



TRANSPORTATION
AND ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE

Date: 3-1-23

Location: Online - [Link](#)

1 Approval of minutes - [11-22-22](#) and [1-4-23](#)

2 Updates or reports from

-Chief Britton:

- Resident concern: “South Taylor (between Silsby and Fairmount) has a dotted line in the center, indicating that people can speed pass. What is the city’s policy that allows passing in a two lane residential street?”

-Councilor Larson:

- Update request for TESC assistance on two projects that have been assigned to the Public Safety and Health Committee.
 - Consideration of legislation for a sidewalk repair program
 - Consideration of legislation for a program to remove snow from sidewalks
- Update from conversation with President Hart clarifying the process as to how minutes are processed and shared. There was confirmation that the City won’t be acquiring transcription software.

Note: We thank Councilor Larson for her admirable job of moving TESC recommendations forward and for continued support during these times of transition. Based on a request from a TESC member, Councilor Cobb has been invited to share updates from his conversations at the Administrative Services Committee regarding changes to Section 150.02.

-Councilor Cobb:

Status of proposal to change Section 150.02 , including specific topics below:

- **Removing environmental sustainability from the committee's work**
 - Update from discussion at the 1/23/23 Administrative Services Committee Discussion. **1/4/23 Minutes:** “Vice President Cobb has not done anything on legislation changing the membership or establishing a separate sustainability committee or transportation committee but he will ask President Hard to put this discussion on a COTW meeting, to determine consensus on this issue, and then discuss further at the next Admin Services committee meeting on 1/23 at 5pm”.

- **Nine members proposal**
 - **1/4/23 Minutes:** “Asked about openings on TESC; Vice President Cobb responded that filling out the committee with members and removing the specific assignments (legislation) is an easy fix, and there are outstanding applications. Part of the delay is waiting on the mayor to hire a director of sustainability which is in the budget; Vice President Cobb’s vision is that that person will be working with this committee/the membership on this committee”. TESC is kindly asking to provide an update and/or discuss with members the following points:
 - Director of Sustainability hiring status
 - Proposal that the mayor appoints five members (subject to council approval) and the council appoints four **1/3/23 Minutes:** “Members consensus that the above-mentioned bullet point 4 (appointments) be removed”.
 - Proposal that the chairs of the Municipal Services Committee and Public Safety and Health Committee are council liaisons
 - The director of planning is the mayor's liaison (pending mayor’s approval)

3 Chair’s remarks

Charlie Mosbrook (Acting Chair)

4 Committee-initiated:

- Explore TAC be changed to the Complete Streets Committee (Kathy Petrey).
1/4/23 Minutes: “Director Zamft; he seemed open and supportive of this committee and adds a vision that this committee hasn’t seen from the

administration prior to now. He did say that Public Works hasn't fully bought into "Green Streets" but they are using the checklist. The policy may need updating"

- **Note:** Resolution No. 37-2018, AKA the Complete and Green Streets Policy, is still in effect, and it is an important qualification for participating in federal infrastructure grant programs for complete streets projects.

5 Community/resident-initiated

6 Old business

- Follow up on the suggestion that the City should hire an ADA compliance officer for this and other ADA provisions. **1/3/23 Minutes:** *"Councilor Larson spoke with the Law Director, and was informed that the law department is hiring new staff, and will consider this as they find new staff; want to find somebody with experience with this issue".* **Next steps?**

7 New business

- Alena Bower, volunteer with Heights Bicycle Coalition (HBC), reached out to TESC inquiring if there would be interest in establishing a continued dialogue between the Transportation Committee and HBC. They are offering to support the committee in its duties related to cycling infrastructure, policy, outreach or advocacy. They are offering their services and knowledge to the committee. Ms. Bower or a designated member will attend the meeting and engage in dialog.
- Kathy Petrey proposes "finding an advocacy group for better mass transit in the Heights/Hillcrest area". **Next steps?**
- Who is maintaining the [Cleveland Heights Transportation & Environmental Sustainability Committee Facebook](#) page? Last post was on 8-23-21. Discuss purpose on ownership.

8 Date for next meeting

- TAC 1st Wednesday of the month 4-5-23

9 Adjournment