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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Board members present: Brian Glover, Chair; Adele Grier; Traye Smith; Corina Jury; Patrick Harris; Katy Webb, Vice Chair; Jennifer Bennett; Robert Turner; Chad Carwein.

ADVISORS PRESENT:

- Advisors present: Eric Gooby; Police Sergeant Mike Montanye; Taylor Cabaniss.

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT:

- Ex-officio present: Gary Fenton; Kevin Mulligan.

STAFF LIAISONS:

- Staff liaisons: Dean Foy; Scott Godefroy; Lynn Raynor; Calvin Mercer, City Council Liaison.

MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

The meeting was opened at 5:30 PM and the following items were discussed. Agenda items are in bold print with the highlights of the discussion and actions below the agenda item.

I. Roll Call/Quorum

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the November 2, 2016 agenda as presented. Motion: Robert Turner; Second: Traye Smith; Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion made to table the August 10, 2016 minutes. Motion: Robert Turner; Second: Traye Smith; Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to approve the September 7, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion: Robert Turner; Second: Traye Smith; Motion carried unanimously.

V. Member Announcements

- Member announcements: A. Traye Smith – 2016 Citizen Survey just opened and will stay open until mid-December. You can find the link on the City website. B. Traye Smith – Understand there are entities supporting the Tar River Pedestrian Bridge from the Town Common to River Park North. Would like to add this to the January agenda to provide official support. There will be a public comment period, as well as a stakeholders meeting.

VI. Public Comment Period (3 minutes)

- A. Emilie Kane of the Environmental Advisory Commission came to share their Commission's mission to become familiar with other commissions with same vision. Invited Bike/Ped Commission to communicate common issues. Just hear to observe tonight.

VII. Advisor (Non-voting) Report

- A. Eric Gooby (Pitt County)
1. No report.
- B. Taylor Cabaniss (Vidant Medical Center)
1. New Active Routes to School Coordinator – Walk to School Day was on 10/5 with four schools participating. Largest turnout was at Eastern Elementary School. Bike to School Day will be held on 05/10/2017.
- C. Sgt. Mike Montanye (Greenville Police Department)
1. No report.

VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Public Works (Scott Godefroy for Lynn Raynor)
1. Green Mill Run Greenway – Hope to finish with greenway in 4-5 weeks. Working at Evans St now. There are still some small punch items that need to be addressed. Some flood damage from Hurricane Matthew that needs to be repaired.
 2. South Tar Greenway – Working with CSX to get permitted, then will draft construction agreement. Hope to have this completed by end of the year. Anticipate it to be a one year construction project.
 3. Intersections – 14 intersections allocated for improvements, two have been completed. This includes ADA compliance and pedestrian signals. Discussion ensued regarding roundabouts.
 4. Arlington Phase I Bond Project – Milling of pavement will be over in the next few days. Resurfacing will take place next week. Red Banks Rd/Greenville Blvd to Arlington ➤ can add a bike lane from Stantonsburg Road to Memorial, sharrows from Heart Drive to Arlington Blvd.
- B. Recreation and Parks (Dean Foy)
1. South Tar Greenway – Foot bridge washed out under concrete approximately five feet deep under the bridge. Currently formulating a plan for repair with Public Works. There is enough room to go around this damage and crush and run has been placed on the ground to help with this. Sand accumulation was up to 18"; it has been removed, however still requires some sweeping and signs still need to be cleaned.
 2. Flooding did not affect the Town Common playground installation. Ribbon cutting is scheduled for 11.19.2016 at 10:00am.
 3. Parks has recommended Public Works complete a structural assessment of the esplanade due to all of the flooding and signs of erosion.
 4. River Park North – fallen trees and leaning trees have been removed for accessible areas. It will be the end of the year before all damage can be assessed on side trails.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. COG Boards and Commissions Policy (Attachment B)

Motion made to table this item until the January meeting.

Motion: Traye Smith

Second: Robert Turner

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Evans/Old Tar Widening Project – Public Meeting 11/3 (Traye Smith)

Public meeting scheduled for 11.03.2016 from 4:00 – 7:00pm at the Pitt County Shriners Club. Important for the Commission and citizens to show up to provide input for bike lanes to ensure NCDOT hears the public wants/needs. You can also google NCDOT Evans and Old Tar Rd to make comments. Commissioners planning to attend are Traye Smith, Brian Glover, Robert Turner, and Chad Carwein.

C. Work Plan for 2017 (Adele Grier)

Items discussed that to be added to the 2017 Work Plan include:

1. Working with Public Works and NCDOT on projects for bike lanes.
2. Maintain communication with other Commissions and discussion on communication.
3. Communicate with stakeholders such as high schools, etc.
4. Reach out to Public Works and City Councilmember McLean Godley regarding Bike Share.
5. Active Transportation Plan completed in the summer of 2017 – need resolution to identify priorities.
6. North South Connector communications.
7. Updated Bike Map.
8. Connect with stakeholders regarding the pedestrian bridge from the Town Common to River Park North.
9. Bike/Ped Safety Education (awareness events).
10. Complete Streets ordinance.

X. Old Business

A. Active Transportation Plan (Traye Smith, Chad Carwein)

Website still open for public comments. Next meeting is scheduled for 11.17.2016.

B. Pedestrian Education and Possible Videos for Greenville City TV (Adele Grier, Katy Webb, Corina Jury)

No report.

C. Bike/Ped Counts – National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project (Brian Glover)

Numbers are not much different from previous years. Would like to coordinate with Daryl Vreeland regarding pedestrian counts on the greenway from the automatic counters placed on the greenway this past year.

D. Farewell Remarks (Brian Glover)

Term ending in 2016. Proud of the work the Commission has completed. Provided comments on things to work on:

1. Working with other Commissions in regards to sharing resolutions for additional support.

2. Big picture – People only bike/ride if there's somewhere else to go. Greenville area is not dense enough – need to keep zoning for denser communities.
3. The Commission has been an ECU oriented group, mostly East side of the City. Need more perspective view from other parts of the community to make sure the whole City is getting their voices heard.
4. A motion was made to commend Chair Brian Glover for a great job.
Motion: Rob Turner
Second: Traye Smith
Motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn.

Motion: Robert Turner

Second: Traye Smith

Motion carried unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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