

2022_09Sep_07_PBAC_Minutes

Present:

PBAC:

Perry Jones

Laurie Harmon

Tineke Thio

Dave Kimmel

Lisa Serieyssol

Dan Rappaport

Adrian Serieyssol

Public:

Marty Lyons

Carol Hollingsworth

Victoria Floor

Alexander Kopalani

Princeton Staff:

Jim Purcell

Dave Cohen

Meeting starting 7:06 pm.

Announcement: Phillip Chao is resigning from PBAC.

Engineering Update by Jim Purcell:

Bike racks on Witherspoon street, after construction.

Priority Sidewalks.

Elm Road Sidewalk.

US Rt. 206 Paving.

Bike Blvd and other signage.

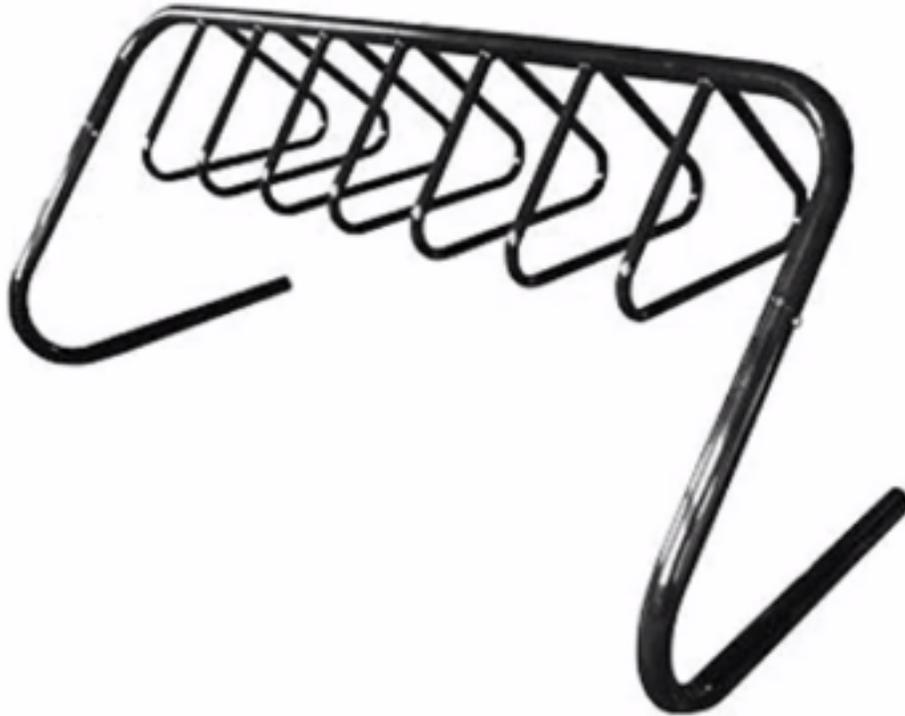
Witherspoon street:

Stage 1 will be done in 3 weeks. 2 should be complete by Thanksgiving.

Stage 3: Spring to Paul Robeson.

“Furnishing areas,” widened sidewalks. These are places that may be able to host permanent bike parking. Also, Tulane driveway.

“Coat hanger” bike racks:



A bike rack that may be good ones to use. \$529 a piece; not overly expensive. Deanna saw them at Colorado State University.

Side walk priorities:

Every one of the sidewalks listed would be a capital program. Most would have to go out to bid, and we would have to hire a consultant to design them. The consultant could design 2-3 at a time. All sidewalks are on the radar screen and are in the master plan.

If we create a sidewalk that isn't pervious, then stormwater management would have to be part of the project. If the sidewalks are pervious, this isn't necessary.

Lover's Lane: may require Green Acres diversion, because some of the land may be taken from the park.

Snowden lane: Some sidewalks will be installed as part of development happening now.

Great Road from Stuart to Cherry Valley.

State road from Cherry Hill to Mansgrove, and Princeton-Kingston road would need NJDOT approval, which would be a more lengthy process.

Elmroad Sidewalk Repair: Was repaired a few months ago by DPW, definitely needs correction. This will be temporary.

Bike Boulevards: some signage is incorrect. Some side paths were accidentally labeled Bike Boulevards. Jim feels that we need to put more "Way finding" signs.

US Route 206 paving: Paving is complete. Handicapped ramps are ok, a little strange. There will be RRF's: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons. Some of these will go in at Route 206.

Covered parking: possible in front of J. McLaughlin; building right next to Tulane Yard access.

Discussion about parking on Witherspoon street.

Question for everyone:

Is there a liaison from PBAC to the merchants organization? That are able to check with them and see if they have input as to bike rack placement? Laurie said that was a possibility.

Perry and Lisa: Suggesting that bike racks next to cross walks are a good way to have pedestrian safety, so that cars don't park and block pedestrians.

Jim; wants to hear from PBAC in the next few weeks. Sooner the better, so that down town people don't get used to not having bike racks. There is a lot of opportunity right now.

