

## “Draft” Minutes

### Traffic Commission Meeting Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Voting Members Present: Margaret Roberts, Paul Steel, David McKain, Chris Gluck, Adam Henry, Andrea Soccorsi, Jamie Lewis, Roy Nutter, William Wyant, Wes Nugent

Non-Voting Members Present: Damien Davis, Sgt. Matt McCabe, Frank Gmeindl, Christiaan Abildso

Members Absent:

MATTER OF BUSINESS: Roy Nutter called meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. Introductions were made by all attending Traffic Commission Members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comment

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes to be uploaded to Website, Corrections were made to December minutes. ***Paul Steel moved to approve minutes as corrected. Margaret seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

BICYCLE BOARD:

Frank Gmeindl detailed accomplishments and continuing efforts of the Bicycle Board. (See attached report) Frank Gmeindl reviewed the changes made to the Bicycle Plan. ***Chris Gluck moved to approve the changes to the Bicycle Plan. Andrea Soccorsi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*** A letter from the Traffic Commission will be sent to City Council supporting the Bicycle Plan. Frank Gmeindl reviewed the Bicycle Friendly Community Award (BFCA) application. The BFCA application is due on February 17, 2012. Frank Gmeindl asked for the Traffic Commission to review the application and get back to him with any additional information that he might have missed.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BOARD:

Christiaan Abildso detailed accomplishments and continuing efforts of the Pedestrian Safety Board. Christiaan Abildso requested the Traffic Commission review and move on the membership suggestions presented in his report. ***Andrea Soccorsi moved to remove Ella Belling, John Bond, and Dave Harshbarger from the Pedestrian Safety Board, and add Mary Gutmann, Margaret Stout, and Jan Derry to the Pedestrian Safety Board as suggested by Christiaan Abildso. Jamie Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Christiaan Abildso raised concerns about the crossing the street at 127 Willowdale Road. The sidewalk ends on one side of the road and starts on the other side. People wanting to continue

walking on the sidewalk have a hard time because of the visibility issues coming up the hill on Willowdale road.

Christiaan Abildso also brought up concerns about the utility pole in the curb cut at Applebees restaurant on Van Voorhis Road.

#### TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT:

No Report. Still waiting to report to Committee of the Whole. Continue to meet in the meantime.

#### TRUCK TRAFFIC REPORT:

Adam Henry reviewed revisions to approved survey. Adam Henry requested that Traffic Commission approve revisions. Roy Nutter said we need more time to review and consider options. Discussion ensued. Bill Austin (MPO) requested that we coordinate our efforts. Roy requested that Bill Austin and Adam Henry work together on the survey. Discussion ensued. Survey to be discussed at next meeting.

#### MONTHLY UPDATES:

Damien Davis presented the snow removal priority map, the sidewalk condition map and the street light map. Discussion ensued. Damien Davis will present the paper streets map at next meeting.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (none)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 Presentation of MPO traffic Counts – Danielle Williams (MPO) presented a report on the truck traffic in Morgantown City limits. This report included types of trucks, load weight, stopping ratio's and outlined what was needed for the City to do in order to stop truck traffic from driving on certain streets in Morgantown City limits.
2. Discuss Walnut Street turning lane – Officer Bennett, Morgantown Police Department, reported that the parking on Walnut Street that doubles as a traffic lane between 4 and 6 in the evening is not being utilized. Request making that parking permanent. Damien Davis stated that the decision is going to come from the State since Walnut Street is a state route. In the meantime Damien Davis suggested having the state do a model on how the removal of the traffic lane would affect traffic as a whole.
3. Approval of letter to WVDOT regarding Complete Streets – Jamie Lewis requested approval from the Traffic Commission to send the letter requesting Mr. Keller, WVDOT, to appear before the traffic commission for Q&A regarding Complete Streets and various other topics. Discussion ensued. Roy suggested that the Traffic Commission review the letter and come up with specific questions for Mr. Keller. Discussion ensued. Letter was tabled until Roy Nutter and Frank Gmeindl have an informal discussion with Mr. Keller.

#### COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Christiaan Abildso wished to commend the BZA, Frank Gmeindl, Damien Davis, and the Engineering Interns for all of the hard work and accomplishments that have been made. Christiaan Abildso also wished to bring up his concerns with people who run red lights.

Frank Gmeindl wished to commend Jamie Lewis on her letter to Mr. Keller. Also wanted to commend Christiaan Abildso and Damien Davis for all their hard work and accomplishments.

Chris Gluck requested to look at Damien Davis's maps showing the condition of the streets and sidewalks in greater detail.

Margaret Roberts commended Damien Davis on his work with the maps showing the condition of the streets and sidewalks. She also stated that it was a vast amount of data. Margaret Roberts also wanted to commend Danielle Williams for her presentation.

Wes Nugent commended all parties on their hard work. Wes Nugent wanted to look at issues concerning "Don't Block the Box", and the signage for the crosswalks in between intersections on High Street.

Sgt. Matt McCabe requested that all that see people blocking intersections go online with the complaints and concerns and report to the police department not only locations of these incidents but times as well.

Jamie Lewis talked about various crosswalk issues in the City of Morgantown.

William Wyant discussed his new appointment to the Traffic Commission. He also expressed how this meeting was informative and interesting.

Adam Henry thanked the MPO for doing all the work on the truck traffic issues. He also stated that the crosswalk at Fayette Street is not working.

Andrea Soccorsi had no comments.

Paul Steel expressed that the intersection of South Walnut Street and Cobun Avenue needs a sign that states "oncoming traffic has right of way" or some sign that clarifies who has right of way.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***Wes Nugent moved to adjourn meeting. Paul Steel seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.***