



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board & Transportation Advisory Board Work Session Minutes

September 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

City Hall
Commission Chamber
401 Park Ave South
Winter Park, FL 32789

PRAB Board Members Present

Michael Perelman, Krystal Dawkins, Shannon Sarkarati, Leah Bonich, Jennifer Adams, Annemarie Smith, Frank Baker

TAB Board Members Present

Jeff Osleeb, Jeff Sievers, Rachael Andre, Michael Sasse

Call to Order

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Perelman at 5:00 pm

Discussion Items

a. Introduction & Status of Winter Park Land trust & City of Winter Park Partnership

Mr. Seeley lead the conversation on the WPLT's connectivity priorities; The Land Trust is an organization that focuses on preservation, conservation and making sure there is adequate and connected greenspace in Winter Park. In the winter of 2021 the City Commission entered a joint partnership with the Land Trust to hire a grant writer. The focus of the previous meetings has been focused on the Howell Branch Preserve grant, and potential purchase of the Bank Ozark property, the commission gave permission to engage with the Trust for Public Lands to assist with negotiation of purchasing that property.

The Winter Park Land Trust's four main suggested priorities of land acquisition/new greenspace are to Complete Progress Point and maximize the green space, potential expansion of Progress Point to buy possible purchase the Bank Ozark property, continue to engage in conversation of purchase of the Post Office property to expand Central Park, purchase property along Fairbanks to expand MLK Park. Chairman Perelman suggests creating park space on the east side of Winter Park. Chairman Perelman is opposed to the Land Trust being involved in seeking grants for the Post Office funding.

Priorities for better green spaces, improve physical space connectivity access to HB Preserve and wetland, continue restoration and activation in Mead Botanical Garden, expand and improve MLK park and make improvements to stormwater management.

More green space, better green space, and connecting green space. The connection priorities of the Land Trust include (Morse, Central Park, & MLK), (Denning, Mead, Progress Point and MLK), (Progress Point to Mead), (Park Ave to Lake Osceola), and potentially (Lake Killarney to MLK).

b. TAB Projects & Priorities - Connectivity and Greenways

The purpose is to talk about the city's plans to raise money or obtain grants that support beautifying the city. Make sure conversations around grant writing are for the public to provide input on priorities. Hong Liam, Planning & Transportation Engineer gave an update on the TAB's project priorities on arterial connection. The projects priorities include; The Progress Point to

Mead bike ability, the pedestrian bike bridge tunnel alongside Sunrail, the trail from N Denning to New York Ave, Lakemont Ave, and Cady Way to St. Andrews phase 2.

TAB is requesting ARPA funding for a Transportation Master Plan from, that would include citywide green space connectivity and more enhanced maps. A draft report is estimated to be complete in six months with a complete master plan in one year.

Tom McMacken 1821 Shiloh Lane and Cynthia Hasenau of Mead Botanical Gardens Inc, spoke on being in favor of the Denning to Mead connection however is opposed to the additional entrance. There is concern of the bikers, and how fast they travel through the gardens.

Staff will provide a quarterly update to the boards on what the Land Trust is working on. Ms. Adams recommends and assessment on what the public would like to see as priority projects.

Adjournment

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Michael Perelman at 6:13pm

Minutes approved by the board on: 11/16/2022

/s/ Kesha Thompson