CITY OF PEORIA – TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018
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.

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AGENDAS AND MINUTES
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CITY OF PEORIA – TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
DRIES LANE, CONFERENCE ROOM
3:00 PM

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

MINUTES – Regular Meeting of May 15, 2018

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM No. 1: UPDATE regarding the PARKLET PILOT PROJECT on W. MAIN ST.

ITEM No. 2 DISCUSSION of the DOWNTOWN WAYFINDING STUDY and SIGN RENDERINGS and DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS (Attachments).

ITEM No. 3: DISCUSSION of COMPLETE STREETS ANNUAL REPORT
A. Proposed Survey Questions
B. Comparable Cities’ Results

ITEM No. 4: DISCUSSION of Transportation Commission WORK ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. City of Peoria Right of Way Trees Policy

NEW BUSINESS

A. ENGINEERING PROJECTS UPDATE

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018

ADJOURNMENT
A Regular Meeting of the City of Peoria’s Transportation Commission convened at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 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:** Chairman Joe Hudson, Commissioner Brandon Lott, Commissioner Patrick McNamara, Commissioner Nathaniel Herz, and Commissioner Clint Gilbert – 5.

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner George Ghareeb, Commissioner Bernie Goitein, and Commissioner Joe Messmore – 3.

Others in attendance included Traffic Engineer Nicholas Stoffer and Public Works Administrative Specialist Michelle Mahoney.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.**

Mr. Stoffer announced that former Commissioner David Smesrud had resigned from the Transportation Commission before the meeting.

He also announced that the Public Works open house was scheduled for Thursday, May 24th from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. and that a mock parklet would be on display at the open house that may be of interest to the Commission.

Commission McNamara noted that there was a lecture on Tactical Urbanism occurring on Thursday, May 17th from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Lott moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission held on April 17, 2018, as printed; seconded by Commissioner McNamara.

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. A Regulation Amending Schedule “J” of the Traffic Code to ESTABLISH an ALL-WAY STOP at the intersection of ILLINOIS AVE. and PEORIA AVE. [District 3]
Mr. Stoffer introduced the regulation, stating multiple requests had come in for an all-way stop at this intersection. He added that the intersection was a fairly congested area, with a fair amount of traffic coming from the nearby hospitals.

While referring to the collision diagram attachment, he explained that 11 crashes, most of them being right-angle crashes, had occurred at that intersection over the past three years.

Commissioner Herz remarked that it seemed as if Mr. Stoffer was recommending this regulation. Mr. Stoffer confirmed and referred again to the crash data.

A brief discussion took place amongst the Commission about the consistency of stop signs at intersections as one travels down Illinois Avenue.

At that time, Chairman Hudson invited the sole member of the public present to comment.

Mr. Roger Sparks of Peoria came forward to address the Commission. He commented about tree limbs obstructing stop signs and inquired what time of day these intersection crashes had occurred. Mr. Stoffer responded that they occurred at different times of day.

Commissioner Lott moved to approve an Amendment to Schedule “J” of the Traffic Code to ESTABLISH an ALL-WAY STOP at the intersection of ILLINOIS AVE. and PEORIA AVE [District 3]; seconded by Commissioner Herz.

Approved by unanimous viva voce vote.

**ITEM No. 2: DISCUSSION of the DOWNTOWN WAYFINDING STUDY**

Mr. Stoffer introduced the item, stating that the City was awarded a grant from PPUATS to hire a consultant to perform a Downtown Wayfinding Study. He added that this was a fast turnaround as the grant money for the study had to be spent by June 30th, 2018.

He advised the Commission that staff was hoping to hold a public meeting on June 5th and that the Commission was invited to attend.

While referring to power point slides, he presented various design concepts staff was considering for signage in the downtown area, as well as the renaming of districts.

Commissioner McNamara questioned if implementation had to occur that season. Mr. Stoffer responded that the money needing to be spent by June 30th was just for the study. He added that there was no funding for the implementation yet.

