

Feb 1, 2023 PBAC Meeting

Started: 7:06 pm

Present:

New Members: Pallavi Nuka, Carol Hollingsworth

Current Members: Perry Jones, Laurie Harmon, Lisa Serieyssol, Tineke Thio, Dan Rappaport

Alternate Member: Adrian Serieyssol

Council Liaison: David Cohen

Engineering Liaison: Deanna Stockton; will be joining at 8 pm.

Welcome to new members and introductions.

Election of officers

Laurie is elected to be chair.

Perry is elected to be vice chair.

Nobody elected to be secretary for now.

January Minutes approved.

Council Report

David:

Contract approved for Civic Eye to take on communicating vision zero things to public.

Planner has been hired to look at Nassau Street; looking at sidewalk upgrades, going to update sidewalk upgrade plan that was passed a few days ago. (Were technical and cost issues last time.) New planner is going to also look at the cartway. Most parking on Nassau is for the North side businesses, so we may move the parking to just the North side, to minimize ped crossings. Also, parking may be at an angle, to minimize danger of being doored. Arterial is the name of the planner for Nassau street.

Next meeting; should authorize consultant for Harrison street study. Consultant will be Michael Baker.

Lisa: Question about Civic Eye: How will that evolve?

David C.: Vision zero committee will reconvene, and a sub committee for the Vision Zero committee will work with Civic Eye. They will try to do the work in 3 months, but the contract is for a year, for in case more time is needed.

We got 680K grant for work in Terhune Road area, near where all Affordable housing will be going in; Thanet. Improvements for entire road way.

Also, another grant to improve and extend side path on Cherry Hill road.

Committee reports:

Vision Zero; ready to roll on working on communications campaign. David C. is going to reach out to Vision Zero this week about moving forward with this effort.

DVRPC: Awarded 1.4 M in grants for safe streets and roads for all. This is for the entire DVRPC region (9 counties). Purpose of the plan is to write action plans.

Transit Committee: Tineke: She talked with Christine Symington with Sustainable Princeton, and they are suggesting Bike Valet parking for lots of events. She said that Christine said that if we ever need volunteers, we can reach out to Sustainable Princeton members, and they would be happy to help.

PHS Club: Are applying for service hours. They got David C., and mayor to write letters for support. They got a 2.5K grant from Princeton Regional Education Association (Teachers union) to purchase parts, which allows club to give away bikes. They are applying to become a community service hour provider, which would allow students to satisfy their community hour requirements with the service club.

Lisa had a question about Wheels Rodeo: Laurie said that we don't have a date yet.

Tineke: NJ Transit Board is having their meeting next Wed the 8th at 6 pm. Open to public. At March meeting, they are going to discuss their budget. It is a good opportunity to request funding for things, like the Dinky Transit Way. This meeting will be on Zoom. Tineke will email out info about that.

Lisa: Celebrate Trails Day, on April 22. (Earth Day, and National Parks day.) Planning is still happening at the moment. Lawrence Hopewell Trail hasn't figured out exactly what they are doing yet. LHT will at least do their monthly walking outing on that day.

Some discussion of other possible events.

May 3: is Bike and Walk to school.

Tineke: Is considering organizing a "Fancy Woman's Bike Ride" sometime in September. Flowers, Boas, fancy stuff.

Porch Fest: Maybe a Bike valet parking if there is a need, or encouraging people to bike to the Porch fest.

Dan had a question about tree proposal. Tineke: Would be a bulb out that would take a parking place, but it would free up space on the sidewalk, and do good traffic calming.

David C.: Will reach out to other BCC's in town to convene about the possibility of having trees in the road way.

Goals:

Engineering Report: (Full report follows the minutes)

Deanna:

Engineering Update: Looking at Google Doc, looking at proposed Capital Improvement programs for 2023. Some replacement of structures over streams. Spot replacement.

Deanna considering raising bike lane northbound on Elm Road. The bike lane would be higher than the road. Deanna wants some input on this possibility.

Tineke: wants to request concrete tiles on Rosedale Side path, because of tree roots making the asphalt side path be bumpy. Deanna said that Council would need a letter from PBAC to request this, because it would be expensive.

