Legislation (Gabe/Anthony)

- Bus Incident report forms (Gabe)
- Date for Rob Parrington meeting & agenda preparation- Oct 23? (Gabe)
- Public awareness of Newburgh-Beacon shuttle (Gabe & AJ)

Next Meeting: Wed. Nov. 13 2019, 6pm @ The Heritage Center on 123 Grand Street