

Transportation Advisory Board Minutes

May 17, 2021 at 04:00 p.m.

Virtual | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Vice-Chairman Alexander Trauger called the virtual meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Present: Alexander Trauger, Rachel Andre, Katie Reischmann, Jeffrey Osleeb, Jeffrey Sievers, and Michael Sasse. Absent: Mira Lines. Staff: Planning & Transportation Director Bronce Stephenson, Transportation Planner Keith Moore, Engineer I Hongmyung Lim, Sustainability Planner Vanessa Balta, Police Sergeant Jeff Marcum, and Recording Secretary Mary Bush.

Prior to the election of Chair and Vice Chair, Mr. Stephenson asked Staff and Board members to introduce themselves.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Motion made by Rachel Andre to nominate Alexander Trauger as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Trauger accepted the nomination. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0. (Mira Lines was not present for the meeting.)

Motion made by Katie Reischmann to nominate Jeffrey Osleeb as Vice-Chair for the Board. Mr. Osleeb accepted the nomination. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0. (Mira Lines was not present for the meeting.)

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Jeffrey Osleeb, seconded by Rachel Andre to approve the April 19, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote. (Mira Lines was not present for the meeting.)

Staff Updates

- A. Transportation Projects Update
 - a. Garden Drive Sidewalk Project Mr. Lim provided the Board with a brief history of how the project was initiated and how it has progressed. Several meetings were held with the residents of the community. With consideration of their input, it was determined that sidewalks would be best installed on the southside of the street from Denning Drive to Highway 17-92. The project is currently 1/3 completed. Mr. Lim noted that Staff is awaiting a permit application approval for a very small area at Highway 17-92 where the City will be encroaching into the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) right-of-way.

Brief discussion ensued with the Board regarding the work put into the project by Staff and how the revised sidewalk policy correlates to this particular project. b. Killarney Neighborhood Traffic Calming - Mr. Lim provided the Board with a brief history of how the project was initiated and completed. He noted that with consideration of input obtained from residents of the community, a test fit at Killarney Drive and Fairview Avenue was implemented to determine a suitable solution to the cut through traffic affecting Killarney Drive. After several months with the test fit in place, it was determined that blocking off the tested area was a suitable solution. Concrete planters were then installed in place of the barriers used in the test fit. The residents of the community were pleased with the results.

Mr. Lim noted that a test fit was also completed at the Grove Avenue, Broadview Avenue, and Dallas Avenue intersections in an effort to separate the commercial and residential traffic in the area. Due to the results of the test fit, the City will be converting the intersections into a small parklet. Mr. Lim briefly reviewed a demo plan for the parklet with the Board. He reported that the residents are thrilled about the project. The City is currently waiting on cost estimate quotes to get the project completed.

Brief discussion ensued with the Board regarding possible changes to the direction of traffic flow on Grove Avenue, access management and legal impacts to the surrounding commercial properties, and the cost and funding source of the parklet project.

Citizen Comments:

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

Discussion/Action Items

LONG-TERM & SHORT-TERM GOALS OF THE PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Stephenson provided a presentation covering short- and long-term goals for transportation within the City of Winter Park. He noted that one of the biggest complaints received from residents is regarding traffic. Mr. Stephenson discussed in detail with the Board the short-term goals of implementing a sidewalk policy, a neighborhood traffic calming policy, ped/bike improvements, and more technology efforts. He also discussed the long-term goals of the Transportation Master Plan, implementing a transportation impact fee, evaluating greenways and connectivity between major areas, utilizing technology to improve mobility and safety, and creating a network of bike and pedestrian paths that connect throughout the City and neighboring cities.

Mr. Stephenson went into further detail regarding the following long-term goals:

- Additional complete streets and dedicated bike paths to include the completion of north and south Denning Drive and an east/west major bike/pedestrian path.
- \circ Bike/ped bridges to create safe crossing of major state roads with heavy traffic.
- Neighborhood traffic calming to include test fits of potential traffic calming measures.
- Multi-Modal connectivity with the following hierarchy: walking bicycling transit (bus and rail) private vehicles.
- $\circ~$ ADA Transition Plan to include sidewalks, curb ramps, pedestrian crossings and bus stops.

Discussion ensued with the Board regarding the following:

- when the Highway 17-92 reduction plans will be funded,
- regional transportation network consideration when planning,
- possible grants available from FDOT,
- proactively identifying and prioritizing the City's needs,
- and preparing for possible Federal funding.

Board Updates & Comments

Chairman Trauger inquired about the regular status update from the police department. Mr. Stephenson noted that the updates will be provided quarterly.

Ms. Reischmann inquired about the agenda topics for the next few meetings. Mr. Stephenson mentioned that the transportation impact fee is one of the topics available to be discussed. Ms. Reischmann suggested having a session on traffic calming and the possible options and cost-effective ways of implementation.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Next TAB Regular Meeting: Monday, June 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Bush Recording Secretary

Approved by Board on July 19, 2021.