

Meeting Minutes for **Wednesday, July 10, 2019** at 6:00pm

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

Present: Anthony Grice, AJ Sumahit, Chad Wade, Liz Velez, John Harper, Bob Sklarz,

Absent: Gabe Berlin, Kippy Boyle

Guests/Advisors: Carla Castillo, Margaret Sanchez, Carlyle Eckert, Roosevelt Rhoden

1. Public Comment Period

- a. Carla Castillo presentation on Clean Energy Communities grant program (LED lights)
 - i. High impact action item that many municipalities are adopting to save money.
 - ii. Greatest cost savings comes from purchasing lights, conversion to LED and city maintained. City could save approx \$348,191.35 cumulatively on an annual basis
 - iii. For maintenance, City can go through NYPA or Verde Electric.
 - iv. Concerns about liability re: lights that are out / what is turnaround re maintenance
 - v. Concerns about accurate data and savings. **Anthony** will follow up w/ Chad re: double check the numbers
- b. Clean Fleets- another high action item. Carla is exploring options with PD to upgrade two cars. Saves money on gas, oil change, and maintenance. Cars can also be resources sharing between departments if coordinated correctly.
- c. Carlye Eckert re Dubois and South Street
 - i. In March, she used crosswalk at night, dog was hit a foot behind her. Poorly lit intersection. Crosswalks have been repainted but cross signal do not work
 - ii. **Chad** will find out who is responsible for the cross signal repair (State or Municipality)
 - iii. Carlye would desire more traffic enforcement. Speed Counter might be able to be deployed later this year after NFA retrofit collaboration.
- d. Margaret Sanchez former paralegal with disability
 - i. Issues with bus transit: Does not stay en route and Not showing up on time
 - ii. Example of observing that the bus did not show up at 2:26, 3:26 .. She called the dispatcher. Latoya at dispatch could not get a hold of a driver for 30 minutes. GPS not working.
 - iii. Accessibility issues with older buses that have steps up
 - iv. Newburgh is not in charge of the bus service, county is in charge. They contract out the operators to 13 different entities. When there are issues the county cannot discipline drivers / enforce scheduling routes etc
 - v. TAC recommended she call and use the hot line (report bus number, time etc); **Naomi** send hotline poster, survey etc
- e. Reggie Young question re blue stone and brick - Chad shared its at DPW.

2. Announcements

- Approved streamline process for public input (Time needed to process requests and due diligence)
- Water Street Letter to the Planning Board:
 - Gabe drafted that highlighted the city's forward thinking complete streets policy. **Gabe** awaiting confirmation that Planning board received and circulated letter to its members.
 - Planning Board will have a public hearing re: parking lot on Water Street
 - Uses and programming has changed since initial proposal
 - If TAC comments at hearing, suggestion that TAC speaks to Complete Streets principles, impact, and safety concerns

3. Topics

- **Pedestrian/Walkability/Bicycle (min)**
 - **Update:** Crosswalk Taskforce- next steps circulation in wards (Jessica)
 - **Tabled:** Bike & Scooter Legislation (Anthony)
 - **Progress:** Bike Repair Station- NYSBA Bridge & Recreation Center. Also inquired about closing of the bridge from dusk to dawn- this is due to old NYSBA bylaws. It has to be changed in Albany.
 - Talk of bike route from the bridge down to the Beacon Station (Naomi)
 - **Progress:** Reggie Young can lead the Sidewalk Repair Workshop- a collab w GSAPP & HV Housing Parts .
 - However we need contractors who can volunteer to help with the demonstration project.
 - Potential sites: Liberty and First St. Clinton and Grand Street
 - **Standby:** Reimagine Lake Street Corridor Mural (John)
 - Employees filled out survey.
 - Traffic calming photo portrait proposal was shared but board declined.
 - Crosswalks are not marked
 - Audio visual crossing equipment does not function
 - **Grants:** Obtained a grant for this project but will be reused for crosswalk painting. and Crosswalk painting award at HOH on Montgomery
- **Buses**
 - OCTC's new bus shelters and schedules- AJ asks if old bus shelters can be placed at bus stops without shelters. **Gabe to ask Rob**
- **Car & Parking**
 - **Status on Public Requests:** BRNDA speed bump, South St Corridor (Govt), Liberty St Short Term Parking, **Anthony** to follow up.
 - Parking on Washington Street (Govt- Chad to follow up)
 - Outstanding: Site visit to Handicapped Parking (Gabe)
 - **Update:** Vendors for Muni Meters (Govt)- **Chad** is not sure who is handling that. Is it city manager or comptroller?
 - **Update:** 511RideshareNY: widget on city's website **Anthony** will follow up w Ali/Nick.

4. Admin

- Member resignation. Need recommendations for new members (All)
- Committee members areas of focus0 Liz shared her interest on researching what other municipalities do to make more effective systems. Explore complementary systems like dollar van or adoption of technology.
- Bus group- Gabe, AJ, Liz. Margaret could be volunteer?

Next Meeting: Wed. Aug 14, 2019, 6pm @ The Heritage Center on 123 Grand Street