



Transportation Advisory Board Minutes

November 16, 2020 at 04:00 p.m.

721 W. New England Avenue | Virtual | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Vice Chairman Alexander Trauger called the virtual meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Present: Michael Dively. Virtual: Alexander Trauger, Rachel Andre, Jeffrey Osleeb, and Jeffrey Sievers. Absent: Jonathan Thigpen; Katie Reischmann. Staff: Planning & Transportation Director Bronce Stephenson, Transportation Manager Sarah Walter, Senior Engineering Technician Keith Moore, Engineer I Hongmyung Lim, Sustainability Planner Vanessa Balta, Assistant Director Public Works Don Marcotte, Police Lieutenant John Bologna, and Recording Secretary Mary Bush.

Approval of minutes

Action could not be taken to approve the October 19, 2020 meeting minutes without a physical quorum, which was not present at the meeting. This item will be re-addressed at the December 21, 2020 Transportation Advisory Board Regular Meeting.

Discussion/Action Items

BICYCLE RACKS

Mr. Stephenson provided the Board with a brief presentation regarding bicycle racks for the City. He reviewed the Land Development Code for bicycle parking and explained its standards for bicycle racks. Mr. Stephenson also explained that staff was seeking the Board's thoughts on different considerations for bicycle parking, ways of getting the business community more involved, and ways to become a more bicycle friendly city. He added that bicycle racks can be unique, colorful, double as visually pleasing art, a means of business marketing, or an artistic expression of local areas or societal issues.

The Board briefly discussed the item. Various questions were raised regarding the following:

- any requirement of parking garages to provide bicycle parking,
- how bicyclists are made aware of the available bicycle parking areas,
- if the City is responsible for installation and maintenance costs for bicycle racks,
- if feedback on form and agreeance for more staff time to investigate the topic were being requested,
- any issues with citizens chaining their bicycles to non-authorized areas,
- and bicycle parking capabilities at the train station.

Mr. Stephenson addressed the Board's questions. Mr. Stephenson mentioned that parking garages are required to have bicycle parking and it can be located on the exterior of the property; the City is responsible for maintaining bicycle racks while businesses are responsible for the procurement and installation of them; and although there have not been any issues with non-authorized chaining of bicycles, there have been a few recent thefts of them. He also mentioned that staff desired feedback from the Board on its opinion of whether or not staff should take the time to explore parking areas involving local businesses

and non-traditional bicycle racks that convey art, color, important City issues, or specific themes or logos.

Mr. Dively noted that there are very few places to tie up bicycles around the City, which may be discouraging citizens to use bicycles due to not having a place to park them. Mr. Dively also noted that the use of bicycles can reduce vehicle parking issues and convenience is important when planning bicycle parking.

Mr. Marcotte added that the City owns the train station just not the brick platforms located there, so it is possible to place bicycle parking at the train station if desired.

The Board made the following suggestions for planning:

- focus on high capacity areas,
- determine location options other than curb areas,
- create solutions that will add value to residents' lives,
- develop structures that will provide protection from the elements,
- choose design options that are obvious bicycle racks,
- and utilize public notification systems or publications to advertise the bicycle racks and their locations to pedestrians.

Mr. Stephenson informed the Board that the next step would be for staff to adjust the language of the bicycle parking ordinance and create a new program for it.

SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN DISCUSSION

Ms. Walter provided the Board with a brief overview of the joint work session with the Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board that occurred on November 4, 2020. The work session focused on the Sustainability Action Plan Update. The plan outlines where the City is today and where it would like to be in regards to sustainability. Mobility and urban form with four specific objectives and indicators were discussed particularly for transportation. After the work session, staff researched more into the City's bike and walk scores to gain a more realistic perspective of what affects them. Ms. Walter reported that the scores remain consistent but low and that the City is working to improve its biking structure. Ms. Walter also noted that staff sought to obtain the Board's opinion on what they felt should be included in the Action Plan and the metrics to measure bikeability and walkability.

The Board briefly discussed the item and raised questions regarding the following:

- the cause of the decrease in the City's walkability rating from 2012 to 2019,
- the entity responsible for the creation of the scoring algorithm,
- the possibility of emulating the implementations of high scoring cities,
- and the plausibility of the City's scores changing with proposed improvements.

The Board suggested that staff address access and connectivity concerns, consider proximity measures, divide the City into smaller sub areas for measurements, find a measure to reduce the trip distance per capita, and try to capitalize on the 17-92 rebuild to enhance pedestrian walkways.

Ms. Walter addressed the Board's questions. She noted that FDOT is working on the enhancement of the 17-92 walkway and will include a buffer between the walkway and traffic.

Ms. Balta noted that the algorithms used for the scoring are proprietary to a global research company and so staff is trying to come up with new custom metrics that better reflect the specific needs of Winter Park.

Staff will revise the Action Plan with new metrics.

Public Comments

No one from the public wished to speak. The public comment was closed.

Planning & Transportation Update

A. Transportation Projects Update

- New York Avenue - Mr. Lim reported that this streetscape project to improve roadways and pedestrian walkways will be going out for bid soon. He also reported that no pipes will be increased in size, regrading and improvements for surface drainage will be completed, span wires will be converted to mast arms, sight bars will be adjusted, corners will be tightened, bump outs will be added, and a thermoplastic decorative crosswalk will be installed.
- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon - Mr. Moore reported that six devices have been installed around the City. He added that an area around Interlachen was found to have several underground utilities, so a solar device or open cut technique may be used at that location. He also reported that an installation is being considered at a Lakemont area hospital crossing as well. Eight installations in total will be completed for the first phase of the project.
- ADA Transition Plan - Ms. Walter reported that the City is working on creating the plan. Staff is completing self-evaluations on all sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian crossing functions to check ADA compliance. The purpose is so that the City can be local agency project certified with FDOT to continue to receive FDOT funding for projects.

B. Development Report

- Mr. Stephenson gave brief updates on the following citywide noticed projects:
 - McLaren - Staff recommended denial at the recent Planning and Zoning Board regular meeting on November 2, 2020. The recommendation was due to McLaren's proposal circumventing the proper Comprehensive Plan amendment procedures in order to gain approval for their application. The item was tabled to the next Planning and Zoning Board regular meeting scheduled for December 1, 2020.
 - Henderson Hotel - The applicant has re-applied and the item will be heard at the Planning and Zoning Board regular meeting on December 1, 2020.
 - Goodlives - This project will replace the laundromat facility on New York Avenue with a membership only health club.

C. General Staff Updates

- No updates.

Board Updates & Comments

No comments.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

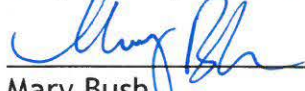
Next TAB Regular Meeting: Monday, December 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Stephenson reminded the Board to consider the quorum needs when making plans to attend each meeting to ensure an actionable meeting can take place.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Bush
Recording Secretary

Approved by Board on January 11, 2021