

Transportation Advisory Committee
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Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 at 6:00pm

1. Roll Call

- 1.1. Present: Kippy- Committee Member, Naomi- Committee Member, John- Committee Member, Hannah- Committee Member, Chad- Govt Engineering
- 1.2. Absent: Ali Church, Anthony Grice
- 1.3. Guests/Advisors: Michael Mannion, Mark Connolly- Transportation for the School, Caitlin - OC DOH- focuses health disparities, Jessica- OC Planning, AJ - Newburgh Ministry- We are Newburgh- CVH, Kevindaryan - County Legislator and RECAP Rentry
- 1.4. Note taker & time keeper: *We should do a sign in sheet.*

2. Public Comment Period Public comment from Caitlyn, Mark and Kevindaryan are below.

3. Topics

3.1. City- Council Agenda

- 3.1.1. Govt Comments: Bike Lane by Ramona Montevergde / Walkable City/Safe City by Mayor Harvey / Bus Lanes- Show the stop on a map /Judicious parking plan for business by Patty Sofokles.
- 3.1.2. Complete Streets Development Plan: **Jessica & Naomi** to meet in the next two weeks to develop a plan and review policy template.
- 3.1.3. Chief Solomon Meeting notes-
- 3.1.4. Mayor Harvey Meeting notes-

3.2. Bus

- 3.2.1. Send 'Bus Poster' to organizations and post around town. *Who?*
- 3.2.2. Comments from Community- committee wants to circulate a short survey. *Who leads that effort? What are we asking? What format are we collecting info?*

3.3. Parking

- 3.3.1. 15-minute parking on Liberty St proposal. Purpose is to create turnaround during business hours (9-6pm?) and to build a balance between residence and businesses. Testimonies shared from business owners (Design by Sue, Faded, Hendley Co, Wherehouse, Locksmith, Field Trip.) **Committee** agrees to advance two proposals to City Council: 1) for creating two 30-minute parking spots in designated areas 2) for regulating Liberty Street corridor from Bway to Spring St. **Naomi** will canvass Barbershop, Mar De Copas, and businesses fronting GW HQ).
- 3.3.2. Snow Emergency Protocol- reviewed all the suggestions that the public provided. Difficult to focus on both residential and commercial enforcement. Commercial more promising. Take photos of best and worst practices! Committee's next steps are **Gabe** will email to ask City Manager if he can include shoveling to the emergency announcement. **Chad** will inquire about text messaging capabilities. Committee will share best results with DPW and hear feedback. Any low hanging fruit?

3.4. Walkability / Street Safety

- 3.4.1. Chad did an excellent job collecting data (ward, schools included). **Jessica, Hannah** to review and with Chad help create an executable plan. QGIS.
- 3.4.2. **Chad** expressed interest in doing a sidewalk inventory.

3.5. Orange County Communications -TABLED

- 3.5.1. OCTC funding new shelters (per Ali's email)

- 3.5.2. County needs a list of priority locations
- 3.5.3. OCTC Employer supplemental service (per Ali's email)
- 3.5.4. Orange County Planning Department Announcement (per Ali's email)
- 3.5.5. County developing Open Trip Planner software & Google integration
- 3.5.6. County/OCTC Comprehensive Plan
- 3.6. Administrative Issues (10 min)
 - 3.6.1. Status of Applications to fill seats- Gabe shared five submitted.
 - 3.6.2. Grant updates/opportunities- Climate Smart Communities EV charging station to attract tourism and make NB eligible for larger grants.

Next Meeting: Wed. March 13, 2019, 6pm, 123 Grand Street

Caitlyn- DOH

Right now they are synthesizing data and best-practices. Initiative is funded for three years and they are in their second year. They selected Newburgh which is a minority-majority city. There are barriers to health care access (in addition to housing and chronic-stress). They want to get community mobilized to move forward. State will work on Manuscript (like they did in Albany, Rochester.) They want to increase walkability- people don't want to do leisurely walk or go on a run because of litter. Its not a manageable city, city is not positioned well for people who have outside employment, no reliability of transportation.

Mark Connolly- BOE

A little about Mark Connolly- 7 years prior to this, he worked at the Newburgh-Beacon Bus Corp- since the 30's (gallagher family)

Legislation is floated around to support free public transit for students. White Plains does that. *Can we get more info?*

Newburgh and school transportation: Newburgh used to have 70's magnet school. Its not schools of choice. The State DOE says: those who live outside of two miles for elementary and three miles for secondary. So up to 8th grade is eligible for bus. And 9-12th grades .5 mile. Voters- aide percentage from the state.

11,000 total HS students and 200 don't walk. They do ridership counts every couple of years. 63% is an average percentage of users. Each bus has 44 adults seats but sometimes they estimate 88 seats though it won't be full.

When they voted for an extension, it added 600 more kids to the system . It costs \$77k to operate a bus per year. When does the bus start? OC Bus starts 7am he think. School starts too early. After school has less attendance because students do after school program, leave school early etc.

220 buses a day, 850 individual bus routes, 55 outside of district for special education
25 non public schools (religious).

Areas of collaboration are.... none

Top priorities- national shortage of bus drivers, student management (behavior), and displaced/homeless students. 50 students who are homeless and outside of the district.

Lack of bus drivers because its only a job for 188 days a year- 6 hour on split shift, poor pay, summer is off. It costs \$13 million dollars is the transportation system
Regarding data- stopped publishing the routes of info.

Kevindaryan- County Legislator

He sits on Education and Econ Development Committees. How can we get transportation to jobs, services, employers? How can we expand bus routes and hours of operation? Taxi back and forth is unsustainable. How do we reduce cost for our community members? Shared information on bus being unreliable, updating bus infrastructure, size and polluting buses, carpooling in ulster, more walkability- i.e. areas of shopping (in Town of Newburgh/NYS DOT controls those streets). Use Kevindaryan can help with getting word out. Mentioned safety concerns along Farrington. Jessica has temporary speed bumps that can help.