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CITY OF PROVIDENCE

# GREEN & COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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November 20, 2023



# Agenda

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1. Roll Call
2. Consent Agenda\*
3. GCSC Review Procedure
4. Old Business
  1. Update on Ordinance Amendment\*
5. 5. New Business
  1. North Main Street Task Force Appointment\*
  2. Vision Zero Resolution Feedback\*
  3. Bylaws Revision\*
  4. 2022 Annual Report
6. Announcements, Staff Updates, and Public Comment

*Asterisk indicates items listed as “for action”*



# ROLL CALL

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Item #1



# GCSC Members

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## Voting

- ~~Will Cornwall~~
- Alana Deluty
- Kathleen Gannon
- Denise Greenidge
- Rosie Jaswal
- Doug Johnson
- ~~Dina Quezada~~

## Non-voting

- Alex Ellis (Planning)
- Nate Urso (DPW)
- Priscilla De La Cruz (Sustainability)
- Cpt. Luis SanLucas (Public Safety)
- ~~A.J. Elton~~ (Forester)



# CONSENT AGENDA

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Item #2



# Consent Agenda

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- Make meetings more efficient by grouping items that need approval but don't merit discussion
- Today:
  - Accept: Minutes from 9/27/23 meeting



# GCSC REVIEW PROCEDURE

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Item #3



# GCSC web page

<https://www.providenceri.gov/planning/gcsc/>

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EXPLORE

## Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council (GCSC)

### ABOUT

Streets and sidewalks carry not only people and goods, but also various utilities and stormwater runoff. City streets also represent a sizeable portion of the city's overall land use, house many of its publicly managed trees, and serve as windows into the city for visitors and residents alike. City streets and sidewalks must serve people of all ages and abilities, while creating more mobility and independence for young people, seniors, and people with disabilities. They serve motorists, non-motorists, residents in wheelchairs, parents pushing strollers, kids biking and walking to school, and people who can't afford to use, or prefer not to use motor vehicles.

The City of Providence will develop a safe, reliable, equitable, efficient, inviting, integrated and connected multimodal transportation system that will promote access, mobility and health for all users and abutters, while also improving environmental quality and reducing polluted stormwater runoff. The City will create a connected network of right-of-way facilities accommodating all modes of travel to the maximum practical extent. This network will promote walking and biking on city streets and sidewalks, provide access to public transportation, beautify and shade the City's parks, schools, healthy food retail establishments, and reduce and treat polluted stormwater.

The **Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council** was created by ordinance in July 2021. Its responsibilities are to:

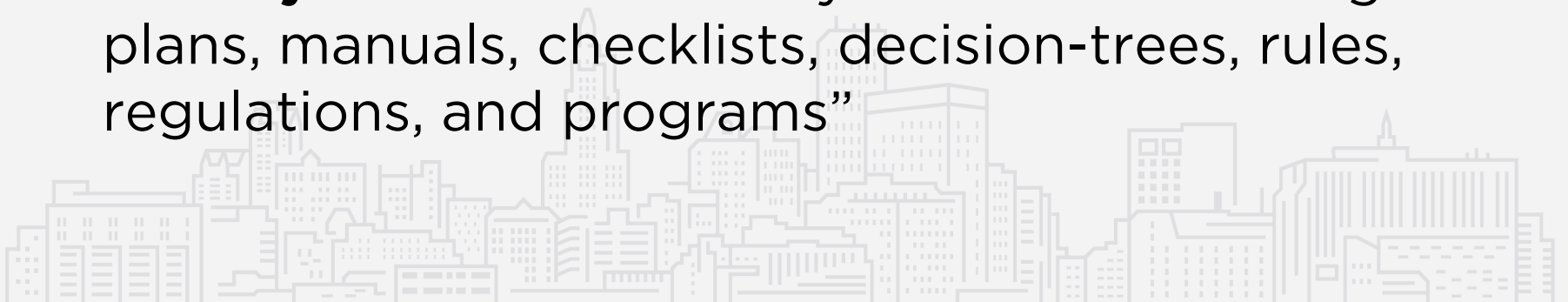




# Review Procedure

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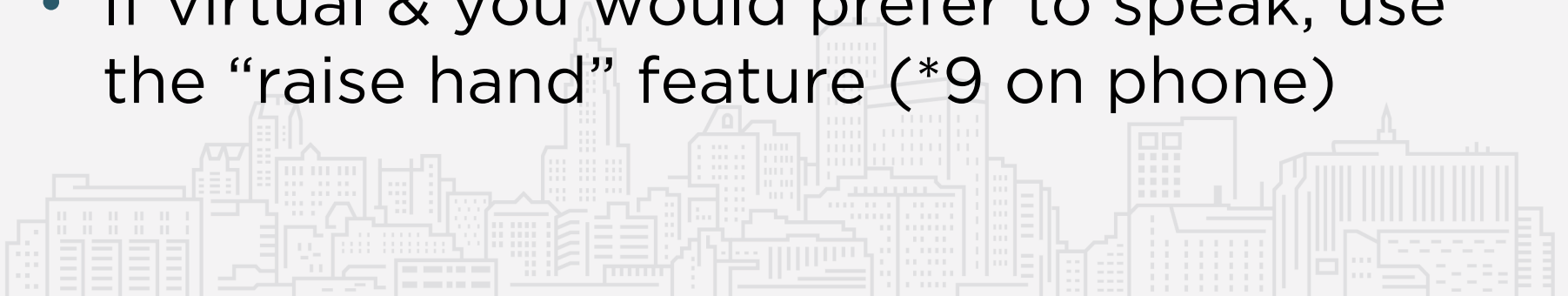
- **Review of Conceptual & 30% Plans**  
During project development, make recommendations to improve design
- **Waivers** from requirements of ordinance  
Mode-specific, GCSC approves or denies
- **Traffic calming:** in edge cases, after traffic study, GCSC can recommend Traffic Engineer give “preliminary approval”
- **All City activities:** annually review “all existing plans, manuals, checklists, decision-trees, rules, regulations, and programs”



