

City of Newburgh Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes from **Wednesday, Aug 12, 2020** at 6:45pm

Present: Naomi Hersson-Ringskog, John Harper, Gabriel Berlin, Erika Norton-Urie, AJ Sumahit

Absent: Liz Velez, Cynthia Gilkeson, Jessica Ridgeway

Guests/Advisors: Ali Church, CM Anthony Grice, CM Bob Sklarz

Public Comment Period

1. Natasha Dennis re streets around Audrey Carey Park: Farrington St- Slow streets on Chamber Street but it doesn't work. They use barriers on Sunday. Ali to give more barriers to the families. Natasha to send photos and petition to Gabe. Bollards can also be a solution for Farrington & Chambers. Gabe work with Natasha on administrative side.
2. Shirley Lopez has bicycles donated. She will donate them to The Fullerton Center. TAC is coordinating with the Newburgh Repair Cafe for a bike repairs program. NHR will share updates as the program develops. (NHR looking for funds for bike parts.)

Announcements (Gabe)

- OC DOH Health Disparities Initiative grant for cross walks: AJ will follow up and send an update email to TAC.
- Newburgh Housing Report: a report being done over the next 12 months by The Leviticus Fund, in partnership with Kevin Dwarka LLC and Pace Land Use Law Center. They are seeking all community input, especially from people with experience in this area and any relating contributions from Newburgh boards and councils. Gabe to give transportation perspective.

Topics (75min)

- **Pedestrian/Walkability** (Naomi/Jessica)
 - **Update:** Crosswalk Taskforce
 - Water Street Pedestrian Safety Site Visit with City, NYS DOT went well. NHR will write memorandum on large and small improvement projects.
 - Waiting for DPW to deploy Pedestrian Yield Signs- Anthony will follow up.
 - **FYI-** HUD CDBG 2020-2024 Infrastructure spending. Seeking advice on how much money should be put into larger projects that should be added now such as ADA improvements, or matches for larger transportation grants. Advisory Committee can advise on possible targets. Send comments directly to Ali Church.
 - **Standby-** Complete Street Checklist presentation to Planning Board- Proposed list is long and applies to few projects- will be applied when Environmental Review/Site Plan/ Traffic Study & Changes. NHR/JR will create a paired down list; can be applied to a wider number of projects and is easier to administer.
- **Bicycle** (Naomi)
 - Mlni Bike Community Action Plan- NHR shared contract to consultant. Get ready to inform consultant. Site visit with consultant in August.
 - CHSC Bike Fleet to local school- Jessica update?
 - Critical Mass Bike Ride on August 28
 - Blacc Vanilla Bike Giveaway on Sept 5
 - Newburgh Repair Cafe & TAC Collaboration on bicycle matching making. (Need funds for parts, donated bike mechanic)

- **Buses** (Gabe, Erika and Marianne)
 - **Update-** Newburgh-Beacon shuttle public awareness (Erika)- build relationship with Leprechaun. Erika sent an email to Skoufis office.
 - Gabe will reach out to Leprechaun to find out who the sponsoring government agency is. Ali Church reports that Metro North does not know about the shuttle and therefore doesn't hold the contract.
 - Better outreach and marketing needed to make public aware of bus service: City Newsletter, ESPRI, Black- Latinx Coalition, Housing Coalition
 - **New!** Lake Street Apartment- solution is shuttle and starting a survey and application for paratransit. TAC to highlight on facebook. Next Wednesday residents of the area should fill out a survey used for starting Paratransit. Cornerstone Health Center is a partner.
 - Long term vision is to better service Mullins, Armory and Lake St Apt.
 - John shared Independent Living has 3000 clients in the region that could use the bus service to get to and from appointments.
- **Car & Parking**
 - **Update:** Handicapped Parking- Chad to produce a map based on John Harper's city-wide survey of public accessibility parking spaces
 - **Update:** Gabe to invite City Comptroller to September meeting to present on city's new parking meter plan.
 - **Sept Parking Day-** any co-organizers? Reach out to NHR.
- **Ferry & Airport** - N/A
- **General** (Gabe, Ali/Chad)
 - Status on Public Requests: Most requests are about speeding and dangerous driving so everyone needs to brainstorm creative solutions for traffic calming.
 - Status of TAC recommendations: No outstanding recommendations currently.
 - Data from Police Department. NPD provided CM Sklarz with heat maps of officer traffic stops and traffic accidents.

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