

MEETING MINUTES for **Wednesday, June 12, 2019** at 6:00pm

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

Present: Gabe Berlin, Catilin Obrien, Jessica Ridgeway, Councilmember Sklarz, Naomi HR, Councilmember Grice, Kippy Boyle, Chad Wade, Liz Velez.

Absent:

Guests/Advisors:

1. **Public Comment Period** (30 minutes)

a. N/A

2. **Topics** (1h 30m)

● **Pedestrian/Walkability/Bicycle (30min)**

- **Update: Crosswalk taskforce maps** (Jessica)- Three maps were drafted based on a series of data inputs. Key questions are intersections that are 1) 230 ft from a bus stop 2) near bike and ped crashes 3) proximity to schools. (Crash data comes from ALIS data which is likely sourced from Police data). Public submission forms will be a layer in GIS data. **Gabe** to request the paving plan from George. **Jessica** to follow up with city council members about getting feedback/opinion on priority intersections in their ward.
- **Update: Crosswalk painting sponsored by businesses** (AJ/Naomi)- We have one confirmed business and would like 2-3 additional ones as a way to streamline the process in one city council resolution. **Naomi** to find out what are the costs. Aiming for September timelines.
- **Update: Complete Streets Training & Public Campaign** (Kippy)- training emphasized we need to get the word out to the community. Kippy suggested a visual presentation to city council meeting to explain what is CS and local places to make such improvements. Anthony suggested we present an update in September. Chad encouraged developing content for the website (ie post video). Jessica shared new guidance that came out. It has same categories but more stringent implementation, performance measures, timelines, and how we will be reaching vulnerable populations and being accountable for doing that. **Kippy** will consider making a one pager to share with the different commissions/boards.
- **Update: Bike & Scooter Legislation** (Gabe/Anthony)- Postponing biking demonstration and legislation. Lime bikes are dockless. Anthony has drafted legislation to have the following elements: equity and access, necessary docking, and be placed a 1/2 miles apart. Newburgh will wait to see how NYC handles legal situation.
- **Update: Bike Repair Station** (Naomi)- Thanks to OC Planning, TAC received two stations donated. Received feedback from critical mass bikers and TAC members. **Naomi** to reach out to Newburgh's Town Supervisor Piquodio supervisor@townofnewburgh.org. Chad says Safe Harbor may be complicated by the Liberty Street TAP program. Therefore focus on Recreation Center and Newburgh Beacon Bridge. After that Chad/Alì will send site recommendation to the City Manager.
- **Update: Reimagine Lake Street Corridor** (John/Naomi)- After the charrette, a loose taskforce has formed to compile the report, suggest design guidelines, and to do some demonstration/traffic calming projects. First project is a collaboration with Independent Living and Newburgh Arts

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& Cultural Commission to do a photo installation on the wall. Second project would be to do a community clean up day around Muchattoes Lake in the Fall, hopefully in collaboration with CAC and Quassaick Creek Alliance. **Chad** - do we need permission from City? Anthony suggested involving kids for photo project and potentially getting support from Empire program.

- **Progress: Sidewalk Repair Workshop (AJ)**- Naomi reported that GSAPP Historic Preservation Alumni preferred focusing on graveyards. **Naomi** will follow up again. Kippy wondered if CBDG funds could go towards sidewalks. Chad shared past program allowed homeowners to be reimbursed 50% of cost. There were a lot of non-reimbursed projects because poor quality of work. How can we help homeowners? If TAC knows any contractors, landscape companies, homeowners that can do a good job perhaps we can organize our own workshop/demonstration of setting blue stone. Streetscape standards add little cost. Focus on Lander St or Johnston Street.
- **New: Traffic Calming Equipment (Jessica)**- OC Planning gave two new Ped Yield Sign Locations (location tbd by George). OC Planning gave DPW glass beads for reflection and friction on cross walks. OC Planning also gave Hudson on Horizons cross walk gear for school guards. *Please take photos and share.*
- **Buses (10 min)**
 - **Update: OCTC's new shelters and schedules (Chad/Ali)** - County will put new schedules in by the end of next week. *Please take photos and share.* No word on bus shelters. **Chad** will follow up with Ali regarding status of bus shelters.
- **Car & Parking (30 min)**
 - **Status on Public Requests:** Liberty St, BrNDA Requests, South St Corridor. Discussed that progress had been made on all fronts but requests are not fully complete. Need timely coordination and communication with **government/city manager**.
 - **New Item: Bike Lockers (Gabe)**- **Gabe** is designing 'bring your own lock' poster to put on the ferry. Working relationship with one of the employees. Curious to know cursory level of usage!
 - **Update: Muni Meters (Chad/Ali)**- **Chad** will inquire with Ali.
 - **Update: 511RideshareNY:** widget, outreach, forum (Grice)- it is in progress.
 - **Update: Bank of America drive-thru (Kippy)** - Issue resolved but discussion followed about driving culture and the challenges of Washington Street Terrace.
 - **Update: Clean Energy Communities (Naomi/Grice)**- Recent meeting with Carla elucidated that we have 3 of 4 actions completed. Need to do one additional action and also implement training for **benchmarking**. Conversation with City Manager is stalled. **Grice** will reignite. Discussion

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ensued about LED lights - the savings can be significant but must learn more about maintenance costs. **Naomi** will invite Carla to next meeting.

- **Update: Site visit to 2 Handicapped Parking Requests-** (Gabe) Corner of North St and Fullerton St for the business st/beauty salon (fullerton st) and Second one need information. Then TAC will make a recommendation
- **Questions** re Waterfront Parking (Ali)- **Chad** will follow up w Ali.
- **New Requests: Parking on Washington Street** (Chad)- Chad sent design to Jason Morris and George for his insight. Once he receives their feedback, he will send to Michelle Kelson. Then TAC can pursue a city council resolution. **Chad** to keep TAC informed.
- **Ferry (10 min)** Ferry is complicated and multilayered. its not just metro north and the funding - its a mess. From city council meeting, we have 18 months to plan. Kippy asks if Chad can help get land use data for the waterfront- who owns what and how many parking spots are provided. Learn more about the Newburgh Landing and its future implications. **Chad, which expert can come in to speak about this?**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0JFgfgojxo>

4. Admin (10 min)

- **Committee members areas of focus** (Gabe)- come prepared to the next meeting with (new or existing) area of focus that you want to get involved or project you want to pursue.
- **Streamline the process for public input** (Gabe/Naomi)- process will be presented to City Manager for final input especially around “reporting back” “closure/completion of task” . After that we can publish it. Important to manage expectations of public requests, for balancing volunteer members’s time with due diligence process.
- **Additional discussion** ensued about TAC feeling a goal of the City Council/City Manager is to hire a full time transportation planner. Currently Ali/Chad are on overtime and cannot focus entirely on this work. Short term goal is to increase DPW’s budget so that it can implement certain actions easier like new cross walks or stop signs.
- Anecdote about Complete Streets training and how to get others involved, how to be sensitive to long-time residents and changing neighborhoods, and how to identify those that feel transportation is an important issue and therefore will commit time. (Liz shared about Collective DayCare group).

Next Meeting: Wed. July 10, 2019, 6pm @ The Heritage Center on 123 Grand Street