

City of Newburgh Transportation Advisory Committee
Minutes for **Wednesday, March 10, 2021** at 6:00pm via Zoom

Roll Call:

Present: AJ Sumahit, Gabe Berlin, John Harper, Ali Church, Cynthia Gilkeson

Guests/Advisors: Gabrielle Hill, Zach Ruttenberg

Public Comment/Presentation Period (30 minutes)

1. Zach Ruttenberg- avid bicyclist and knows the city very well. He has applied to be on the transportation committee. I also work for a financial institution. TAC has 1-2 open seats.
2. Gabrielle Hill- Broadway and Lander/Johnston Street- city will repair the sidewalk and seniors on electric scooter goes on the road. She is a candidate for Orange County Legislator and see what we can do with transportation, walkability and bicycles.
3. Ali Church- the plan will be redeveloped once legal, but George will do a standard concrete walkway. It will be marked that its a temporary. Temporary sidewalk won't meet full street scape standards.
4. Cynthia Gilkeson- Walked from Grand St to Johnston St. I found a lot sidewalks are buckling. Ali recommended structured soil as a way for the roots to find water. You can also shave an older tree root.

Announcements (0 min)

Topics (75min)

- **Pedestrian/Walkability** (none)
 - Broadway Corridor project- preliminary design for Robinson to Grand St . Each intersection will get a traffic signal (articulated pedestrian head), there will be a second neighborhood crossing (like Chambers) including bump outs. Public input will happen in the summer. Bid will happen over winter. Spring 2022.
 - Liberty TAP project- will commence this Spring. Once done, we are eligible for other projects.
 - Broadway- Five years ago there was design-community-visioning. They were not engineering. They are on the planning website. **TO DO** Traffic count is something that would be helpful.
 - Gidney **TO DO** - In order to pave those streets, we need ADA curb ramps. Chad wants TAC input on bump outs at Gidney and Flemming. Crossing Gidney is not easy. Bump outs are helpful in slowing down vehicles. TAC to come and watch how the cars interact.
 - NYS DOT Update- Four intersections to paint. Renwick, South William, Washington and 1st St.
 - Sidewalk Improvement District- a phone call this week to write the RFP. Ali Church needs to give input.
 - Zoning Board- interested in complete streets concept and interested in TAC to look into codes.
 - Complete Streets Implementation- SEDAC- has language in the RFP. 123 Grand st has to be consistent with zoning code. They also want it to be consistent
 - City Parking Snow Emergency Policy- Shoveling seems to be match-making opportunity. Could Open Hub create a tech system? Can there be a youth program? Someone is

looking into mutual aid/volunteer. Code compliance can write a violation. A better option is to call and threaten the property owner. FYI Newburgh or call code compliance office. 24 hours after the snow stops. (If you issue a violation, you have to give due process of 14 days, its an immediate threat to safety, you can do abatement. If they dont remedy it, then the city does it and bills them. Not great for shoveling!) **TO DO-** TAC could shorten that window via city codes. Write a letter to the City Manager/Council for a request for time to be shortened and penalty to be different.

- February 2020 Snowstorm letter- City manager wanted feedback on snow emergency policy- Chair submitted a letter that recommended to change the emergency period from 24 to 48 hours. Other two recommendations was to make them bilingual and the clarity of language. **TO DO-** will follow up on timeline and results. Ali is looking to redo the sign and it may happen next season. Color Coded.
- **Bicycle** (none)
 - The bike action plan report- circulated the draft and looking for feedback. This report will hopefully be leveraged for future grants. Striking finding is that our streets are not super conducive to have a protected lanes. It may have to be a bunch of sharrows.
 - OCTC grants- potential grant- will evaluate criteria and see feasibility of pursuing this grant. Potential idea is to have painted lanes from Newburgh via Newburgh Beacon Bridge.
- **Buses** (Gabe) (10 min)
 - Leprechaun Bus does not have plans to promote Newburgh-Beacon Shuttle
- **Car & Parking** (20 min)
 - Regal Bag Owners request for extension to developing plot of land on Water St opposite Regal Bag building was denied by city council. They have roughly four weeks to decide to exercise their option to purchase.
 - Clarification- original agreement only allowed a parking lot. They wanted to expand the scope other than a parking lot. Open Agreement- need to also build it within a time frame of three years.
 - Muni Meters- City hired the consultant. They did parking lot analysis. They came up with a phase 1 plan- go to bid for the technology and equipment. The specifications- look at the priority list of parking meters. Are there any absolute specifics? (Program in ithaca, you can use phone, pay station etc).
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- **Ferry & Airport** - (0 min)
- **General** (Gabe, Ali) (10 min)
 - Site visit updates