Traffic Calming on Hibben and Edgehill. Part of the “over all traffic calming” plan. Wants to do “Volume control,” which will make people stay on arterial roads more. Have tried to work with Google and Waze to take off residential roads from what is being recommended by GPS, but haven’t had a lot of success.

State Historic Folks may not want lights at intersections. By state law, Park isn’t open after dark. (Tow path.)

Lisa S: Asking about side path along 206 by Jasna Polana.

Deanna said that she is interested in hearing Lisa’s presentation on Typologies. She likes the ideas of typologies based on adjacent land use.

Feb 13: University will be presenting to Town Council. Mar 1 they will be presenting to us, so if we are able to see their presentation to council, that may help us get more out of the University presentation.

Lisa S: Presents about street typologies. (Lisa will send and will be attached as an addendum here.)

Meeting ended at 9:40 pm.

February 1, 2023 Engineering Update:

1. 2023 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (some items subject to capital budget adoption)

Spring Street Garage Structural Repairs - construction planned for summer / fall 2023

Parking System Upgrades - proposal to upgrade meters to contactless payment

6 Culvert Design Projects - Grover, Herrontown, Riverside Drive East, Terhune, Shady Brook Lane, and Stony Brook Lane

Quaker Embankment Design Project - bank stabilization on Quaker short

Witherspoon Street Phase 1 and 2 Construction

Witherspoon Phase 3 Design including Valley / Witherspoon intersection signal or roundabout - construction contract must be awarded by November 2023.

Resurfacing Project - Farrand Road, Griggs Drive, Hutchinson Drive including pathway, John Street Alley, Journeys End Lane, Ridgeview Road including Open Space parking, Stuart Road East, Wittmer Drive

Sidewalk Project - locations TBD

Nassau Street Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Project Design - Arterial hired to review the Nassau Streetscape Guidelines, provide concept plans, and evaluate Nassau Street roadway configuration including reverse angle parking. The sidewalk limits are Bayard to Moore Street. Curb extensions at South Tulane being considered.

Mount Lucas Road (Stuart Road East to Poor Farm Road) Construction

CP South Concept Planning
Sanitary Sewer System 35 Construction
Sanitary Sewer Pump Stations Replacement Design
Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Rehabilitation Study
Rosedale SRTS Project Design - final design in 2023
Dickinson, University (roundabout to Nassau), and Alexander (roundabout to Mercer) Design
US Route 206 RRFBs at Mansgrove and Herrontown Design
Stormwater Feasibility Study Phase 1
400 Witherspoon HVAC System Design
Princeton Landfill Remedial Work Construction
River Road Vehicle Storage Design
Harrison Street Corridor Study
Ross Stevenson Circle Design
Terhune Road (Harrison to Grover) Design

2. Ordinances being harmonized / updated currently:

Motor Vehicles and Traffic - harmonize Borough and Township codes

Sidewalk cafes

Leaf and brush

Parking / street cleaning

Tree removal permit program

Future ordinance work includes bicycles, Spring Street garage, parking meter bags, no parking on Pettit and Ridgeview

3. Other infrastructure activity:

PSE&G gas main replacement project will begin the week on February 6. New work locations have been added on Hamilton, Wiggins, and Chestnut.

Rollout of the new trash and bulk waste program

Sustainable Jersey action updates

Preparation to rollout new online permit platform

PSE&G utility pole replacement on Witherspoon Street

Green infrastructure champions training

Princeton facilities assessment study participation

5G wireless communications coordination with various companies

Bid preparation for various annual work including tree planting, trail maintenance, mowing, etc.

Coordination with various agencies regarding the replacement of the D&R canal bridge on Washington Road by NJDOT

Open space acquisition

Transit system coordination

EV charging installation at 400 Witherspoon Street

Municipal fleet improvements

Coordination with NJDOT for replacement of traffic signals at Nassau / Harrison and Nassau / Olden / Chestnut

Coordination with NJAW for water main replacement work on Loomis and Nassau

Spring shredfest planning

4. Miscellaneous

Municipal representatives on the State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) for FHWA Every Day Counts.

Vice President of the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers - responsible for general membership continuing education programming