# Public comment

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- Opportunity during each item & for general topics at end of meeting
  - Wait for Chair to recognize you
  - Please keep comments to 2 minutes
- If participating virtually, put questions or comments in Q&A, staff or Chair will read them out
- If virtual & you would prefer to speak, use the “raise hand” feature (\*9 on phone)



# OLD BUSINESS

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# UPDATE ON ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

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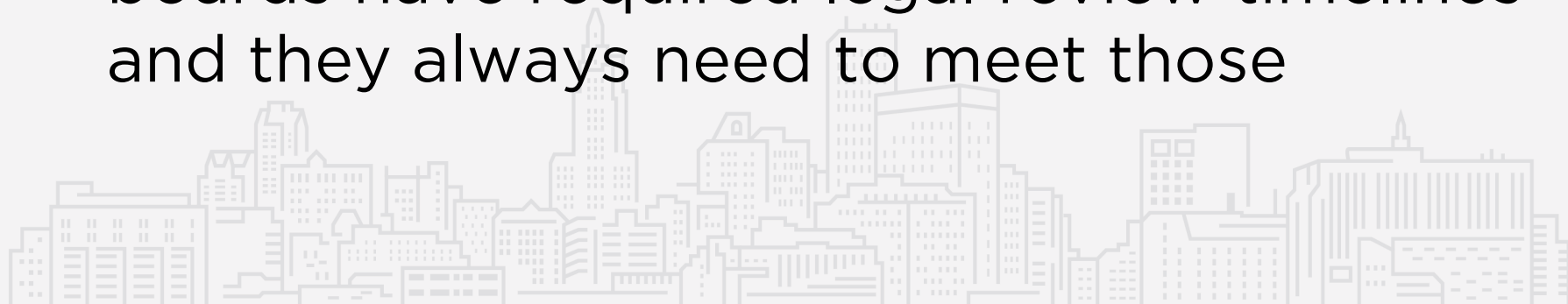
Item #4a



# Amendment changes

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- Cannot require utilities and the State to abide by the Ordinance
- Specifying in the ordinance that a quorum of GCSC is 3 voting members
- Wordsmithing of requirement for other boards and commissions to seek GCSC's opinion when relevant to clarify that those boards have required legal review timelines and they always need to meet those



# NEW BUSINESS

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Item #5



# NORTH MAIN STREET TASK FORCE APPOINTMENT

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Item #5a



# North Main Street Task Force

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- North Main Street Task Force created by City Council on October 19, 2023
- GCSC representative part of membership specified in the authorizing resolution





# VISION ZERO RESOLUTION FEEDBACK

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Item #5b



# Vision Zero Resolution

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- Adopt goal of 2030 for eliminating traffic deaths & serious injuries
- Endorses Vision Zero and adopts policy timeline for creating/updating Action Plan
  - City staff VZ Task Force has
    - 30 days to hold first quarterly meeting
    - 6 months to report on progress to Council & Mayor
    - 12 months to create Action Plan, and
    - 6 months after final plan to report on implementation
  - VZ Advisory Group defined as GCSC to be public forum for Action Plan creation



# BYLAWS REVISION

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Item #5c



# Bylaws Revision

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- “Members who are absent from four meetings in a sixth month period will be asked to resign.”
- “**Three (3) members** of the GCSC shall constitute a quorum” (from “majority”)
- “These GCSC By-Laws may be amended by a **majority** vote of the entire voting membership of the GCSC.” (from “2/3”)



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Item #5d



# 2022 Annual Report

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- Gotham Greens, Broad Street, Pleasant Valley Parkway completed
- \$1.3m obligated vs. \$5.3m in 2021 (but ultimately successful grant applications including \$8.8m match submitted)
- Bike counts at 6 sites roughly same as 2021
- Less traffic calming installed than 2021



# ANNOUNCEMENTS, STAFF UPDATES, PUBLIC COMMENT

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Item #6



# Terms expiring soon

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- Council appointees (Rosie, Alana, Doug, ~~Will~~) expire 12/31/23
- Mayoral appointees (Kathleen, Denise, ~~Dina~~) expire 1/31/24





# THANK YOU

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