



Providence Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council

June 15, 2022, 5:00 PM

First Floor Conference Room, Doorley Municipal Building, 444 Westminster Street, Providence RI, 02903

Overseeing Body: City of Providence Department of Planning and Development

Voting members present: Rosie Jaswal, Dina Quezada, Will Cornwall, Alana Deluty

Voting members attending virtually (not able to vote): Kathleen Gannon, Denise Greenidge

Non-voting Ex-Officio members present: Alex Ellis, Kevin Proft

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

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

Ms. Jaswal 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. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, Old Business. The first Old Business item was review of a request for traffic calming on Elmcroft Ave. Mr. Ellis provided further information about the request as provided by the Traffic Engineer. Based on the low volume of vehicular traffic and relatively low levels of speeding, Ms. Jaswal moved that the request for traffic calming at this location be denied. Ms. Jacoby seconded, and all voted in favor. However, in discussion of the request, the nearby intersection of Home Ave with Whitford Ave was raised as a confusing and potentially dangerous location, and Ms. Jaswal moved that intersection operation modifications be reviewed there. Ms. Jacoby seconded and all voted in favor.

Ms. Jaswal then moved on to the second Old Business item, an update on opportunities for funding the curbside management plan. Mr. Ellis shared that the previously discussed letter from GCSC to City Council was too late for this budget cycle, as Council had already passed their final budget. Ms. Jaswal requested that Ms. Farr update GCSC on possible funding avenues at a future meeting.

Ms. Jaswal then moved on to New Business, the first item of which was a review of conceptual plans for neighborhood greenways on several streets on the East Side. Mr. Ellis shared the staff report. GCSC discussed and made suggestions, but did not make any motions. Mr. Ellis clarified that the project would return to GCSC for further review.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next item, a discussion of the City's policies related to walk signals. Mr. Ellis gave some context for the discussion, noting that future conversations would also follow, and feedback

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tonight would inform how the conversation with the Traffic Engineer on this topic would proceed. Ms. Jaswal requested a summary of current standard operating procedures. Other discussion followed and Mr. Ellis committed to getting more information from the Traffic Engineer for a future meeting.

Ms. Jaswal 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 utility work around Ashburton Street as well as fading striping on Broadway.

Hearing no further public comment, Ms. Jaswal adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.