

CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council chambers, second floor City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, April 25, 2016**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members present: Mayor Karen Weston (Chair), Marn Speidel (Police), Gretchen Young (Community Services), Chris Parker (Planning), Brian DeGuzis (COAST), Maurice Olivier, Peter Schmidt (Alternate) arrived at 6:10 PM (Item 2B)

Members Absent: Susan Tremblay, Dustin Gray, Dennis Munson

1. Roll Call

Weston called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Old Business

A. Review/approval of minutes from February 29, 2016

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Olivier, to approve.

Vote: Motion passed 6-0.

B. Transportation Master Plan – staff update

Parker gave a staff update, stating that the consultant has presented their findings and preliminary report to the Transportation Master Plan Steering Committee, and members and staff have provided feedback. The next step is for the consultant to make revisions based on that feedback and then hold a public information session. The feedback from that session will be incorporated and the final version will be presented to the Planning Board. Staff would like to hold that public information session as part of the May 23rd TAC meeting.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Olivier, to hold a public information review of the updates to the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan at the May 23rd TAC meeting, to be held at 6:00 in room 305 of the McConnell Center pending room availability.

Vote: Motion passed 7-0.

3. New Business

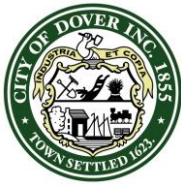
A. Main/School crosswalk concern

Speidel stated that Mr. Eibert has corresponded with the Police Department and the City Manager regarding the crosswalk on Main Street at the entrance to the Cochecho Mill building and School Street.

Bryan Eibert of 345A Washington Street addressed the commission. He summarized that many employees and residents cross Main Street at the location of School Street and that they regularly have to dodge vehicles. He proposed a blinking pedestrian warning sign, or signs in the street between lanes, to help slow down vehicles.

Discussion ensued regarding this crosswalk and the proposed improvements included in the recently completed downtown transportation study. It was noted that the cost of a flashing pedestrian sign was approximately \$15,000, and that it may be removed once the recommended improvements to the downtown are implemented. The committee concluded that as a first step, the city should look at opportunities to make traffic improvements by modifying the pavement striping in the area.

Motion: Olivier made a motion, seconded by Parker, to have staff restripe or add pavement striping that reduces lane widths, extends lane definitions, and includes a crosswalk ahead



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marking; also to potentially add a temporary sign between lanes if there is adequate room; and reach out to the property owner to remind them that delivery truck parking is discouraged in front of the crosswalk.

Vote: Motion passed 7-0.

B. Correspondence RE: Old Rochester and Hotel Drive crosswalk proposal

Parker stated that Hotel Drive is a private road, so the City does not have the authority to add a mid-block crosswalk in this location. Only a crosswalk at New Rochester Road was shown on the approved plans.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Olivier, to send the property owner's contact information to the person requesting the crosswalk.

Vote: Motion passed 7-0.

C. Discussion on Chapter 66 (Bicycles, Skateboards and Scooters)

Ben Cooper of 111 Silver Street addressed the committee. He requested that Chapter 66 be revised to allow for longboards to be used in the same locations and manner as bicycles. He explained that longboards are different than a traditional skateboard and they cannot be used for tricks. He also stated that he, and many others use longboards as a mode of transportation, however, the use of any skateboard is currently prohibited in the downtown area. Weston noted that information that she had researched indicates that longboards could be safely used in bike lanes, but not in vehicle lanes.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Schmidt, to table for future study and have staff look for areas for bike lanes in the downtown area, which would create a space/lane that could potentially accommodate longboards.

Vote: Motion passed 7-0.

4. Citizens Forum

No citizens spoke.

5. Member Comments

Weston stated that the Garrison School Joint Building Committee is preparing to review the traffic circulation at the school and potentially make some modifications.

6. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, at 6:00 pm at the McConnell Center, Room 305.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.