Outdoor seating and dining will be up against the building. Furnishings are not for merchants; are for the community.

Route 206: The resurfacing was from Montgomery that spread up 206 to Herrontown road.

What does Engineering think about pervious sidewalk? It will cost more than regular sidewalk, but less than having to put in storm water management. Pavers seem to be better than pervious cement. Maintenance issue; repairs would probably be done with regular cement. Pavers are going to be put on Witherspoon; pavers are 4 inches thick.

Jim feels that pavers popping out and being tripping hazards may be a problem.

Lisa: Can we have a sample section of pervious pavers somewhere? Witherspoon isn't exactly a good comparison for residential areas; there will be cages to keep roots from going laterally.

David K: Is stormwater management required at a certain threshold? 5000 square feet. (Sidewalks are 5 feet wide, so 1000 feet long.)

David K: What about QR Codes on bike Boulevard signs? Jim is open to that, but says that it would be a lot of work.

Jim: University wanted to do the same type of thing they did on College road on Prospect and Williams. Williams is a possibility, but Prospect is not.

Ivy and Western Way; university will make it so that those roads have less cars on them, and more bikes and pedestrians; by design, "no one will want to drive on it."

NJDOT is going to replace the bridge over canal at Washington.

Tineke: Any plans for traffic calming on Bike Boulevards? Jim said; no, no further plans.

Laurie: Is there a possibility to work with police to heighten enforcement and put in electronic signs? Jim: Said that police are busy, but if we gave some recommendations in terms of a few spots, he could do that.

What kind of feedback for roundabout on Rosedale? Personally feels that it works well. Has ridden his bike through there, with good effects.

Hamilton Wiggins: Jim will do a request for proposals soon.

End of Engineering.

Minutes:

May Minutes: Approved.

June Minutes: Approved.

August Minutes: Approved.

Council Report:

Resolution passed to renew focus for Vision zero.

Planning grant: Safe Streets for All. We are applying for that planning grant.

Wants to have Vision Zero and Safe Streets for All to be combined, to not duplicate Consultants.

There is some concern with partnering with DVRPC: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Federal funding that we want to seek has to go through DVRPC; that is our federal "zone."

We are working with Vision Zero through the Master plan. However, now that engineering department is working with DVRPC about Vision Zero, it is no longer clear if working to move Vision Zero forward through the Master Plan is best. There is a concern that Vision zero may get lost in the shuffle because there are lots of other involvements with Master Plan, and if Vision Zero is solely tied with the master plan, that may get bogged down.

Lisa: Is concerned that Vision Zero should still move forward in terms of a communication campaign for Vision Zero. Wants this to keep moving forward, and not get only tied to the Master Plan.

Municipality is engaged in a campaign to improve sight lines at intersections. Property owners are responsible for this; municipality is pushing this, and telling property owners that they need to trim, with Vision Zero in mind.

Lisa: Worried about using the term "Vision Zero" for the trimming campaign; because Vision Zero is still being worked on; Town has not adopted Vision Zero action plan. Feels that communication should lead the charge for Vision Zero, instead of shoe horning Vision Zero into things like trimming their bushes.

There are two vacancies on PBAC. Dave has requested a list of all the applications. Dave wants to extend some invitations to people.

RFP out for Community Park South; a master plan for how that should be updated. Wants a bike connection from Guyot over to Mountain Ave.

Update from Adrian:

Has given away 7 bikes. Alex Kopaliani is Adrian's partner at the bike club.

Alex: He is planning on having a work schedule where students can go in and work on bikes for 40 minute slots. This will give community service hours and work experience hours to students.

Planning on having workshops locally: will be at event at September 30. Will do basic repairs and tune ups there.

Adrian:

Needs a costume for "Chasing George." Willing to be "the George."

Laurie:

There is a conflict with the Friends school for the day we wanted to do it in the Fall, so that may be delayed until Spring.

Public Transit Meeting:

No new news.

Events:

Mercer Trail Summit; rescheduled to October 6. Who is planning on going?

David: Does not know; he will check in with the people who were going to be there in June; especially Cindy Taylor (Open space manager.).

Mayor's bike ride? Dave said that he is kicking off a wellness campaign.

October 23: Lisa wants to do some sort of event with Lawrence and Trenton; now that Chasing George is not happening.

E Commuter Fest: Westminster Choir College Campus. September 30.

Friday the 30th, 4 to 7. Tineke and David: Setting up and until 5. Perry: Will be there 5 to 6:30. Laurie will come in and clean up. Tineke is bring the racks, Laurie is taking them back home.

Table as well: Tineke and Laurie will talk about this off line. Dave will bring a table.

We are retreating from the whole bike ride to the event piece.

Sustainable Princeton also has their fund raiser on October 9. One of their auction items will be a bike ride along the boulevards, followed by a picnic. If anyone is interested in attending....

New/Ongoing Business:

Carol Hollingsworth: Is going to do the Sourlands ride this weekend.