

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
5:00 P.M

Present were:

Voting Members: Croasmun, Wood, Duguid, Simonds, Carr

Advisory Member: Lt. Mull

Executive Secretary:

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Lewis, Moorhead, Bowman

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Cooley

Guests: Andrew Neutzling

CALL TO ORDER: 5:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Valerie Croasmun (acting Chair) asked for a motion for approval of the January 8, 2013 minutes. There was no quorum for February 12, 2013 meeting, therefore, minutes not official.

Motion to approve – Duguid

Second – Carr

Motion carries

ACTION ITEMS

Jodi Cooley presented the following 5 speed study locations for speed limit reduction and or signs where currently no signs are posted.

1. Morse Rd – Hamilton to US62 – 50 mph to 45 mph
2. Antares Ave - Gemini to Polaris – 35 mph
3. Harlem Rd – Warner to Central College – 45 mph
4. Holt Rd – Alkire Road to Stranton Park – 50 mph to 45 mph
5. Roberts Rd – Frazell to Hilliard Ramp – 50 mph to 45 mph

Valerie Croasmun asked for motion on the reduction of the 5 locations mention in presentation (above).

Motion to recommend approval to the Director – Wood

Second – Duguid

Motion Carries

OLD BUSINESS

Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Daniel Moorhead gave an update as follows on issues discussed at the February 27, 2013 Bicycle Subcommittee meeting.

SR-161 Shared-Use Path Update – Daniel Moorhead communicated that the committee was informed the city had applied and received funding via MORPC for both right of way acquisition and construction of this project. This project is to build a shared use path along 161 between Sawmill Road and Linworth Road.

Overview of Bicentennial Bikeways Plan – Daniel Moorhead shared that the new members of the bicycle subcommittee were brought up-to-date on the state of bicycling in Columbus. Discussion included what the plan was back in 2008 and what actions have been completed since. The bike plan will be updated over the next year or more.

2013 Resurfacing Bike Projects – The 2013 resurfacing bike projects were mapped out and reviewed with the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Residential On-Street Handicap Parking Rules and Regulations – Randy Bowman distributed a summary handout of potential residential on-street handicapped parking policy changes. The current policy was last updated in 2008. Randy indicated that currently there are approximately 1,500 spaces and the need to have them verified, as most have not been verified for years under the current policy. Currently the annual fee for a residential on-street handicapped parking space is \$25, and this fee does not guarantee an applicant the sole right to this space. After much discussion and input from the Mayor's Columbus Area Committee on Disability Issues it has been decided that the annual fee will be abolished. Many factors were taken into consideration. The updated policy will also hold applicants accountable, such as, requiring applicants to pay unpaid parking tickets before an application or annual renewal can be approved.

Valerie Croasmun asked for a motion to approve the changes to the Residential On-Street Handicapped Parking Policy Changes.

Motion to recommend approval to the Director – Simonds

Second - Carr

Other Business

Bicycle Subcommittee Recommendations

Bill Lewis referenced the discussion brought up in February 2013 meeting concerning the role of the bicycle subcommittee. Bill has asked for clarification of the relationship between the bicycle subcommittee and the T&PC. It was decided that policy matters will be brought to the T&PC for recommendation and direction, but the day to day input on projects and operational matters staff needs will be handled directly by the bicycle subcommittee.

Valerie asked for a motion to approve the clarification of the relationship between the Bicycle Subcommittee and the T&PC.

Motion to approve – Carr

Second – Duguid

Motion Carries

Guest Speaker - North Bound Bus Stop on High Street in front of State House

Andrew Neutzling representing the People's DOT of Central Ohio brought forth a concern for a fence that has been installed behind the bus stop in front of the State House. The concern is that this is a major transfer point in the city for bus riders. The newly installed fence is in front of a wall that many riders have used as sitting area while waiting for the their transfer. He indicated that there is only one bus shelter at this major bus rider location. Andrew attended the meeting looking for guidance on how to obtain another shelter or additional seating. It was explained to Mr. Neutzling that COTA is responsible for the bus shelters wherever they provide service, therefore, not an issue for the city. The committee did suggest contacting COTA, which Andrew did indicate had already been done.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O'Harra
Recording Secretary

Steve Simmons
Chairperson

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary