

2022_06Jun_01_PBAC_Minutes

Present:

Municipality Staff:

Deanna Stockton

Jim Purcell

Council Liaison:

David Cohen

PBAC members:

Perry Jones

Laurie Harmon

Tineke Thio

Dan Rappaport

Lisa Serieyssol

Adrian Serieyssol

Phil Chao

David Kimmel

Public:

Richard Rein

Meeting started at 7:04 PM.

Deanna and Jim are here to talk about Witherspoon bike parking, as well as other updates.

Discussion about Bike Parking:

David C: Wants to increase bike parking in Witherspoon phase 1, not just replace it. There will be a lot of people not driving during construction.

Lisa: Walked in CBD (Central Business District) today at 12 pm and 5 pm. Noticed that new racks in Hinds Plaza are not being used. Racks next to Library on Witherspoon were full. Perhaps the racks in Hinds plaza aren't yet known yet. Lisa thinks that most bikes in the full racks are probably from residents in apartments above house of cupcakes.

Lisa spotted a bike on Nassau locked to a hoop that was covered with a black cover. The black cover was fabric and was locked on. Was in front of Convenience store close to the Garden Theatre. Thinks that end of Nassau close to Jammin' Crepes is especially prone to crowding.

Deanna was saying that possibly there may be space for more bike racks on Nassau close to intersection with Bank Street.

Perry: Hoops on parking meters. Looked at that, but didn't think they would be used as much, because parking meters are mainly not used (kiosks are) where bike parking is needed. Engineering seemed partially open to that.

Sign posts. David thinks that some people frown upon people locking their bikes on things that aren't bike racks.

Bike Lockers: Perry thinks that bike lockers should be put in parking garages.

Jim Purcell: Right now, the main focus is to find additional bike parking in CBD during construction. Going to be losing more bike racks (in front of Paper Source.) The racks can be permanent, or temporary.

Tineke: Is there space on the Wiggins side of Library for bike parking. Deanna: Possibly just for hoops.

Jim: wants to know who is locking bikes along Witherspoon street. Wants to be able to tell people.

Tineke: Is it possible to put parking in Tulane Yard? 10 bikes can fit in one parking spot.

Perry: I will forward some ideas to Deanna and Jim sometime.

Space next to Terra Momo: Jim suggested that for a temporary area.

Lisa: What used to be Brook's Brothers and is now "Our House," it is a wide sidewalk spot. However, there is garbage collection there; so maybe not ideal.

General Engineering Updates:

Bike Blvd. markings are complete. Cost was 26K, not 23K, which was budgeted.

A question came in through See Click Fix: sharrows are not refreshed. Deanna is looking for how to address sharrows; some language. Are we renewing them or not?

David: This is a bigger, wider question.

Perry: Are sharrows used with Bike Boulevards? No; Bike Boulevard markings are different.

Tineke: Hopes that Bike Boulevards will see traffic calming in addition to bike boulevard street marking. Jim said; yes; that is coming.

Should sharrows be renewed? Laurie feels they should. Perry feels they should not.

Deanna would like advice as far as sharrows.

Grant season:

State Municipal Aid.

Want to use that for Dickinson between Alexander and University. Roadway reconstruction project.

Bikeway grants; in order to receive, you have to create new mileage that is buffered or separated from vehicular traffic. They are going to submit for Cherry Valley Road: Foulet Dr. to Crestview. It's going to be a shot in the dark, but there is a huge demand for it. Right of way may be challenging.

Safe Routes to Transit:

Last year, had been submitted for extending sidewalks on Terhune, but was not successful. This year: will submit for Terhune, Harrison to Grover; Roadway improvements; raised intersections, etc.

Federal Grants:

Safe streets for all. Still working on this.

Lisa: "Action Plans."

Deanna, Jim, Lisa and Dave should get together about conversation with Kevin Murphy.

Transportation alternatives; considering Nassau Street Scape. Question is, do we need NJDOT support. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) DVRPC is our MPO.

Has reached out to Sustainable Princeton to discuss micro mobility. Sustainable Princeton will get back to them with information about what other towns in NJ have done.

Rosedale Road Project:

Working with consultant to look for possible scope modification to adding a sidewalk on Rosedale from Greenway Meadows to Christopher Drive Extension, between two Lamberts. May delay whole project but feels that it would be valuable.

Phil's Sidewalk Priorities

Still only has 3 votes.

Map:

Orange/ Red: Close to schools. No sidewalks at all. Very few sidewalks around Littlebrook school. One elementary school; has very few bikes parked.

Green/Brown: On state roads.

Purple: one side.

These are marked off as possible in the current sidewalk plan.

Tineke and Phil marked off the ones they thought were priorities in the Sidewalk Plan.

Original question; to give guidance to engineering. Part of master plan from 2017.

Laurie:

Lover's Lane.
Great road.
Snowden.

Phil: Still needs votes from:
Dave K, Laurie, Lisa, Perry.

Our priorities:

Lover's Lane.
Great Road.
Snowden.
Terhune between Harrison and Dempsey.
206 between Cherry Hill Road and Ewing.
27.
Little Brook.

Week from Today; deadline: another round of voting. Phil will send out another email.

Dave C. Municipal Updates:

Sergeant Murray is retiring.

Council meeting on 9th: Good presentation from Tineke and Jessica on heat map.
Rajish from Civic Eye: presented on how they can help with Vision Zero in terms of communication services.

Vision Zero meeting earlier this afternoon. Came up with a list of tasks. "Deliverables for Master Plan Consultant."

- 1) Review on existing Circulation element, revisiting ideas of how to categorize roadway topologies.
- 2) Traffic Signal Policy. Timing of existing signals. How long should walk signals be, should there ever be a leading pedestrian interval, or pedestrian only phases.
- 3) Street Lighting Policy.
- 4) Micro Mobility Policy Recommendations.
- 5) Speed limit policy recommendations.
- 6) Traffic Calming implementations.
- 7) Safe Infrastructure; separation between roadway users.

These are things that Vision Zero will be working on, but PBAC can get involved as well; especially with circulation element.

Vision Zero meets: Quarterly for steering committee, sub committees are meeting every couple of weeks.

David K: Wants PBAC to be part of Vision Zero's work, in terms of seeing what they recommend.

Circulation Elements: A way forward would be to read 50 pages of Circulation Element of the past Master Plan, and then give feedback from PBAC perspective.

Micro Mobility Policy recommendations; would be good for PBAC to have input on this.

Events

Mercer County Trail Summit. Week from Tomorrow, Thursday, June 9. People from LHT, DWRC, County Planning. Pre recorded speech from state DOT commissioner.

David C., Mia Sacks, Lisa S. will all be going. Hopefully we can get an update. Lisa can give a short summary in the July meeting.

Other Business

Adrian; PHS bike club. Has another bike available. Will raffle it out later this week. Will be offering it to the ELL (English Language Learners) "Welcome Centers" in the school district; about 35 students. Latinos Unidos is another PHS Club; they are involved with finding a home for the new bike. Has 40 bikes total that need work; needs some volunteer mechanics.

Rich Rein: Once we decide the Sharrows question would be a great thing for his publication to cover. Also, if looking for mechanics, his publication would be a good thing to use to spread the word about looking for that need. Dave C. said that might be a while before we figure out a group policy on Sharrows, but in the meantime, we would be happy to share some info about Bike Boulevards.

Next Meeting:

July 6th, 7 pm to 9 pm.

9:26 pm: Meeting adjourned.