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GREEN AND COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COUNCIL

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council

November 20, 2023, 4:30 PM

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

Overseeing Body: City of Providence Department of Planning and Development

Voting members present: Rosie Jaswal, Kathleen Gannon, Alana Deluty, Doug Johnson

Non-voting Ex-Officio members present: Alex Ellis, Cpt. Luis SanLucas, Nate Urso

Ms. Jaswal called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Following roll call, Ms. Jaswal introduced item #2, the consent agenda, containing the minutes from the September 27, 2023 meeting. Mr. Johnson moved approval, and Ms. Gannon seconded. All voted in favor. Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, overview of review procedure. Mr. Ellis gave this overview.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, an update on the status of the proposed amendment to the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance. Mr. Ellis provided updates. No motions were made.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, a discussion of who should represent the Advisory Council on the newly-formed North Main Street Task Force. Mr. Johnson moved that Ms. Jaswal fill the spot, and Ms. Gannon seconded. All voted in favor.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, a discussion of the proposed language of a Vision Zero resolution being drafted by Councilor Sue Anderbois. Ms. Deluty suggested that the resolution upon passage be sent to the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation as well as others indicated in the text. Ms. Deluty also voiced support for the inclusion of a 2030 target date to achieve zero traffic fatalities or serious injuries. There was brief conversation about the role of the Advisory Council as proposed in the draft resolution as the Vision Zero Advisory Group. No motions were made.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, a revision to the Advisory Council's bylaws. Mr. Ellis noted that the resignation of two voting members allowed for the four voting members present to revise the bylaws, as those present constituted two-thirds of the full voting membership. Three changes were moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Jaswal: setting quorum at 3 voting members, setting the threshold for bylaw amendment to a simple majority of full voting membership, and emphasizing that members missing four meetings in a six month period would be encouraged to resign. All voted in favor.

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Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, a presentation of the 2022 Annual Report. Mr. Ellis presented the draft report, and there was brief discussion. No motions were made.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, Announcements, Staff Updates, and Public Comment. Mr. Urso noted that he was working on a proposed spending plan for traffic camera revenue, that the petition requirement in the proposed traffic calming policy was eliminated, and a list of locations for traffic calming would be finalized over the winter for spring installation. After brief discussion and announcements, Ms. Jaswal adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.

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