

Pedestrian Advisory Committee
3/22/2016 5:15 PM
Police Department Community Room
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mark Provost, Harris Webster, Guy Tapper, John Snell, Eve Jacobs-Carnahan (Chair), Tom Aloisi, Erin Aguayo, Laura Biren (AmeriCorps)

- 1) All approved of proposed agenda
- 2) Harris motioned to approve prior meeting minutes. John seconded. All approved minutes
- 3) Public Comment:
Harris relayed information from citizen – individual has problems walking through parking lot by St. Augustine/City Hall/First in Fitness. It's not "pedestrian friendly." Montpelier in Motion mentions something about improving crosswalks in said parking lot.
Action: See what's in Montpelier in Motion & make suggestions (ie: Sidewalk Gaps section)
- 4) Walk Friendly Application:
Discussed Kevin Casey's email exchange with Eve about Walk Friendly Application and Pedestrian Committee/Laura Biren putting time into application. The Planning Department relayed in email that PAC shouldn't apply due to other City/Department initiatives – such as focus on an implementation plan through the received Strong Communities Better Connections grant.
PAC can't apply for Walk Friendly Application – the City must apply. If City staff isn't recommending application, consensus that PAC shouldn't apply.
Discussion about SCBC Grant and Steering Committee and involvement with committees/MTAC.
Suggestion that Eve will contact Kevin Casey to set up meeting to talk about SCBC grant. Include either Tom/John Snell depending on availability.
Action: Come up with a plan so when apply again, it will be very easy. PAC should continue working on events, outreach. Ask Erin A. to follow up in writing with evaluators at Walk Friendly UNC to keep paper-trail alive.
- 5) Open Streets:
Aiming for July for Open Streets event
PAC timeline/work plan suggests sometime in April to request street closure to City Council Langdon St. looking for sponsorship by April 1st – Langdon Street Alive is their committee.
Unlikely Langdon St. would fit a PAC focused event
Defined "Open Streets" event and required aspects (2-3 hour window for event, etc.)
Maybe could include a Bike Rodeo
Pilot Complete Streets typology with MBAC on Loomis St. could demonstrate to public. Could expand to School Street in front of school. Tie into end of school celebrations?
Also potential to tie in with Way-to-Go Week (Sept 26-Oct 7). Already coordination/overlap with We Walk Week (as discussed at MTAC meeting)
Laura mentioned MEAC's transportation working group is in planning stages for event in July.
Mark relayed info. from last MTAC's meeting regarding Alternative Transportation Funds going

to Langdon St. Alive for bike racks/artist

Action: Draft plan of Open Streets to take to City Council to ask for closure and present to MTAC, Police/Fire. Circulate plan through PAC first. No date chosen yet – potential for October 8 as Open Streets event date. Invite people from MEAC & MBAC. Erin will be added to MTAC agenda for next MTAC meeting.

6) Site Lines On Crosswalks:

Jon Budreski from MBAC mentioned crosswalks on Main St and Stone Cutters Way have parked cars that block pedestrian site line. Also include VCFA crosswalk.

Action: Talk to Tom McArdle and follow up with Jon Budreski.

Eve will follow up with Seth about Request Tracker. MTAC was interested in Request Tracker.

Action: More requests on Request Tracker

7) Way Finding Signs:

Montpelier Alive doing project on way finding signs. Asked MTAC for representation. PAC should work with them as it's one of PAC's priorities.

8) City Council Goals:

PAC should reinforce the priorities that mention Montpelier in Motion implementation. City Council is meeting 3/23/2016 at 6:30 PM to discuss City's goals. Eve will send the Council email.

Adjourned at 6:30 PM. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 26 at 5:15 PM at Police Department Meeting Room.