

**MINUTES**  
**COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**June 19, 2017**  
**Witherspoon Municipal Building**

**Present:** Robert Altman, Nat Bottigheimer, Sam Bunting, Jenny Crumiller (Council liaison), Janet Heroux, Deanna Stockton (Princeton Engineering), Jack West (Princeton Engineering), Tamera Matteo, Pam Hersh, Jenny Ludmer, Chris Ieva. **Absent:** Surinder Sharma, Kristin Appelget (Princeton University liaison), Sgt. Tom Murray (Police Department liaison).

Visitors: Dosier Hammond (Transit Task Force), Ken Kowalski, Arash Sadeghi, Kaushik Gnanaskandan, Anand Sivaraju, Tineke Theo, Kathryn Stoltzfus-Dueck, David Cohen (Planning Board)

The meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

**1. Introduction of new members.**

RA introduced new members Chris Ieva and Jenny Ludmer.  
Amner Deleon has left the committee.

**2. ACTION – Approval of minutes from the meeting on April 17, 2017 (RA)**

NB moved to approve. SB seconded. Passed unanimously.

**3. Report on the status of the Circulation Element of the Princeton Master Plan (JC)**

RA asked what had happened with the recommendations from the CSC's April 17 meeting. David Cohen advised that a sub-committee of the Planning Board had considered all the recommendations from the Bike Committee and CSC in light of the Engineering Department's and Parsons Brinkerhoff's response letter, and had included as many of them as possible into the latest draft of the revised Circulation Element. DC advised that several potential facilities recommended by the Princeton Bike Committee for 'Safe Routes to Schools' had been removed from the latest version of the Circulation Element. DC said that the Planning Board had not given full consideration to the latest draft of the Circulation Element because another matter had used up the allotted time at their most recent meeting.

NB advised that the Planning Board chair, Gail Ullman, had indicated that the Planning Board would take up the issue of the Circulation Element again in the fall.

SB asked why protected bike lanes, which had been considered as a potential facility for Nassau Street in earlier versions of the bicycle masterplan, were no longer included in the most recent drafts. DS and DC advised that there was no consensus on what form these facilities would take, and as such, the town would seek further funding to retain consultants to continue to develop plans for this area.

#### **4 Report on the status of the Transit Trust Fund (JW)**

JW reported the Transit Trust Fund, set up with a contribution from Princeton University as part of a Memorandum of Understanding, still had just over \$400,000 available. The committee which decides on uses of the Trust Fund has previously made specific Requests For Proposals for use of the funds, but will henceforth accept solicitations for use of the funds on an ongoing basis. As applications are received, the committee will hold meetings as required to consider them.

#### **5. Report on Princeton's proposal to the State Historic Preservation Office for flagship bus shelter in Palmer Square (DS)**

DS is awaiting a letter of support from the town Historic Preservation Commission before sending the request to the relevant State office for historic preservation.

#### **6. Report on Princeton Parking Study (DS)**

DS advised that the town's consultants were preparing recommendations for streamlining and improving availability of parking in central Princeton. The consultants are being funded through grants for economic development and vitality, and had presented a progress report to Council and members of the public June 14. Further comments are requested, to the Engineering Department, for the benefit of the consultants who are preparing recommendations for ordinances through the summer. There will be a further public meeting to present findings later in the summer / fall.

DS is consulting with the Princeton Merchants Association to get further input from local businesses. SB asked if the study was considering changes necessary to allow development of high-quality on-street bike facilities to meet the specific long-term goals of the Princeton

Bike Masterplan (Agenda Item #3). DS said that the bike plan had been shared with the consultants and would feed into their specific recommendations.

## **7. Report of the Ad Hoc Task Group on Transportation Choices (RW)**

Ralph Widner was not able to attend the meeting so this item was deferred for discussion at a future meeting.

## **8. Presentation on Princeton's Parking Pilot Program (Possumus)**

Arash Sadeghi, Lead Engineer at startup firm 'Possumus' described an on-demand parking app that they have developed so that people in cars can easily find and pay for parking. The technology involves a custom parking meter that is networked to allow app users to find and reserve open parking spaces before arriving at their destination. Users can identify themselves using a tag, credit card, or use of the app, and pay using an online account.

A pilot will take place to trial the technology in Princeton in Summer 2017, for 60 days, involving 5 designated meters downtown, which will only be able to be used by registered participants. Up to 2,000 participants will be able to take part in the pilot. Registration is via the website [possumus.co](http://possumus.co). Launch is expected to be in mid-July.

## **9. Discussion of next steps related to traffic calming (JC)**

JC, who is chairing a task group on traffic calming, reported the task group continues to meet with stakeholders with the goal of making recommendations to Council in the fall. Aspects that will be considered include speeding and speed limits, and what methods work best for slowing traffic. JC also said it was important to ensure that speed mitigation devices were installed in a fair way. The task group is considering a new report prepared by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) entitled 'Complete Streets Design Guide', which includes many useful recommendations for designing safe streets. The task group is considering making a recommendation to Council that the town endorse this guide as a basis for design of future traffic calming measures.

JH endorsed the NJDOT report, saying it was a very useful and thoughtful guide.

Local resident Katy Stoltzfus-Dueck said that traffic calming measures that narrow the road risk making things more dangerous for cyclists.

## **10. Status Report on "Go Princeton" project (TM)**

The current goal for the launch of the 'Go Princeton' campaign, which will encourage transit use, is in September.

#### **11. Other Business**

- JC advised that the Transit Committee was considering eliminating the 'Commuter Route' of the FreeB shuttle bus, and extending the hours of the 'Daytime' Route.
- Local resident Greg Kowalski advised that the Harrison Street / Valley Road intersection was dangerous for pedestrians. He requested that the pedestrian cross signal should come on automatically, regardless of whether the button is pressed.
- RA advised that a guest speaker would attend the CSC meeting in October to discuss 'Tactical Urbanism' interventions.

#### **12. Adjournment 7.00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Bunting, Secretary.