



Providence Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council

May 18, 2022, 4:45 PM

Meeting held virtually via Zoom

Overseeing Body: City of Providence Department of Planning and Development

Voting members present: Kathleen Gannon, Dina Quezada, Doug Johnson, Will Cornwall, Alana Deluty

Voting members attending virtually (not able to vote): Rosie Jaswal, Denise Greenidge

Non-voting Ex-Officio members present: Alex Ellis, Liza Farr, Luis SanLucas

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Following roll call, Ms. Gannon introduced item #2, the consent agenda. Ms. Quezada moved approval, and Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor.

Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, overview of review procedure. Mr. Ellis gave this overview, noting also guidance on public comment in the virtual format. Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, Old Business. Mr. Ellis shared the updated annual meeting calendar revised based on Advisory Council requests at the March meeting: shifting the May meeting to May 18 and the June meeting to June 18.

Ms. Gannon then moved on to the second Old Business item, an update on the Sidewalk Snow Removal working group. Mr. Ellis shared a summary of the April 13 meeting, at which the consensus of participants was that the City should focus on proactive communications to constituents about why sidewalk snow clearance is important. Ms. Gannon and Mr. Cornwall contributed their recollection of the meeting as well.

Ms. Gannon then moved on to the next agenda item, a review of requested traffic calming on Elmcroft Ave. Mr. Ellis presented the staff report, noting that based on collected traffic data the location was barely even eligible for review by the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council requested additional information. Mr. Johnson moved to continue the item. Mr. Cornwall seconded and all voted in favor with the exception of Ms. Quezada, who abstained.

Ms. Gannon then moved on to the next agenda item: announcements, staff updates, and public comment. Mr. Ellis provided an update on active construction projects. There was a brief discussion of the relative value of on-street parking and protected bike lanes, and the Advisory Council suggested a communication to City Council to request funding for a curbside management plan.

Hearing no public comment, Ms. Gannon adjourned the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.

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