

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 15, 2015

The Public Transportation and Parking Commission met on the above date at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Public Works Department.

Members Present: Ms. Jessica Faison Mr. Charles Moore Mr. Brian Farkas
 Mr. Dave Schwartz Mr. Will Russ Mr. Scott Alford

Staff Present: Mr. Stephen Mancuso Mr. Kenneth Jackson

Council Liaison: Council Member Richard Croskery

Guest: Dr. Emilie Kane, Environmental Advisory Commission

WELCOME: Mr. Moore called the meeting to order and established a quorum was present.

AGENDA: Mr. Moore asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Farkas asked to add to an Old Business Item 2 to the agenda to further discuss pedestrian crossings at bus stops. Mr. Mancuso asked to add two announcements to be discussed during the GREAT monthly report.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 18, 2015 MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Alford to approve the March 18, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farkas and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION'S NO IDLING RESOLUTION: Dr. Emilie Kane with the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) was present to request support for a No Idling Resolution. Dr. Kane stated the No Idling Resolution was drafted by request of Dr. James Kenny after information was provided to EAC on the affects of idling on public health and air pollution. The resolution requests City Council consider signs that encourage drives to turn off their engines be installed in City parking facilities at Park and Recreation sites and in the Uptown Greenville parking lots and parking deck in order to reduce the air pollution, public health, and economic effects of motor vehicle idling.

Dr. Kane furthered stated the signs being requested have not been developed; however, signs would request motorists to turn off their engines and would vary in description based on their locations. Dr. Croskery questioned the cost of signs and their installation. Dr. Kane commented the cost associated with the signs would be dependent on City resources for developing and installing and the locations identified.

Mr. Farkas made a motion to offer a letter of support to EAC for their No Idling Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schwartz.

OLD BUSINESS:

GREENVILLE TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITY CENTER (GTAC): Mr. Mancuso reported the architectural and engineering firm is under formal contract for the GTAC. A presentation will be given to the Commission at their May 20, 2015 by the firm as well as a public meeting that afternoon for comments.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS AT BUS STOPS:

Mr. Farkas began by referencing a memo that he had initiated by request of Mr. Mulligan to address the possible use of crosswalks at bus stops. A copy of that memo is attached to the minutes being presented. The use of medians and crosswalks would raise awareness of pedestrians at bus stop locations. Dr. Croskery stated he felt these types of changes would increase safety for pedestrians at bus stops and could also be developed at various locations within the City. Ms. Faison commented the 10th Street Corridor could be examined to include crosswalks as well. Mr. Mancuso added the Sheppard Memorial Library stop has been relocated to accommodate pedestrians and promote crossing at the Reade Circle crosswalk.

Mr. Moore summarized the discussion by stating the group's consensus was to promote public education on crosswalk usage, to coordinate with Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission to increase public awareness and to look at bus stop alignment with the potential of relocating bus stops as feasible to increase pedestrian safety. Mr. Alford made a motion to have City staff review recommendations being requested by the Public Transportation and Parking Commission and report their findings at the May 20, 2015 meeting.

GREAT MONTHLY REPORT: Mr. Mancuso presented the report for March 2015 for information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Mancuso presented an email from Bianca Shoneman with Uptown Greenville regarding a meeting that will be held April 15, 2015 to discuss parking meters in the Uptown Greenville area at the Topsy Teapot beginning at 3:30pm. Ms. Shoneman invited Public Transportation and Parking Commission members to attend the meeting.

Mr. Mancuso announced his decision to retire from the City of Greenville effective May 29, 2015. Mr. Mancuso stated he will be taking a position with the North Carolina Public Transportation Association; however, he hopes to continue in a part-time position with the City of Greenville to be the liaison for the Greenville Transportation Activity Center and other federal grant matters.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Alford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Braddy, Interim Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission