

Route 156 Bike Way and Sound View Improvements Committee
Unapproved Minutes from Meeting of March 24, 2015 4:30PM
Memorial Town Hall, Old Lyme, CT

Members Present (v-voting): Frank Pappalardo (v), Jim Lampos (v), Skip Sibley (v), Mary Jo Nosal (v), John MacDonald (v), Bonnie Reemsnyder (v), Angelo Faenza (v), Rob Haramut (v). Guests: David Head of VHB; Kurt Prochorena of BSC Group, Keith Rosenfeld, Old Lyme Land Use Coordinator. Community members: Lenny Cordo, Stephanie Livesey, Sandra Ziemba, and Joann Lishing.

Welcome

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM

Approval of 03-02-15 Meeting Minutes

Mary Jo requested that the following edit be made: correct "However, efforts should be made to collect what data and not delay the project time frame." To "However, efforts should be made to collect whatever data we have and not delay the project time frame."

Motion: To approve the minutes of 3/2/15 as amended was made Bonnie and seconded by Frank. No further discussion and motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

Parking-Safety Study Discussion

- Scope Development

Bonnie, Frank, Tom Heinnsen, Jim Lampos, and Mary Jo have provided data to Kurt for the project scope development.

Kurt and David have discussed what is needed for a focused parking analysis. Kurt shared the five tasks to complete the evaluation: 1) data gathering, 2) field inventory, 3) meeting with stake holders, 4) report preparation, 5) community presentation of findings.

John inquired about standards that BSC will use to support the analysis. Kurt indicated that the evaluation will not focus on actual traffic counts per say but a matrix assessment will be developed. The analysis will look at demands, availability, limitations and all assumptions will be detailed. An example of current parking availability and demand would include looking at residents with driveways for personal cars vs. placing demand on the street. Zoning and parking requirements, and adherence to them, will be looked at. For example, are there examples of over parking in spaces? Kurt elaborated that fixed data points would include such items as the physical boundaries of the beach and building occupancy.

Frank stated that resident criteria, public safety, environmental health and quality of life concerns should be reflected in the study title. Bonnie noted that the physical limitations, dead end streets, small beach and traffic flow are concerns. Kurt indicated that the scope can be broader but it is a budget concern.

Skip suggested that the analysis include, what can be handled per day based on the design. Bonnie felt that regardless of the parking number people will continue to circle for a spot. This is an example of latent demand per Kurt. However, closing the roads when capacity is reached is not an option.

Mary Jo added that this is an intermodal transportation project, so we have to include a focus on the bike and ped requirements. Additionally, the need for the 9-Town Transit per Frank.

- Data Evaluation

Jim said we can consider changing the traffic flow by making roads one way and adding signage indicating no parking is available.

John said that traffic and quality of life are dynamic but that the study is going to help the Committee justify the number of spaces for design and offset by the private lots.

When asked if the matrix approach will meet the regulatory concerns, David said he felt it would but the scope is a time and cost concern for the Committee.

- Study Area

There was general consensus to not enlarge the study to include Miami Beach or their parking allotments as it is a private association. However, the spill-over will be an assumption that needs to be discussed in the report.

- Scope Draft

A draft is expected next week for review. The budget will be based on the scope. A revised time-line will follow. However at this point, the plan is to complete the study by early May.

BSC Group-Preliminary Design Plans

- Invoice

Kurt verified that the third invoice was paid but was short \$2,000. Mary Jo will inquire with the Finance Department.

- Design Program

Kurt will contact Nina to request the restroom design status.

David and BSC have met with ConnDOT and DEEP. CT DEEP did not feel that the Flood Management Certification needed to go through them and we could proceed with ConnDOT. The Office of Long Island Sound (OLISP) would like to review some project information from BSC to assess a need for a permit.

Keith Rosenfeld received a call from a representative of OLISP who was concerned about access to the Sound without parking. David indicated that the project information being sent to OLSIP is going to this representative's supervisor.

Regarding local permitting, Keith suggested that the Committee plan on going to ZBA first and then zoning. He said it would be about a 2-4 month process.

The landscape choices are available on the website. Kurt can assist with any log in issues.

VHB update:

David felt that the restroom hook up to the sewer would need to be discussed with the DOT.

Next Meetings at Memorial Town Hall

4/7/15 at 4:30PM and 4/28/15 at 4:30 PM

Public Comment : none

Adjourn

Motion: Motion to adjourn by John, seconded by Skip. Motion passed without discussion 8-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Nosal, Acting Clerk 3-26-15