Transportation Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

City Hall | Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Ave. | Winter Park, Florida

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Present

Chairman Jeffrey Osleeb and remaining members: Vice-Chair Rachel Andre, Jeffrey Sievers, and Katie Reischmann. Absent members: Michael Sasse, Michael Dively, and Ruben Paige. Staff: Recording Specialist Aaron Hull, Director of Public Works & Transportation Charles Ramdatt, Director of Planning & Zoning Allison McGillis, Transportation Planner Keith Moore, Sustainability Manager Sara Miller, Sustainability Specialist Mia Brady, and Engineer II Hongmyung Lim. Guests: Freebee Claudia Miro

(1) Call to Order

Chairman Osleeb called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

(2) Consent Agenda

a. Approval of January 30, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Katie Reischmann and seconded by Jeffrey Sievers to approve January 30, 2023, meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote (Michael Sasse, Michael Dively, and Ruben Paige were absent for the vote of approval of January 30, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

(3) Public Comments (for items not on the Agenda)

No Public Comment was made.

(4) Action Items

No Action items were discussed.

(5) Non-Action Items

a. Freebee Rideshare Presentation

Item was moved to the end of the meeting after the Board comments.

Hongmyung Lim introduced the item and the presenter. Claudia Miro introduced herself and her company Freebee. Claudia Miro gave a presentation describing her business model of a free rideshare program that partners with municipalities to help provide free rides within a central area. Mrs. Miro went over how the pilot program would work and the locations covered as part of the program. Mrs. Miro showed pictures and a presentation on her company Freebee. Mrs. Miro described that the program could start in the Hannibal Square area and then, if determined to be successful, could move into other regions. Mrs. Miro explained that other cities funded the program through a grant, allowing them to offer this service to their citizens.

Jeffrey Sievers asked if the city is considering using this service and what areas this service would cover, and Allison McGillis answered that the city is considering a pilot program that would initially be focused on the Hannibal Square area. Chairman Jeffrey Osleeb asked where the riders would come from, and Mrs. McGillis answered that it would be around Hannibal Square and the surrounding downtown Winter Park area. Chairman

Osleeb asked if people would have to live in the city, and Mrs. Miro answered that it would initially start as a pilot program to figure out the city's needs before expanding if needed. Discussion ensued on the location and services of the rideshare services. Charles Ramdatt provided that Staff and the City Commission wanted to understand what the Transportation Advisory Board thought of the program. Chairman Osleeb asked if the city had internal reports about the project and would the city's needs be met. Mr. Ramdatt spoke on the program and the possibilities that could be done with the service through geofencing to help make certain areas accessible. Mr. Sievers asked if there would be a North to-South connector for the program, and Mr. Ramdatt explained that if the Board is comfortable with the program, they can work on expanding the area covered by the service. Mr. Ramdatt explained that the Staff would only decide by getting the Boards approval on what to do next.

(6) Staff Updates

a. Brick Repair Updates

Keith Moore introduced the item and updated the Board on the progress of brick repairs in the city. Mr. Moore stated he had just answered a call about a question on brick roads before the meeting, and Mr. Moore said that Staff is getting a team together to work on the issues with the first steps being to perform an evaluation on all brick roads. Mr. Moore explained that the Staff has a street team currently addressing spot repairs.

Chairman Jeffrey Osleeb asked if there was something solid under the brick roads, and Mr. Moore explained that there is a base, but the base can deteriorate for different reasons. Charles Ramdatt talked about the various reasons that could cause the erosion of the brick basing, including permeability, traffic volume, design of the street, and other reasons for deteriorating brick roads. Mr. Ramdatt stated he has Mr. Moore working with a team to develop solutions to tackle the problem. Mr. Ramdatt said they should have a contractor to help with the issues by May. Jeffrey Sievers asked if there is a desire to keep bricks by residents for speed calming, and Mr. Ramdatt stated that most of the residents that live on them voted for the building of the brick roads and liked how it helps with traffic calming and deterring cut-through traffic. Rachel Andre and Chairman Osleeb agreed on their liking, and that it is essential to maintain them properly. Mr. Moore reminded the Board that residents have to vote for their road to be converted into a brick road.

