



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council chambers, 288 Central Avenue
Meeting Date: **Monday, February 13, 2023**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members present: Maurice Olivier (Chair), Elizabeth Goldman (Clerk), Donna Benton (Planning), Jill Semprini (Community Services), Susan Tremblay

Members Not Present (Excused): Dennis Munson (Vice-Chair), Michael Williams (COAST), Police Department staff representative

Members Not Present (Unexcused): Peter Schmidt (Alternate), Dustin Gray (Alternate), Lindsey Williams (City Council)

Other City Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Chris Parker, City Engineer Ken Mavrogeorge

1. ROLL CALL

Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker opened the meeting at 6:00 PM by welcoming all in attendance. Approximately 40 citizens and downtown merchants were recognized to be in attendance, along with TAC committee members and other City staff.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access Improvements Project – kickoff session and public comment

Chris Parker gave an overview of the history of this project, dating back to 2001 when the decision was made to review the one-way and two-way flow of traffic downtown. The Cecil Group developed conceptual plans in 2014 under the guidance of the Transportation Advisory Commission. Parker stated that now the City has contracted with Greenman-Pederson, Inc. (GPI) to create design plans. Parker stressed that this continues to be a lengthy and complicated process.

Parker introduced Mark Debowski from the GPI project team.

Mark Debowski, GPI Project Manager, introduced other members of his project team in attendance:

Steve Babalis – Traffic and Intersection Design

Kyle Higgins – Roadway Design

Robert White – Landscape Design

Debowski went through a 30-minute power point presentation providing an overview of the project. He discussed the project background, existing conditions, traffic, roundabouts in general, the proposed design, and the estimated project schedule. He showed slides of different traffic flow options for lower square, upper square, the area of Main/Washington/Portland, and Chestnut Street. He stated that the expectation is that the design project timeline assumes a final design by about December 2023.



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Goldman asked a question about moving utilities below grade. Debowski confirmed that it is not included within the scope of this design. Mavrogeorge spoke about integrating this project with other utility infrastructure projects, and stated that the City's ultimate goal is to get all downtown utilities below grade.

Debowski's presentation concluded at 6:40 PM and then adjourned directly to the City Hall auditorium, where attendees were asked to gather in smaller groups around representations of the design plans, to ask questions and provide input.

Only the initial presentation was recorded, and the meeting was adjourned once all citizen input was received.