

Fairhope Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/1/2022

Committee Member Attendees: Gary Gover; Chris Knight; Rosalie Stromme; Bill Hall; Katie Bolton; Jason Small; John Kavanagh

Committee Member Absentees: Chris Riley; Michelle Melton

Guests in attendance: Richard Johnson

City Councilman representative: Jay Robinson was not in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Bill Hall.

Motion carried to approve 1/4/2022 minutes.

Administrative Items: The Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee meeting for the month of March will be held on 3/8/2022 in the Giddens Auditorium; members voted to postpone the March meeting one week in observance of Fat Tuesday 3/1/2022. Jason Small resigned from this committee due to job assignment overseas; the City of Fairhope and this committee extends its gratitude to Jason for his volunteer service to the community.

Arts and Crafts Festival Bike Valet: Festival to be held on March 18-19-20, 2022 will be seeking volunteers to staff the Bike Valet tent.

******Action Item:** Bill Hall will contact the Eastern Shore Trailblazers representative to coordinate an online sign-up for volunteer bike valet shifts.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee Input for city projects:

- a) Working Waterfront Project – Project is now under review with National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) to evaluate its impact and City of Fairhope is awaiting that analysis. In addition, Richard Johnson indicated that this area is designated as a National Historic District which may also impact design features.
- b) Triangle Project – Richard Johnson must first set up a meeting with Alabama Forestry Management representatives to determine the impact on flora and fauna on this acreage before any design and soil disturbance can begin.

c) Complete Streets Project – Gary Gover contacted the Planning Director of Cleveland Heights, OH city government and provided committee with information as to how their adopted resolution is being implemented to date.

*****Action Item:** Bill Hall and Gary Gover to present Complete Streets Resolution to Jay Robinson in preparation for submission to a city council vote.

Fels Avenue to Pier Avenue: Reflective Pavement Markers have been installed along the paved bike line; this narrower car lane should slow vehicle traffic down and alert drivers when they happen to crossover into the designated bike line.

Equality Avenue Sidewalk Improvement: Repainting of 8"x8' striping on this sidewalk has been completed.

BCT Safe Routes to School Task Force: Gary Gover reports that this task force has not had their first meeting yet per its facilitator, Charlene Lee.

Full Comprehensive Land Use public forums: These community engagement meetings are being held with regularity over the next month: 2/15/2022 at 6pm; 2/16/2022 at 10am; 2/16/2022 at 7pm (virtual meeting online). Community workshop is scheduled for 3/3/2022 at 6pm with a presentation of public feedback findings on 3/8/2022 at 5:30pm.

*****Action Item:** All P & B committee members who have not yet attended one of these Land Use Presentations will attend one of the remaining 3 public meetings – see times and dates above.

New Business: Richard Johnson reported that the Arts Alley construction project connecting multi-level parking garage to Church Street and Section Street will begin on 3/21/2022 after the Arts and Crafts Festival is over. This will be a 180-day construction project to include resurfacing/lighting the alley and installing a transit hub and public restrooms.

Next scheduled meeting: March 8, 2022 at 4pm in the Giddens Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Stromme, Secretary