CITY OF PEORIA – TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016

3:00 P.M.

COMMISSION MEETING – TO BE HELD AT CITY OF PEORIA DRIES LANE FACILITY CONFERENCE ROOM #113, 3505 N. DRIES LANE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS 61604. (309) 494-8800.

CITY OF PEORIA – TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AGENDAS AND MINUTES

ISSUED BY:

JOE HUDSON, CHAIRMAN

VIA TRAFFIC ENGINEER NICK STOFFER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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THE CITY OF PEORIA – TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETS IN REGULAR BUSINESS SESSIONS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 3:00 PM AT 3505 N DRIES LANE CONFERENCE ROOM #113, PEORIA, ILLINOIS. (309) 494-8800.
CITY OF PEORIA – TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
DRIES LANE, CONFERENCE ROOM
3:00 PM

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

- Introduction of New Commissioner, Dr. Bernie Goitein (replaces Mrs. Crowell)
- Introduction of New Commissioner, Mr. David Smesrud (replaces Mr. Ray)
- Reappointment of Commissioner, Mr. Joe Hudson

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM No. 1: CONSIDERATION of the Following Request(s) AMENDING the TRAFFIC CODE of the City of Peoria, As Needed:

A. CONSIDERATION of a REQUEST for a TRAFFIC REGULATION AMENDING SCHEDULE “S” OF THE TRAFFIC CODE for the REDUCTION of SPEED LIMIT in the FLORENCE SUBDIVISION (30 to 25 MPH). [District 2]

ITEM No. 2: DISCUSSION of Transportation Commission WORK ITEMS:

1. Formulate Implementation Plans for the Complete Streets Policy and Bicycle Master Plan:
      i. REVIEW and DISCUSSION of Current Process used by City Engineers to Incorporate COMPLETE STREET POLICIES in Funded Improvement Projects.

ITEM No. 3: OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST to the Transportation Commissioners:

a. Application Submitted for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP):
   Application 441007 - Rock Island Greenway Extension;

b. June 20th Construction Kickoff of University Street Improvement Project (Forrest Hill Avenue to War Memorial Drive/US 150).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION of APPROVAL of a Request from the City Engineer to REMOVE the RIGHT- TURN Lanes on Northbound and Southbound MAIN STREET at SHERIDAN ROAD and Replace with Striped Bump Outs. [District 2]

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, July 19, 2016

ADJOURNMENT
Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 16-206  Version: 1  Name: Appts and Reappointments - Transportation Comm
Type: Appointment  Status: Consent Agenda
File created: 5/24/2016  In control: City Council
On agenda: 6/14/2016  Final action:
Title: APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

- Bernard Goitein (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
- David Smesrud (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
- Joe Hudson (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019

Sponsors:
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Attachments: 1. Bernard Goitein Profile, 2. David Smesrud Profile

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BACKGROUND:
The following terms will become effective immediately.

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APPOINTMENTS

Bernard Goitein (Voting)
1625 W. Columbia Terrace
Peoria, IL 61606
(309) 453-9017

Bernard Goitein is replacing Mary Jane Crowell.

David Smesrud (Voting)
325 W. Knoll Crest Dr.
Peoria, IL 61614
(563) 271-0236

David Smesrud is replacing Randall Ray.

REAPPOINTMENT
Joe Hudson (Voting) 331 Perry Peoria, IL 61603 (309) 676-1614

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NA

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: NA

IMPACT IF APPROVED: The Commission will not have vacancies.

IMPACT IF DENIED: The Commission will have vacancies.

ALTERNATIVES: NA

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER: NA

WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL'S 2014 - 2029 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?

1. Not applicable.

WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?

1. Not applicable.

DEPARTMENT: Mayor's Office
Brenda Hopwood

From: Bernard Goltein <bjggoblue@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 5:32 PM
To: Brenda Hopwood
Cc: Kate Green
Subject: City of Peoria, Illinois Contact:

To: MayorsOffice

Name: Bernard Goltein

Email: bjggoblue@aol.com

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Business Name

Business Address

Home Phone
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Business Phone
3096772262

Fax

Preferred method of contact:
* Business Phone * Email * Mail

Preference on which commission you would like to serve:
Traffic Commission

Community Volunteer Experience
Past president Uplands Residential Association, 8 years URA rep to Western Ave Greenway Project, URA rep to West Bluff Council

Past board member, Northside Planning and Development Commission

Have you previously served on a city commission:
No
If yes, please list which commission and the date of service

Professional and Employment Background
Director, Center for Business and Economic Research; Professor of Management and Leadership
(Foster College of Business, Bradley University)

Educational Background
Highest degree:
PhD, University of Michigan, 1982, Organizational Psychology.

