

## Meeting Minutes for **Wednesday, February 9, 2022** at 6:00pm via Zoom

### Roll Call:

Present: AJ Sumahit, Naomi Hersson Ringskog, John Harper, Francisco Grajales, Zachary Ruttenberg  
Absent: Cynthia Gilkeson, Gabrielle Hill, Gabe Berlin City/ OCStaff: Jessica Ridgeway, Joshua Stratton-Rayner

Guests: Colleen Cochran, Steve Cobb, Katie O'Sullivan, Ramona Monteverde, Kristen Wilson of RUPCO, Mariane Marichal, A. Gilman, Bob Sklarz, Daniela Bernicker of PD

### Public Comment/Presentation Period

Katie O-Sullivan & Colleen Cochran on NYSEKDA Clean Neighborhoods Challenge

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWkM\\_ijjn1Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWkM_ijjn1Q)

E-bike library concept. Free short-term rentals (2-4 weeks). Includes local residents to staff & operate the system.

E-bike purchase assistance (sliding-scale rebate, up to \$2,000).

Advocate for bike lanes, bike parking, complete streets, etc. Short term tactical projects such as temporary bike lanes.

3 years of implementation - \$10million between 5 communities

Looking for community partners and working with TAC on planning and implementation (if they get second grant).

### Announcements

1. Meeting with Orange County Executive (Anthony)
  - a. Feb 25th @ 9am there will be an action oriented meeting re: buses
    - i. More routes
    - ii. Better communications
    - iii. Better on-time performance
    - iv. Zoom link & agenda will be shared
2. Upcoming Walk with Orange County Planning Commissioner
  - a. Will happen next Friday. Focus on pedestrian issues and building relationship..

### Pedestrian/Walkability

- Integrating Complete Streets checklist for large development projects

### Bicycle

- Update: Greenway Grant submitted
  - Waiting on engineering study for bike lane connecting downtown to Newburgh-Beacon bridge
- Update: ICF bike library project funded by NYSEKDA
  - Presentation above
- Legislation on Bike Share, Electric Bicycles and Scooter
- Bike Taskforce- Business Bike Racks Campaign - List of businesses
  - Still identifying interested business
  - Business will fund the racks & we will work on the bureaucratic aspects
  - Bike rack artists competition in the pipeline
- Bike Garden at HOH - looking for muralist

## **Buses**

- Pending phone call with Rob Parrington re Youth Free Rides.

Naomi spoke with re: NFA students getting free bus passes

Bus driver shortage

## **Car & Parking**

- New! Newburgh Downtown Parking Study by Sam Schwartz Engineering
  - Fullerton is fiscal sponsor
  - Seeking recommendations to mitigate development parking impacts
- Munimeters updates
- Broadway Redesign- move from conceptual to confirmed design
- Research: Payment in Lieu of Parking and Parking Minimums
  - State senate bill introduced to potentially restrict municipalities from having parking minimums

## **Ferry & Airport**

- Ferry for June and September? Pilot program for Newburgh Illuminated ferry. Seeking funding from OC/DOT.
- Stewart Airport expanded services- capture opportunities for downtown visitors?

## **General**

- New traffic lights from Grand to 9W on Broadway
- Taxi licensing -
  - Fell by the wayside
  - Letters dropped off to taxi companies on Monday, giving them til May 10 to register with the city and come up to compliance
  - New license stickers have been shipped out
  - In-city trip fees will likely be increased, shooting for \$7
  - Current fee is \$400 for cab, \$100 for driver
- Police department put out community survey, soliciting all feedback on the police department

## Old Business

- Update on Newburgh Beacon Bridge Curfew
- Pedestrian: NYSDOT Crosswalks, Sidewalk Improvement District RFP, Pedestrian Path & CSX