

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2018**

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: Mr. Charles Moore Ms. Dee Dinsdale Mrs. Bianca Shoneman
 Mr. Andrew Denton Ms. Debra Garfi Mrs. Jessica Harley

Staff Present: Mr. Lamont Jackson Mrs. Amanda Braddy Mr. Ken Graves
 Mr. Ryan Purtle

Guests:

I. WELCOME

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

Mr. Moore established a quorum.

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2018 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Denton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Shoneman and passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dickinson Avenue/ Imperial Site Parking

Mr. Denton raised questions about the lack of parking in the uptown area.

He introduced the idea of a temporary gravel lot on Dickinson Avenue, to satisfy parking until the structure parking comes in the future. Mr. Graves expressed his awareness of the parking need, and gave information about potential resolutions to the problem. He stated that the city manager's office is discussing utilization of D.O.T. parcels within the area. A motion was made by Ms. Dinsdale to submit a letter to the mayor, and city council, recommending potential parking options along Dickinson Avenue. These options include: Imperial Site, D.O.T. Remnants, Private Properties, Ficklen Street, 9th Street, Pitt Street and Clark Street. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Shoneman and passed unanimously.

2. Communication Strategy on Town Creek Culvert & Streetscape

Mr. Graves gave an update on Town Creek Culvert, and the recent ground breaking that took place. He also presented the comprehensive communication strategy that was implemented for communicating with the public.

Mr. Purtle spoke briefly on the Cotanche to Evans streetscape. He is still trying to gather all of the renderings of the project, so he will update the commission as information is gained.

3. Complete Streets on Greenville Boulevard/ Bus Lanes & Bus Stops

Mr. Purtle spoke about complete streets on Greenville Boulevard. He stated designs are still being looked at for Greenville Boulevard. Bike lanes and right-of-ways raise concerns, due to such a narrow roadway. However, there is a project plan in place to have sidewalks installed on both sides of the street. They will extend from Sunchase Apartments to Dickinson Avenue Extension.

4. Bus Shelters/ Short Range Transit Plans

Mr. Jackson gave information on upcoming bus shelter projects. There will be two new shelters installed on Greenville Boulevard. One will be placed at Frontgate Drive, and the other will be in front of Koinania Church. Mr. Jackson is also contacting new vendors for various bus shelter designs, in hopes to steer away from the standard box style that the city currently has.

Mr. Purtle gave a brief update on short range transit plans. He stated the transit plan would be folded into the metropolitan transportation plan that will be kicking off in mid-April.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Old business was tabled until the April meeting.

VIII. OTHER – FYI

1. GREAT Monthly Report

The great monthly report was tabled until the April meeting

2. Upcoming Projects & Meetings Information

No projects or meetings were announced.

IX. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 18, 2018

1. Letter to Council and Mayor on Potential Parking Options

X. ADJOURN MEETING

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Moore adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2018 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Manning, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission