



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION -- MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council Conference Room
Meeting Date: **Monday, March 24, 2008**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

Members Present: Glenn Grasso, Dennis Munson, Peter Schmidt, John Scruton, Marn Speidel, Ed Wentworth, Councilwoman Weston, and Dave White.

Motion: To approve February minutes made by Ed Wentworth; seconded by Councilwoman Weston.

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion: Vote on Bylaws made by Glenn Grasso. John Scruton expressed concerns regarding city employees being able to vote. A short discussion on Article III/Membership Section of Bylaws. Bruce Woodruff provided clarification on concerns.

Discussion:

On spelling of words and wording.

Motion: To accept Bylaws by Peter Schmidt; Seconded by Ed Wentworth followed by additional discussion by John Scruton,

VOTE: 8-1 in favor; Against: John Scruton.

Discussion:

Glenn Grasso expressed issue on prioritizing TAC Items. Suggestion made to review. Marn Speidel chose Items #10 & #16 as the same and suggested removing Item #18. All members in favor.

Motion:

Marn Speidel suggested that all items need to be voted on as house-keeping items. Chairman Glen Grasso asked members to choose their top items. Top items chosen were Items #3 & #5; #9 & #10. Glen also discussed issue of acquiring city e-mail address. This would require legal opinion from the City Attorney. General approval of entire committee to move forward on this.

Discussion:

Fourth Street parking issues on both sides of the street called to our attention by Councilwoman Weston. Her suggestion is to limit parking to one side. Bruce Woodruff discussed city's ideas and ways to not affect the Bell Center Business, etc. Discussion on the city's history of issues in the past. Marn Speidel spoke on several points. Peter Schmidt presented information on traffic issues and asked to schedule talk with the Bell Center Staff. Glen Grasso presented ideas to assist when there is a great deal of snow to maybe do several days in a row of snow removal.



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Motion: Made by Glenn Grasso to complete snow removal on Street and to work with Bell Center staff.

Amendment: Bruce. All members in favor.

Chairman Grasso introduced Myranda McGowan from Strafford Regional Planning Commission (S.R.P.C.) She asked for new ideas on our transportation issue and spoke of new project ideas from her office. Bruce Woodruff talked about what we need to do to come up with new our ideas.

New Business:

Truck routes by Bruce Woodruff. Discussion about past history of these routes and what is in the city ordinances. Ideas to help with problems. Much discussion on this issue. Bruce suggested putting up signs with truck routes noted on them to show truck companies where to go. Parks Christenbury gave history of why truck routes were put into place. Parks suggested we involve the Dover Police Department to look over issues.

Motion: Made by Peter Schmidt to enter into planning stage on this; Seconded by John Scruton.

All members in favor.

Discussion:

Bruce Woodruff discussed problems that may arise and legal ways in which to handle them. A citizen spoke of truck issues and submitted a petition. Petition recorded.

Councilwoman Weston spoke on ITEM B. Truck route signs and how long to get this to the TAC and then on the City Council Agenda—perhaps June?

On to RFP language for new occupant for train center. Discussion about ITEM B. Tennant is responsible. Change words from passenger waiting and general platform area to inside area. Discussion to get someone into this building. Marn Speidel talked about hours of operation - maybe take out most items and leave in preferred operator's hours - from roughly 6:30-6:00 weekdays and 9:00-9:30 weekends.

Woody wants to be able to have a phone number to the building, as well as, internet access. He would like to have an operator to agree to have a train representative to be able to go into the building after hours to open up building for the comfort of the general public.



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Discussion on appointment of TAC Member to Council Ad Hoc Committee on parking garage. Peter Schmidt was appointed.

Discussion on cross walk located on Main Street & School Street. Councilwoman Weston gave talk on this. She would like to move the cross walk up the street. Bruce gave reason why the cross walk is located where it is. Much discussion on these issues.

Motion:

To table this to next meeting.

All members in favor.

Motion:

To adjourn made by Dennis Munson.

All members in favor.

Next Meeting: April 28 @ 7:00 p.m.; City Hall Auditorium