



City Commission Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Present

Mayor Phil Anderson; Commissioner Kris Cruzada; City Manager Randy Knight; Director of Public Works and Transportation Charles Ramdatt; Engineer Hong Lim; and City Clerk Rene Cranis.

1) Call to Order

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2) Discussion Items

a. S.R. 426 Project

Mr. Lim presented the most recent map from FDOT on this project which will be presented in upcoming meetings. He said the staff is waiting for feedback from the Fix 426 group's feedback on bricking of the intersection and pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) for the location.

Mr. Knight asked if there were resident objections to any portion. Mr. Lim noted FDOT is correcting an error related to one of the exits at Sylvan Drive that should be one-way, not two-way, and said the residents understand the current project may only address one of their concerns but would like to continue communication after the project is completed in an effort to address the other requests related to traffic signal, pedestrian safety, and ingress/egress out of the neighborhood.

Director of Public Works Charles Ramdatt noted the Fix 426 group is looking for a consultant to help in discussions with FDOT. Mayor Anderson asked if the city is retaining a consultant to look at the area of Chase and Brewer Curve. Mr. Lim responded Kimley Horn will conduct an in-depth feasibility study and develop concepts and alternatives, and the timeline to complete the study could take a few months. He noted FDOT said this study will have to be a separate project than the 3R Coalition project. He said once the city has a concept and preparing for construction, it would be good to do it in conjunction with the coalition project or right afterward.

Mayor Anderson asked about the installation of speed tables. Mr. Ramdatt explained the process for installing and removing speed tables.

Mr. Lim said the Fire Chief has requested the proposed tightening of the curb and the medians to be mountable for fire trucks.

Mr. Lim noted that FDOT is short \$1.5M for the project and would need reduce the scope starting with the PHBs, if the city could not provide those funds. Commissioner Cruzada asked what the cost structure is for a light in comparison to a pedestrian hybrid beacon. Mr. Ramdatt said a traffic signal is more expensive. Mr. Lim provided cost examples explaining the proposed PHBs for the project are approximately \$400k per area versus the \$680k traffic signal project FDOT is will be doing at 17-92 and Orange Avenue. Mr. Knight asked if he should reach out to the state lobbyist for funding options, Mayor Anderson said it would be a good idea.

Mr. Lim said he inquired with FDOT about whether any roads exist that are comparable to 426 in terms of road type and configuration that use PHBs. FDOT responded no, other roads exist, but none nearby or of comparable capacity. Discussion followed. Mr. Ramdatt suggested using Google Street View as a measure to see the operation of a PHB in a comparable city. In addition, he said other jurisdictions may be able to provide a video showing how pedestrians maneuver in those areas.

Mayor Anderson asked what the next step is. Mr. Ramdatt said he would report to the following to the Commission (1) The 426 group is retaining a consultant to address their concerns and advocate on their behalf. (2) Staff is proceeding with the Kimley Horn study of Chase and Brewer Curve. (3) Staff has talked to FDOT about interim measures on options that can be employed depending on funding. 4) Mr. Knight will set up a meeting meet with state lobbyist.

Mr. Knight expressed concern that the meetings held so far have only engaged the immediately impacted neighbors and not greater Winter Park public for their feedback. Mr. Ramdatt suggested having the Communications Department put the map on the website with very concise information as a means for engagement.

Consensus was for Mr. Anderson to meet with lobbyist initially. Mr. Knight noted that the lobbyist is familiar with the area and suggested a walking tour. With regard to traffic signal cost, Mr. Lim mentioned that the installation of the signal at the Trisman/Henkle intersection would be more expensive because the signals will be at an offset.

3) Adjournment

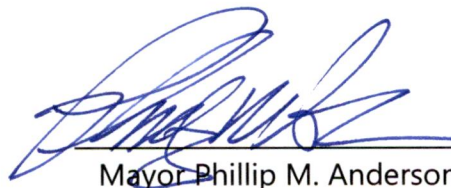
The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



Rene Cranis

City Clerk Rene Cranis



Mayor Phillip M. Anderson