

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
50 WEST GAY STREET, CONFERENCE ROOM B, 1ST FLOOR
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013
5:00 P.M

Present were:

Voting Members: Carr, Croasmun, Simmons, Simonds, Stitt, Wood

Advisory Member: Lt. Mull

Executive Secretary: Patti Austin

Department of Public Service: Rick Tilton

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Christian, Keeran, Lewis, Moorhead, Tran

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Cooley, Magovac, Wilfong

Division of Design and Construction:

Guests: David Magee, Beth Brickweg, Javier Alvarez, Susan Van Ausdal, Joanna Hammer, James McCullars, Chet Ridenour, Randall Schumacher

CALL TO ORDER: 5:10 p.m.

MINUTES

Steve Simmons asked for a motion to approve September 10, 2013 minutes.

Motion to approve – Stitt

Second - Wood

Motion carries

ACTION ITEMS

Permit Parking Request – West Longview Avenue

Keith Keeran indicated that the West Longview Avenue petition is no longer valid. Several of the residents that original signed the petition had their signatures removed. With the removal of their signatures the criteria for permit parking was not met and the petition was voided.

Permit Parking Request – Greystone Apartments

Keith Keeran presented a petition that was received in June 2013. The request is for the residents of the Greystone Apartments located at 814 North High Street to be added to parking permit Area V. This request originated as a result of permit parking being added to a portion of Hubbard, from Dennison to Park. This area had previously been restricted to school bus stopping/parking on one side of the street and unrestricted parking on the other side of Hubbard, and was changed back in January. Residents of the Greystone Apartments were parking on Hubbard and as a result of the permit parking they have been displaced. The Greystone has 64 addresses with 42 available parking spaces.

Keith provided a brief description of the requirements on petition policy. He indicated that all signatures on the petition were verified and all relevant criteria were met. The recommendation from the city is not to approve the petition and instead, remove the permit parking on Hubbard adjacent to the Clinton on Hubbard School that is not in use at this time. This would allow for 18 unrestricted parking spaces.

Public Comments

In attendance at the meeting were residents of the Greystone Apartments. The following people did speak; David Magee, Beth Brickweg, Javier Alvarez, Susan Van Ausdal, Joanna Hammer, James McCullars, Chet Ridenour and Randall Schumacher.

All speakers except for Chet Ridenour were asking for approval of the petition giving their personal thoughts as to why it should be approved. Mr. Ridenour spoke on behalf of the Short North Civic Association, and recommended approval of the plan proposed by staff.

Steve Simmons asked for a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Denial of the petition request and instead recommend the removal of the permit parking restriction on the north side of Hubbard between Park Street and Dennison Avenue (adjacent to Clinton on Hubbard School).

Motion to approve - Wood

Second – Stitt

Motion carries

Speed Studies

Jodi Cooley presented the following 6 speed study locations for speed limit reduction/increase and or signs where currently no signs are posted.

1. Bent Tree Blvd from Sawmill Place Blvd to Lakebrook Blvd/Snuffer Rd – reduction from 45 MPH to 40 MPH
2. Alton Darby Creek Road from E Broad St to Thorncrest Drive – currently not posted, 45 MPH recommended
3. Avery Road from Hayden Run Road to Dublin Corporate boundary 1.2 miles north – currently not posted, 45 MPH recommended
4. Norton Road from Alkire Road to Hall Road – currently not posted, 40 MPH recommended
5. E Seventh Avenue from Stelzer Road to James Road – raise from 25 MPH to 40 MPH
6. Snuffer Road from Sawmill Road to McVey Blvd/Smoky Row Road – currently posted 45 MPH/40 MPH recommend 40 MPH for entire segment

Steve Simmons asked for a motion to approve the 6 locations referenced in Jodi's presentation (above).

Motion to Approve – Croasmun

Second – Simonds

Motion Carries

OLD BUSINESS

Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Daniel Moorhead provided an update as follows on issues discussed at the September 25, 2013 Bicycle Subcommittee meeting.

East Franklinton Bike Rack Locations – Solicited input from the subcommittee on locations for bike parking along Rich Street and Town Street. These streets were converted recently providing two-way traffic. Input needed to ensure the maximum amount of bike parking would be available for this project.

Morse Road Spot Improvements – There was discussion/input on specific improvements that had been recommended in the bicentennial bikeways plan. These improvements include Morse Road to High Street, Morse Road and Sharon Avenue and Morse Road and Indianola Avenue.

2014 Resurfacing – Bikeways Preview – The subcommittee was given a preview of projects that the city is striving to implement with this resurfacing in 2014.

Informational Items

1. *Creative Campus*

Gary Wilfong provided an update on Creative Campus. This project is the area surrounded by the Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus State Community College and Columbus Art Museum. The intent is to improve connectivity and pedestrian access between campuses. This project primarily involves Gay Street, Washington, Ninth and Cleveland Avenue. This project is currently in design with construction to start in 2015.

2. *Update on Car2go*

Randy Bowman provided an update on the Car2go 12 month pilot. City council has approved going forward with the pilot. Car2go would like to launch the program by the end of October 2013.

3. *Short North Parking Study Update*

Randy Bowman provided an update on the Short North Parking Study. At the current time a fee schedule is being negotiated and aimed to start by the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Signals Under Study for Removal

Kim Magnovac provided an update on the removal of unwarranted signals. The study period for the signals has ended and all additional information is being gathered. Once the information is gathered there will be a final recommendation for removal.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Steve Simmons asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Approve – Croasmun

Second – Wood

Motion Carries

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O’Harra
Recording Secretary

Steve Simmons
Chairperson

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

THIS MEETING WAS RECORDED; RECORDING IS ON FILE
AT 109 NORTH FRONT STREET