**ITEM No. 3: DISCUSSION of Complete Streets Annual Report**

Mr. Stoffer began the discussion by asking the Commission what kind of questions they would like to see in a Complete Streets survey.

Commissioner Herz suggested coming up with a list of comparable cities to see if the City of Peoria was achieving similar results to those cities. Commissioner McNamara remarked that Champaign County would be comparable. Mr. Stoffer commented that he would like to reach out to them.

Commissioner Herz provided the following suggestions for survey questions: whether people felt the streets were safer, if people were more likely to travel on that street (including walking and biking), what the public’s
general attitude was about the improvements made, and how the public felt about the Complete Streets performance measures.

Commissioner McNamara suggested adding a question about how the public perceived the City’s communication efforts on City Projects. He also suggested adding a question to determine if the public felt the City addressed the Complete Streets policy.

Commissioner Herz commented that the Commission may want to start with something small that is measurable, such as determining how many people were aware of what Complete Streets was about.

Mr. Stoffer added that a brochure on Complete Streets may be something that could be taken to project public meetings.

Commissioner Lott commented that this would not be a one-size-fits-all survey because every project is different. He then suggested promoting education of Complete Streets and awareness of projects that accomplish various Complete Streets performance measures.

**ITEM No. 4: DISCUSSION of Transportation Commission WORK ITEMS**

Mr. Stoffer commented that this was an ongoing conversation for the Commission.

He then referred to various links to articles provided by Commissioner McNamara that were forwarded to the Commission prior to the meeting.

Commissioner McNamara said he tried to pull together what he perceived as the background information for each of the work items so the Commission might be able to decide what they would like to focus on.

A brief discussion took place among the Commission about the links provided by Commissioner McNamara and which Projects the Commission felt they should focus their efforts on.

The Commission then discussed how they should approach the work items. Commissioner Herz suggested looking at the positive and negative points from each project and what could be taken away from a specific project.

Commissioner McNamara suggested that the Commission could take a lessons learned approach.

Commissioner Lott suggested that the Commission review the work items list and continue the discussion at the next regular meeting. Commissioner McNamara remarked that he agreed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There being no unfinished business to discuss, the Commission moved on to New Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ENGINEERING PROJECTS UPDATE**

Mr. Stoffer provided a brief update on current projects within the City of Peoria:

The Northmoor Road Project, he said, would be open for the HOI Fair, then close again, then open up for the winter construction shutdown. The road would then be closed again next spring. Staff hoped to have the Project finished by November 2019.
The MacArthur Bridge Project, he said, had the road closed down until November, weather permitting. Staff hoped the bridge would be done by November, with seeding and landscaping possibly carrying over to next spring.

The Harvard Avenue Project, he said, had begun with traffic control.

The Allen and Willow Knolls Intersection Project, he said, had a public meeting scheduled for May 16th, 2018 from 6-7 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Willow Knolls. He said the plan was to start construction on June 4th.

The University Project, he said, still had not begun but they hoped work would begin in July, lasting through November. This would be a two-year project, he said.

Commissioner McNamara then requested a report back from Mr. Stoffer on what the City’s tree planting strategy was.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Roger Sparks of Peoria came forward to address the Commission. He voiced a concern he had about IDOT not installing bus stops and sidewalks on Knoxville. He also said that Willow Knolls needed to be brought up to urban standards instead of rural standards as far as installing bus stops and sidewalks. He said he wanted the City to work with IDOT to bring these areas from rural to urban and to add more ADA accessible bus stops, as these are issues within the disabled community.

The Commission thanked Mr. Sparks for his comments.

At 5:10 P.M., Mr. Sparks left the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Herz moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Lott.

Approved by viva voce vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Chairman Joe Hudson

Nick Stoffer, Traffic Engineer

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Side View

Pedestrian Kiosk