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Transportation Commission

Minutes

April 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Present: Craig Minor, Donald Padlo, Sean Gingery, Robert Flanagan, Frank Caputo, Mary Fortier (City Council Liaison), Matt Moskowitz (PD liaison). Absent: Frank Ronzello

6:12pm Meeting Called to Order

Introductions by members including Senior Citizen Member, Craig Minor as the newest member of the commission. Craig provided an overview of his resume including working on this commission a decade ago.

January 26 meeting minutes, motion to approve, seconded, voted on and accepted.

### **Old Business:**

Bike Path- Status of project, Frank to follow up with Parks & Recreation. Mary advised that the Parks Dept. is in the process of a 10 year plan. Possible path from Memorial Blvd, Lake Ave to Redstone Hill Rd. There could be the potential to utilize the American Rescue Fund—however we don't have the guidelines as of yet, to determine use of funds. Craig mentioned that NVCOG 229 Corridor study, could be a good opportunity to discuss bike access along 229 to get us to Plainville. Sean walked the trail to New Haven and says the section in Plainville follows Rt. 10, says it's usable despite fast moving vehicles. Mary provided Josh Medeiros Parks Superintendent name to Frank Caputo for follow up.

No thru trucks on Redstone Hill Rd. Sean gave a recap of the use of Redstone Hill Rd. by trucks going to Covanta. No way to dissuade truckers from the route. No Thru Trucks only can mean from Plainville through Bristol. If doing business in Bristol 'No Thru Trucks' isn't applicable. No disincentives available currently. 3-way stop signs are a non-starter. Confirmed by officer Moskowitz.

### **New Business:**

Governor Lamont has established Free Bus Transportation for the Summer of 2021. Discussion on how to make the public more aware of the opportunities. Mary will work with the Mayor's office to do a press release as well as through social media.

Busses skipped picking up some passengers and doing so routes during the height of COVID. There is a 5 minute rule per CT Transit for designated stops. Social media frustration regarding this issue. Sean to contact CT Transit and to ask if GPS data can be used to tell if the busses are sticking to their schedules. Ombudsmen with CT Transit if Sean has issues. Ridership was low, which may have contributed to missed stops.

Volunteer needed for going onto social media (such as Bristol Talks) watch for topics that are transportation related. Craig suggested all members informally share information when they see something on social media more often than just during the quarterly meetings. Commenting on Social Media is encouraged to dispel FACTS vs. false news.

Craig Minor noted the Community Connectivity Grant for crosswalks and handicap access, but didn't see anything for bike access. Road Safety Audit provided 22 recommendations 17 were bike improvements. Is there any advocacy specifically charged for cyclists as a means of transportation. The group reviewed the Charter for the Transportation and matters that fall under their prevue.

Matt Moskowitz introduced himself as PD's Traffic Division Commander as of last week.

229 Corridor Study Bob Flanagan will monitor at the meetings and advise the group accordingly. He will share what he learns via email. Sean would also like to find out more on rail lines long term that could be connected to Bristol.

July and October meeting are planned to be in person at City Hall.

Congrats to Sean as the new chair.

Motion to adjourn, seconded & approved.

Meeting ended 6:55pm