

Meeting Minutes for **Wednesday, Jan 8, 2020** at 6:00pm

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

Present: AJ, Gabe, Chad, John, Naomi

Absent: Liz Velez,

Guests/Advisors: Glenn Goldsmith, Jessica Ridgeway, City Councilmember Anthony Grice. City Councilmember Omari Shakur. Patrick Cousins of Community Voices Heard, Shera Jackson, Roosevelt Rhoden.

Public Comment Period (30 minutes)

Announcements (Gabe) (5min)

- Candidates for vacancies - four applications are pending. Apps due ASAP. Committee will convene before agenda deadline to make decision.
- Two Wednesday before 12pm. Only 20 items per agenda work session.
- **Action:** Chad will relay date for first of Feb city council meeting and its deadline.

Topics (75min)

- **Pedestrian/Walkability (Naomi/Jessica)** (20 min)
 - **Update:** Crosswalk Taskforce- Meeting with George to share priorities intersections, discuss paving schedule (with new info from Engineering) and see what goals/timing is for spring paving.
 - **Update:** Complete Street Checklist implementation- schedule - first tuesday of February at 9:30am.
 - **Action:** NHR Send to Omar the template.
 - **New:** Sidewalks Repairs Focus- What can be done? Do it by block? Advocate city for increase HUD funding for next year. Curb replacement has a lot of implications and cost. There are options for homeowners to replace concrete with stamped. Streetscape standards is available on the website.
 - **Action:** Legal guidelines for replacing sidewalk (NHR to ask Michelle).
- **Bicycle (Naomi)** (20 min)
- **Update:** Scenic Hudson's HV Bike Equity Event on **March 7, 2020**. We need volunteers. Anthony is willing to volunteer with children!
 - **Action:** Ask two questions - bike repair opportunity and donated bike?
- **Buses (Gabe)** (15 min)
 - **Bus sub-committee:** Recap of 12/16 meeting. Next steps- send main questions to Rob Parrington of OC Transit and then organize a public meeting. At the public meeting, will invite from the bus company, OC transportation, NB officials. The issues persist: There is a high rate of bus no shows. Change of routes. canceled due to weather with no notification. Lines of communication need to be fortified between OC Planning and NB (ie text message). (Ideas: Influence New Commissioner, Write an Op-Ed, [Article.](#))
 - **Action:** TAC send qs to Gabe. Gabe will communicate next bus taskforce meeting. Will Rob provide data on ridership, increase in calls, hiring standards, poughkeepsie bus-school model? How many years are left on the contract is a main question.
- **Car & Parking (Ali/Chad)** (20 min)
 - **Status on Public Requests:** Need general response to requests for stop signs. Stop signs are not speed control therefore TAC needs a template for giving context/law to residents. (Chad: MUTCD laws are followed- a federal document that standardizes things across the nation. If we don't comply we risk of losing federal money. Our streetscape

standards outline design, painting of crosswalks, There needs to be a way of educating. Enforcement comes from police or parking. Parking on the intersection is a problem.)

Action: Gabe will do a write up. **Action:** Jessica to ask about borrowing equipment. **Action:** Lower the speed goal for 2020. Anthony, can you ask Michelle about the feasibility? **Action:** Naomi to invite Sergeant Buckley is overseeing parking enforcement to February meeting. **TAC/ALL:** Public Campaign re Rules for pedestrians.

- **Update:** Communication to the public on the status of TAC recommendation.
 - Washington Street Parking- Chad: Dept heads responded: Internal process is more or less approved. Who puts it on the agenda?
- **Update:** Stats and city code regarding handicapped spots. **Action:** NHR get data from Michelle. John Harper will look into as well.
- **Update:** Municipal Mini-Meters is being planned for waterfront and broadway system Where there is residential is more complicated.
- **Ferry (Naomi) (5 min)**
 - **New:** Pilot Ferry program- start planning for Newburgh Illuminated. Securing govt money and getting MTA partnership are priorities.
- **Admin (15 min)**
 - Looking ahead to 2020- what would you like to focus on?
 - Future speakers?
 - i. Parking Enforcement
 - ii. FYI Newburgh- data
 - iii. Sidewalk Assistance
 - iv. METS program- major employer transportation study (OC Citizens Foundation/AKRF).

Tabled or Archived

- *Bike & Scooter Legislation*
- *Bike Repair Program via ESPRI/Utd Way*
- *Bus Incident report form*
- *Bike- PD Surplus to be donated to Motorcyclopedia/ Blacc Vanilla*
- *Newburgh-Beacon shuttle public awareness*
- *Bicycle racks request submitted to Ali for HV House Parts*

Glenn: Background in entertainment. Transportation can help stop crime (job access, safer streets, sidewalks, lighting).. What would make people come here? Ultimate goal. Stewart to City and City to Monroe.