

MEMO

TO: Advisory Committee
FROM: Jonathan Slason
DATE: November 17, 2021
SUBJECT: Advisory Committee Meeting #3 Notes

Advisory Committee:

- Laura Dlugolecki (Infrastructure Commission)
- Meredith Bay-Tyack – (Downtown Winooski/Business community) until 6:30pm
- Seth Leonard – absent (Affordable housing advocate)
- Erik Hoekstra – (Development community)
- Terry Zigmund (Planning Commission)
- Robert Millar (Renter/Housing Commission)

Technical Committee:

- Eric Vorwald (City of Winooski)
- Jason Charest (CCRPC)
- Sai Sarepalli (CCRPC)
- Jonathan Slason (RSG)
- Andy Hill (DESMAN)

No public comments were made during the initial comment period. Comments were received during the second public comment period at the end of the meeting.

Jason Charest reviewed the agenda with the meeting attendees. The draft report was sent out earlier in the week and asked if members had a chance to review, at least the Chapter 6 Implementation Plan. Most members were able to review the materials.

Eric Vorwald discussed the plan for the next steps of the report and the process. This is the last advisory committee meeting. The report will be finalized and then presented to the city council for additional comments and approval, likely early January. Comments on the draft plan should be provided to Jason Charest by December 10, 2021.

Jonathan Slason reviewed the overall organization of the report and reviewed the chapter 5 policy actions and the chapter 6 implementation sequence. Andy Hill and

Jonathan Slason went through the steps of the implementation plan while taking questions and comments along the way.

Meredith would like guidance on what feedback to get from the business community. Communication and signage are things the business community consistently receives feedback on.

Jonathan started reviewing the steps and phases of the implementation plan. The following comments were received during the review.

Terry – St. Peters Street is often full of cars. Now that Hickok has been paved, it seems like this street is filling up as well. These may be streets that require additional monitoring and review for future management strategies.

Robert - Weaver Street fills up quite a bit when church is in session.

Terry - If we're going to unbundle parking, on street should be metered.

Erik H – (when asked if unbundling parking from the rent, the rent reduces) Can't say there's a direct relationship between 50 bucks for a parking space and 50 dollars less for rent. Going to charge the market rate for a unit and market rate for a parking space.

Terry - We saw this with the Redstone development on Center St.

Eric V – The city doesn't require unbundling but doesn't prohibit it. It will likely be "unbundling and..." situation if something moves forward. Currently no incentives to unbundle. There are no additional benefits, no density or parking reductions if unbundled.

Laura - Complaints at the Municipal Infrastructure Commission have been mostly for residential streets.

Terry - Would paid parking help pay for some of these things? Eric V - possibly. It is a revenue source.

Terry would also advocate for striping and paid parking to increase enforcement measures.

Robert pushed back on paid parking due to the impacts to people at the lower end of the income spectrum. Would not vote for paid parking in the downtown if he had the chance to do it all over. He clarified his comment by saying that it was sold as revenue neutral, but it's not.

The committed generally supported for removing "Reserved" from the description of minimum parking requirements as a low risk way to encourage greater opportunities for intrafacility shared parking agreements to be designed and established.

Laura doesn't think anything in the plan is off the table. Hears people complain a lot about parking but doesn't think it's as bad as people make it out to be. Memory of long term Winooski residents being able to park in front of a store whenever they want to.



However, acknowledge that things change and the city is changing. Expectations must change too.

Erik H's thoughts are what is laid out is a good process for moving forward and there will be plenty of opportunity for feedback down the road.

Public comment received in the 'chat' window:

- What about snow bans? Jonathan can work with Eric V to address this in the plan. How many vehicles are affected? Are there options such as one side of the street vs others.
- Bryn would like to see some additional content on electric vehicles. Lot of investments in the state right now to increase adoption. Infrastructure needs will have to be addressed with that. Jonathan Slason will add a subchapter discussing how EVs may affect the provision and type of parking.
- Comment on unbundling - request from resident she knows was to change the parking fees to make them more available to residents. For low-income units, King's Crossing was charging extra for other units? The consultant team will consider this comment and provide recommendations or sample policy for when unbundling is considered how it has been treated in the past.

Eric V asked people to look over policy actions in Section 5 to submit with their comments.

Jonathan concluded the meeting by thanking the advisory committee for their time and attention to this project. The feedback and participation have been very helpful in guiding the outcome of the plan. Reminder that comments on the draft document are to be submitted to Jason Charest by December 10, 2021.

Meeting ended at 8:00 pm EST.