State briefly why you wish to be considered for a city volunteer commission and what you would hope to accomplish if appointed effective traffic planning is important both to Peoria employers and to the people and families that reside in the City of Peoria.

I would hope to achieve plans that effectively meet the needs and priorities of these stakeholders.

Would your service on a city commission be a conflict of interest for you?; No

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Brenda Hopwood

From: David Smesrud <dsmesrud@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 10:17 AM
To: Brenda Hopwood
Cc: Kate Green
Subject: City of Peoria, Illinois Contact:

To:
MayorsOffice

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David Smesrud

Email:
dsmesrud@gmail.com

Home Address
325 W Knoll Crest Dr.

Business Name

Business Address

Home Phone
563-271-0236

Business Phone

Fax

Preferred method of contact:
* Home Phone * Email

Preference on which commission you would like to serve:
Traffic Commission

Community Volunteer Experience
Currently serve with Bike Peoria and Friends of the Rock Island Trail.

Have you previously served on a city commission:
No

If yes, please list which commission and the date of service
Professional and Employment Background
Currently employed as a Planner with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, primarily working on transportation planning matters in the Peoria and Tri-County area. Have worked with the Commission since December 2012. Before that, worked for 4.5 years with a similar agency based in Waterloo, IA.

Educational Background
BA - Geography 2006
MS - Urban and Regional Planning 2008

Both from The University of Iowa.

State briefly why you wish to be considered for a city volunteer commission and what you would hope to accomplish if appointed As a Peoria resident with a professional background in transportation planning, I am quite interested in volunteering my time towards improving traffic safety and infrastructure conditions here in Peoria. I've really come to enjoy Peoria and am looking for ways to help the city become an ever better place to live. I would bring with me a perspective from a younger generation (I am 31) as well. I would like to help the city implement the Complete Streets policy, multi-modal infrastructure, roundabouts and perhaps some creative ways to improve pavement conditions and safety. Also with the city's strong industrial base, making sure freight movement is efficient as possible to maintain our competitive edge on the global market. I would love to serve on the transportation commission and hope that I am considered should there be an opening. Thank you.

-David

Would your service on a city commission be a conflict of interest for you?; No

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A Regular Meeting of the City of Peoria’s Transportation Commission convened at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at the Lester D. Bergsten Operations & Maintenance Facility located at 3505 N. Dries Lane, Peoria, Illinois.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order showed the following Transportation Commission Members in attendance:

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioner George Ghareeb, Commissioner Nathaniel Herz, Chairman Joe Hudson, Commissioner Brandon Lott, Commissioner Lon Lyons, Commissioner Patrick McNamara, and Commissioner Randall Ray - 7.

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Dan Adler, Commissioner Mary Jane Crowell, Commissioner Joe Messmore, and Commissioner Michael Vespa - 4.

Others in attendance included Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (CityLink) Planning Administrator Joe Alexander, City Traffic Engineer Nick Stoffer, and Public Works Administrative Specialist Ruth Blancaflor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.**

**National Public Works Week Open House**

Mr. Stoffer announced the Open House for National Public Works Week on Thursday, May 19th from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. and he said all were invited.

**Public Meeting regarding CSO Pilot Project on Adams Street**

Mr. Stoffer announced a public meeting to be held to give an overview of the Combined Sewer Overflows green infrastructure Pilot Project on Adams Street would be held on Monday, May 23rd from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Community Room at the Peoria Police Department.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Lyons moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission held on April 19, 2016, as printed; seconded by Commissioner Ghareeb.

Approved by unanimous viva voce vote.

**ITEM No. 1:** CONSIDERATION of the Following Request(s) AMENDING the TRAFFIC CODE of the City of Peoria, As Needed:

A. CONSIDERATION of a STAFF REQUEST to REMOVE PARKING METERS from the 700 Block of GREENLEAF and 700 Block of FAYETTE and Replace with TWO-HOUR PARKING Signs. [District 1]

Mr. Stoffer explained this request came forward from Parking Enforcement Supervisor Michael Scott. He said the parking enforcement officers were not collecting much revenue in these areas and the twice daily travel to these streets takes them away from enforcing meters where there is more turnover. He said he recommended replacing the 10-hour meters in some of these areas with two-hour parking signs. He said the Greenleaf area was mostly utilized by parents dropping off children at the daycare by the Methodist...
School of Nursing, and the two-hour spots would suit that purpose. The Fayette block was usually vacant, he said, and that area could be revisited when necessary after development in the area.

