

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 18, 2016

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. Brian Farkas Mr. Charles Moore
 Mr. Dave Schwartz

Staff Present: Mr. Kevin Mulligan Mr. Lamont Jackson Mr. Rik DiCesare
 Mrs. Stacey Pigford Mrs. Rachel Manning

Guests:

Council Liaison: Council Member Rick Smiley

I. WELCOME

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

II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2016 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz to approve the April 20, 2016 minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Ms. Faison and passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Parking Deck Art Project

Mr. Mulligan gave an update on the parking deck art project. He stated discussion had been made with the City Manager, and there is currently no budget for the project. The only option for funding would be private fund raising. Therefore, he requested to remove the item from future agendas.

2. Uptown Parking

Mr. Mulligan gave an update on uptown parking. He stated the city has put together a parking task force to look at all things related to uptown parking. The first meeting has been held. However, Mr. Mulligan requests the presence of a commission member. Mr. Moore volunteered to attend the meetings.

3. Bus Stops/Crosswalks Update

Mrs. Pigford gave a report on bus stops and crosswalks. She presented information on two locations in question. The first location is the north side of Easy Street in front of the Community Health Center and across from ECU Transit Operations. Neither of the businesses lend enough pedestrian activity to warrant the installation of a mid-block crossing. Also, there are no sidewalks

located on either side of the street. The second location is on Hooker Road between Dickinson Avenue and Howell Street. At this location, there is marked crosswalk with pedestrian signals north of the intersection of Hooker Road and Dickinson Avenue. There is also a marked crosswalk south of the intersection of Hooker Road and Howell Street. Due to the proximity of these two crosswalks to the bus stop locations, it is unlikely that another location will be installed.

Mr. DiCesare reported he would be meeting with D.O.T. to discuss the state owned intersections in question.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mulligan reported that GTAC is out for bid.

VIII. OTHER – FYI

1. GREAT Monthly Report

Mr. Jackson presented the GREAT monthly report for review. He explained that ridership is down compared to last month. Also, a few adjustments have been made to routes to help better the flow of traffic.

2. Upcoming Projects & Meetings Information

Lamont Jackson stated there were no upcoming projects and meetings to announce.

IX. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR June 15, 2016

Mr. Farkas suggested the commission learn more about the Vision Zero Network which is an evaluation on how to keep streets safe.

X. ADJOURN MEETING

With there being no further business to conduct, Mr. Farkas 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 June 15, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Manning, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission