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AMENDED AGENDA
MORGANTOWN CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
October 29, 2013
7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Committee of the Whole Meetings of the Morgantown City Council are intended to provide an opportunity for the Council to receive information, ask questions, and identify policy options in an informal setting. No official action is taken at these meetings. At this Committee of the Whole Meeting the following matters are scheduled:

PRESENTATIONS:

- Partners in Education Certificates
- WV DOH- Update on High Street Paving
- **Bike Board Presentation**
- Public Portion

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Bridge Renaming
2. Human Rights Commission Bylaws
3. Building and Housing Code Ordinance
4. Visioning Retreat to Establish City Goals

**City of Morgantown
Municipal Bicycle Board**

Procedural Guidelines

Article I - Organization

1.1 Authority: Morgantown City Traffic Commission is authorized to appoint standing committees and thereby has acted to appoint a Municipal Bicycle Board. The Bicycle Board shall serve as a standing committee of the Traffic Commission. At least one member of the Traffic Commission shall be designated to serve as a member of the Bicycle Board. The Traffic Commission is responsible to the City Manager.

1.2 Purpose of the Bicycle Board: The purpose of the Bicycle Board shall be to:

- a. review and support the implementation of Article 373 on Bicycles of the Morgantown Municipal Code;
- b. work to make Morgantown a Bicycle Friendly Community as defined by the League of American Bicyclists so as to reduce traffic demands, afford better air quality, and improve public health;
- c. make recommendations for improving signage, safety, capacity and facilities for bicycles on streets, trails or other land design or use which supports cycling;
- d. advocate for the provision of bicycle travel opportunities to and from locations such as residential, employment, commercial, education, recreation and transit centers;
- e. promote the development of safe bicycle routes to schools;
- f. encourage use and enjoyment of bicycling and bicycle safety education.

1.3 Duties: The duties of the Bicycle Board shall be as follows:

- a. advise and consult with the Traffic Commission, the City Manager, and the City Engineer on any matter pertaining to the Ordinance;
- b. study the transportation problems and needs of the City and make specific recommendations to the Traffic Commission and the City Manager and to the City Council and Greater Morgantown Metropolitan Planning Organization as authorized;
- c. review City plans and policies which contain matters relating to roadways, transit, and non-motorized transportation;
- d. create a city bicycle plan which promises by specific time frames, all residents will have convenient access to a Bicycle route.
- e. facilitate the planning and implementation of public education on riding a bicycle
- f. coordinate City programs pertaining to bicycling.



Top Priorities for Moving the Bike Plan Forward

1. Add a line item, "Bicycle Friendly Community" to annual budget (even if it's zero) (Bicycle Plan Action Encouragement #1).
2. Cite bicyclists who run stop signs, ride against traffic, make improper turns or violate other driver laws and cite motorists for improper driving with emphasis on failure to stop for stop signs, failure to yield at intersections and for passing cyclists too closely and too fast. Issue 'rights and duties' card to violators. (Enforcement #4, #5 and #6)
3. Take the lead and work with WVDOH to install bicycle-climbing lane on Monongahela Boulevard between Eighth Street and Evansdale Drive. (Engineering #16)
4. Establish and maintain a plan for traffic enforcement to improve bicycling safety and to reduce the perceived risk of bicycling in Morgantown. Measure bicycle use, bicycle crashes, bicycle injuries and bicycle-related citations. Use data to inform an annual 'Enforcement for Bicycle Safety' workshop for the police department. (Enforcement #1, #2, #7; Evaluation #2)
5. Extend ordinance 1349.08 (C) that requires secure bicycle parking in developments of significant impact in the downtown business district to all multi-family developments within the City. (Encouragement #14)
6. City Manager promote Bike to Work month, week and day by riding his bike to work. (Encouragement #15)
7. Determine current bicycle traffic patterns and update when infrastructure changes are contemplated and implemented. (Engineering #8)

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