There was a discussion regarding the cost of removing the meters and then deciding to replace them at a later date. Mr. Stoffer stated that a few of the meters could be re-installed and the rest could utilize the PassPort Parking app with an expansion into these areas. He said the meters are Greenleaf were older and could no longer be reprogrammed, so they would be stored.

Commissioner Lott moved to approve the recommendation of a Traffic Regulation to remove parking meters from the 700 block of Greenleaf and 700 block of Fayette and replace them with Two Hour Parking Signs, and that the Regulation did not have to come before the Commission again, but had their concurrence; seconded by Commissioner McNamara.

Approved by unanimous viva voce vote.

**ITEM No. 2:** CONSIDERATION of a Request from the City Engineer to REMOVE the RIGHT-TURN Lanes on Northbound and Southbound MAIN STREET at SHERIDAN ROAD and Replace with Striping and Bump Outs. [District 2]

Mr. Stoffer explained this was the next area in the Main Street corridor and there were requests from the local businesses for more public space, traffic calming, and to improve the walkability in this area, as well. Since there was no funding available to construct a permanent change, he said City Staff proposed a pilot project to remove the right turn lanes at the northbound and southbound turns on Main and Sheridan, paint in bumpouts, and add planters to shelter parking. As funding became available, if this was shown to be effective, he said something more permanent could be done.

In discussion with Commissioner McNamara regarding any traffic counts being available for this area, Mr. Stoffer said he had counts from the IDOT web site that showed a drop in traffic from 10,000 to 9000 daily between University and Sheridan, since the Main and University project had been constructed. He said there was parking on Main Street up to the right turn lane to go northbound on Sheridan, and there was almost no traffic on Sheridan south at the intersection. He said the most challenging leg was Sheridan, north of the intersection, because there were two lanes.

Commissioner Herz stated he was most concerned that whatever change was made would be something that benefits cycling. He encouraged Mr. Stoffer to discuss the potential impacts of this with the bike co-op in the area of this intersection.

In discussion with Commissioner Ghareeb regarding the existence of a bike lane on Main Street, Mr. Stoffer said there was not, but the plan was to include a bike lane on Sheridan as it was developed. With the bike route on MacArthur over to Bourland, he said the plan was to connect it with a bike route on Sheridan.

Commissioner Herz said adding a short bike lane coming east on Main Street would allow access to Sheridan and to Moss, to tie into existing bike lanes without too much difficulty.

CityLink Planning Administrator Joe Alexander expressed concern about the concept, as he explained that bumpouts, planters, and stop bars created considerable problems for buses turning. He said the bumpouts on Columbia Terrace were very challenging for turning a 40' bus, because they came out so far. He understood their purpose for traffic calming, but he said the buses had to veer too far left to gain a larger turning radius.

As a result of the discussion, the Commission unanimously supported the pilot concept and directed Mr. Stoffer to bring back a customized plan for review and approval that would address cycling concerns and be feasible for all traffic, including buses. Further, in light of the results of the Main and University intersection reconstruction, Commissioner Lott requested Mr. Stoffer provide information that would
provide the Commission with an understanding of the potential impacts that eliminating these right turn lanes would have on the traffic on Main Street.

Commissioner Herz stated he felt one of the problems for the public about the Main and University intersection was that it was an anomaly for Peoria. He said as Complete Streets concepts continued to be rolled out in future projects, it became less anomalous, and this pilot project provided an opportunity to fine tune it, if it was painted on. He said he hoped, in addition to the Complete Streets goals, part of the goal for the pilot at Main and Sheridan would be to help the area merchants. He said he wanted them to buy in, initially, and report back in 6 months or so as to whether or not it was working.

**ITEM No. 3:** DISCUSSION of Transportation Commission WORK ITEMS:

1. Formulate Implementation Plans for the Complete Streets Policy and Bicycle Master Plan:

Mr. Stoffer described the April 28th Complete Streets Implementation and Design Webinar as having more discussion regarding design than implementation, and Commissioner McNamara said the actual document included more about implementation.

