

Meeting Minutes for **Wednesday, January 12, 2022** at 6:00pm via Zoom

Roll Call: Gabe Berlin, Naomi Hersson-Ringskog, AJ Sumahit, Zach Ruttenberg, John Harvery

Rejects: Cynthia Gilkeson, Francisco Grajales

Present: Jessica Ridgeway, Anthony Grice, Giselle Martinez, Joshua Stratton Rayn
Gabrielle Hill Burton, Kippy Boyle, Marianne Michael,

Public Comment/Presentation Period

- **700 South Street Development Presentation-** Charles Bazydio, Walter Kubow of Chazen, Brian Sekel presented their plans for 700 South Street. Truck access would be off of South Street. 154 parking spaces- for cars for employees, 100 for tractors parking and loading docks on the facility. Traffic impacts are 8 trucks during AM and 12 trucks 4-6 trucks during 4-6PM. We do not have a tenant at the moment. The site is on the north side of south street. Per City request, they are putting in sidewalks.
 - TAC would like to see some of these modifications represented on your plans. TAC comments included
 - TAC has passed complete streets and we are working on prioritizing walkability and bikeability of all development projects. To help us evaluate, please fill out the Complete Streets Checklist
 - Request for [bike racks](#) on site by entrance for employees
 - Request for **2-3 EV charging stations** at the Employee Parking lot
 - Entrance to Office from Sidewalk on South Street (not via Pierces Road)
 - Does Pierces Road entrance have a sidewalk, at least on one side.
 - Will sidewalks be 3 or 5 feet wide? 5 feet wide.
 - To lower urban heat island effect and help stormwater management/runoff, it is important to have trees around the entire perimeter. Could they provide 36-60 large trees on the other sides.
 - The variance that they are requesting, could they do a bit more on street parking instead? Would they be interested in **doing on-street parking** on Pierces Road and/or South Street which is a NYS DOT?
 - To promote the enhancement of our urban environment, consider commissioning an artist to paint something on the building. Work with NACC.
 - Follow Up questions about lighting along the sidewalk, hours of operation, provenance of the project (RFP?)
- Comments from Public: Would there be a solar panel charging station or solar panels on the building? Impact of School Bus traffic

Announcements

1. Stop Sign Requests? Gabe is compiling requests, letters and photos for review. North of Broadway and North of South St
2. Speedometer on Prospect Street- can it be placed elsewhere? Gabrielle Hill.
3. Liberty st & Gidney Avenue- can we create a sidewalk mural to better access the Gidney School. Gabrielle Hill.
4. Gidney and Dubois sidewalk abruptly ends. Gabrielle Hill.

Pedestrian/Walkability

- **Update on Newburgh Beacon Bridge Curfew** - Dr Alcantara of NYSBA is in favor. Details are being worked out in the governor's chambers. We want to ensure curfew is rescinded, not

modified hours. May need people to come to another public hearing to advocate for this.

- **Integrating Complete Streets** checklist for large development projects- coordinate with Ali and Joshua. For developers to send checklist prior to presenting.
- **Snow and Ice** to be addressed homeowners/absentee landlords. Zach Ruttenberg. Ideas were shared which included call directly to codes.Education campaign. DPW is thinking a plan to do it and sends bill to property owners. Easier to enforce when snow turns to ice. Charlotte Mountain is new codes supervisor, let's see what she says. (Would be good to complement with block association shared resource program)

Bicycle

- Bike Taskforce Meeting- Kick off held in early January. Campaign to work with the businesses to help them through the bureaucratic process and to help the city create standards. Developing short term and long term goals.
- Legislation on Bike Share, Electric Bicycles and Scooter- Grice will elevate to priority because of this pending ebike share library program.Anthony
- Bike Share program with Beacon- first presentation with Beacon CAC went well and now there's due diligence to see what that road map would look like for two municipalities joining forces and forming a shared network.
- Need clarity on the potential grant or program that was recently announced
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-17-projects-eligible-compete-through-85-million-new-york-clean>
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Buses

- Meeting with the mayor and county executive. Senator Skoufis talked about the infrastructure bill. Shovel ready projects. Have the elected officials take a bus ride! Gabe will take lead.
- Free rides for Holiday 2022 and/or Youth Free Pass- Favorable responses from Rob Parrington of OC Transit and Leprechaun Bus Services. Will explore more. Maybe also free rides for Newburgh Illuminated.

Car & Parking

- Broadway re-design- how to next steps to take conceptual plans and move into public hearing/construction plans? Complete Streets 2015 document has good traffic data and conceptual designs. Waiting for Planning/Engineering response.
- Exploration of Payment in Lieu of Parking, Abolishing Parking Minimums and Shared Parking Spaces. Any volunteers?

Ferry & Airport

- Newburgh Illuminated (June 4, 2022) & Newburgh Open Studios (end of September) -hoping county legislators and skoufis can set aside funding to do a ferry pilot again for those two weekends. Must work together with Dutchess and MTA.

General

Old Business

- Pedestrian: NYSDOT Crosswalks, Sidewalk Improvement District RFP, Pedestrian Path & CSX
- Bike Garden at HOH,