b. New York Ave & Morse Blvd NW Corner

Hongmyung Lim introduced the item to the Board. Mr. Lim showed before and after pictures of the Northwest corner of New York Avenue and Morse Boulevard. Mr. Lim explained that there was a challenge with ADA compliance and private property, but the city got an easement to help alleviate the problem. Mr. Lim stated that the easement allowed the city to meet ADA compliance. Chairman Jeffrey Osleeb asked about the issues with the original curb, and Mr. Lim stated that those issues came from motorists driving over the old curb.

c. Knowles Ave Parking Enhancement Project

Hongmyung Lim introduced the item and showed a site plan for the parking enhancement. Mr. Lim explained that there was a request to update and fix the parking issues at the city parking lot on Knowles Avenue. Mr. Lim said that Staff responded to the complaint, and when Staff went out to the city parking lot, they noticed many issues with the parking lot. Mr. Lim stated that Staff came up with a plan shown to the Board which helps the parking lot meet ADA compliance. Mr. Lim asked the Board if he could get a head nod of approval to continue with the plans for the parking enhancement for the Knowles Avenue lot.

Katie Reischmann asked about the cost estimate, and Mr. Lim stated that the Staff is still in the preliminary design phase. Mr. Lim said they would speak to adjacent businesses to figure out the best design for the community. Vice-Chair Rachel Andre asked how Staff felt about some loss of parking spaces, and Mr. Lim said they would speak with local businesses to get feedback. Vice-Chair Andre asked what Staff would do about the tree roots, and Mr. Lim stated that Transportation will work with Urban Forestry on that matter. Mrs. Reischmann asked if it’s worth redoing the pedestrian island for ADA compliance, especially if there aren’t high pedestrian demands, and Mr. Lim noted that any new or retrofit projects must meet ADA compliance based on Federal guidelines and the ADA Transition Plan.

(7) Board Comments

Chairman Jeffrey Osleeb stated that Orange Avenue, that southside sidewalk, has been closed off due to the construction of the park at Progress Point, creating a safety issue, and that the extra lane on Orange Avenue could be used as a temporary sidewalk. Mr. Lim stated that Staff would look into this area to see what could be done, and discussion ensued on the lack of a sidewalk on Orange Avenue being an issue. Charles Ramdatt stated that using jersey barriers would not work but that Staff would look into fixing the issues like a temporary curb. Rachel Andre asked if they were reconstructing Orange Avenue, and Mr. Ramdatt stated they were working on the sidewalk and the new park at Progress Point. Discussion ensued on the sidewalk being closed off.

Katie Reischmann about the Best Foot Forward initiative with Bike Walk Central Florida to do a crosswalk check with the Winter Park Police Department and mentioned she spoke to Emily Hanna from Bike Walk Central Florida, who told her that Winter Park Police Department did not want to do this initiative. Mr. Ramdatt stated that when he worked at the City of Orlando, they had previously done this, but he wanted to know why the Winter Park Police Department would say no and that he would speak with the Police Department about it. Mr. Moore stated that he has spoken with the Police Department about this, and their reasoning for not wanting to do this is due to the use of plainclothes officers, and they would be okay with using Bike Walk volunteers. Discussion ensued on the Bike Walk program.

Chairman Osleeb asked about police reporting of accidents, and Mr. Lim said it should be reported next meeting.

Mrs. Reischmann asked about a speed study on the south side of Phelps Avenue, and Mr. Lim stated that there had been historical studies done at that location. Mr. Ramdatt said that Staff could look into this area for issues, and discussion ensued on Phelps Avenue and speed-calming solutions.

Chairman Osleeb had the Board take recess at 4:52 P.M. and the meeting restarted at 4:56 P.M. to continue with the non-action item presentation about the Freebee Rideshare program.

(8) Upcoming Agenda Items

No Upcoming Agenda Items were discussed.

(9) Adjournment

a. Next TAB Work Session: Monday, April 17, 2023, @ 3:00 PM

b. Regular Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023, @ 4:00 PM

Chairman Osleeb adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Approved by the board on April 17, 2023
/s/ Recording Secretary Aaron Hull