Commissioner McNamara stated the implementation document discussed a fairly significant overhaul in the way cities managed their capital programs and introduced Complete Streets concepts. He outlined the five Common Activities discussed under Implementation Planning, and he suggested the Commission start with a review of how city staff incorporated Complete Streets concepts into their projects and evaluate that against the examples of other communities listed on the web site.

The Commissioners reviewed the document on the Smart Growth America web site, and discussed the five activities. In discussion regarding formulating the City of Peoria's Implementation Plan, they noted the importance of benchmarking other communities, having an implementation checklist to ensure correct processes and measure progress, and that it be systematized to include stakeholder involvement.

Commissioner Lott expressed his support of the current program, and he cautioned against having too prescriptive of a demand. He agreed that having a checklist was good to confirm compliance with Complete Streets concepts, but he encouraged flexibility, as well.

As a result of further discussion, Mr. Stoffer agreed to schedule a workshop during the June Transportation Commission meeting with a goal of reviewing the current process used by the engineering staff to incorporate the various elements of Complete Streets policies. He stated that the pilot project to remove the turn lanes at Main and Sheridan might be a good project to use for the process review.

**ITEM No. 4:** OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST to the Transportation Commissioners:

a. Application for FY 2017 Special Transportation Planning Projects Funding for City of Peoria Pedestrian Wayfinding and Signage Plan.

Mr. Stoffer announced he had prepared an application for the Fiscal Year 2017 grant designated through PPUATS for a Peoria Pedestrian Wayfinding and Signage Plan funding. He explained it was federal funding set aside for planning projects and, last year, he applied for the bike wayfinding plan and traffic counts grants. This year's application, he explained, covered a downtown wayfinding pedestrian plan. He said the request didn't rate as high on some of the points as he had hoped, and that it was not being recommended for funding. He said he would report back on the final outcome.

b. Update on Final Downtown Streetscape Master Plan.

Mr. Stoffer stated work was continuing on the final Downtown Streetscape Master Plan solicited by Caterpillar.

Mr. Stoffer gave an overview of the Student Project Summaries from the University of Illinois Extension Department. He said they did a lot of surveys and formulated a Safe Routes to School plan for the East Bluff, which was very comprehensive and included good recommendations. He said Planner Shannon Techie of Community Development Department was heavily involved in the endeavor.

d. Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Pilot Project for Green Infrastructure – Adams Street from Pecan to Persimmon

Mr. Stoffer announced that the contract award to Illinois Civil Contractors for the proposed green infrastructure Pilot Project along Adams Street would be going before the Council at the May 24th City Council meeting. He explained the design-build project would extend what had been done in the Warehouse District, but added in green infrastructure to reduce CSO affects. He said encouraged the Commissioners to visit the area and stated these projects were typically called “Great Streets” because they combined Complete Streets and Green Infrastructure concepts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Issues Update re: Site Plan Review Board

Commissioner McNamara mentioned the information regarding the city’s Site Plan Review Board that was contained in a recent City Manager’s Issues Update. He said he was interested in a recent sidewalk café proposal for a restaurant, and Mr. Stoffer had shared the background on the application.

Mr. Stoffer said the Site Plan Review Board, which included representatives from every city department, was recently reformatted from One Stop Shop, in April, to include the Police Department. He said Public Works’ review of sidewalk cafés surrounded right of way terms, but applications for restaurants and cafés serving liquor required review by Police. Those applications went through the City Clerk’s Office, he explained.

Commissioner McNamara said he was encouraged that such a collaboration existed.

NEW BUSINESS

Greater Peoria Mass Transit District/ CityLink Updates:

CityLink Planning Administrator Joe Alexander gave an update to the Commissioners about the recent completion of the rider shelter on Dries Lane by Landmark. With the construction season beginning, he said more shelters were being installed, and he invited the Commissioners to contact him if they had any thoughts or ideas on where additional shelters should be constructed.

Mr. Stoffer announced the city was adding pedestrian activated rapid beacons in conjunction with that shelter, and would be consolidating the three crosswalks to two crosswalks. He noted the push button rapid beacon was a better reminder of pedestrians to oncoming traffic.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to address the Commissioners.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.
Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Ghareeb moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner McNamara.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Transportation Commission meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Chairman Joe Hudson

Nick Stoffer, Traffic Engineer

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