



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

Transportation Advisory Committee

Councilwoman Tammy Grimes D5

Erica Williams

Bernard Knight

Calvin Lawrence

Darien Senior

Alan Burnette

Ali Moore

JW Eady

Councilmember George Turner - D4

Low Engineering Ex-Officio

Kendra Price

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting MINUTES

June 8, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER: Erica Williams, Chairperson

The meeting began at 6:07pm

II. ROLL CALL: Aisha Harris, Deputy City Clerk

All members present with the exception of JW Eady and Kendra Price.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Overall limit for public comments is 20 minutes. Limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Speakers can only speak once in public comments. Public comments are restricted to topics regarding transportation projects serving Stonecrest.

IV. AGENDA:

- a. Approval of meeting minutes May 11, 2022

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the May 11th 2022 meeting minutes. Seconded by Alan Burnette.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Appointments to Transportation Advisory Committee

Councilmember George Turner suggested that a recommendation be sent to the Council for consideration. Chair Erica Williams will send a reminder email so that item can be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

c. Sub-Committee meetings

Chair Erica Williams stated that the PATH and Fray Cluster subcommittees should begin meeting soon. Bernard Knight, Chair of the Fray Cluster subcommittee stated the committee was seeking clarity on the rules and /or guidelines they would need to follow during the meetings.

Councilmember George Turner and Chair Erica Williams both stated the subcommittees are not in the position to take official action as of yet. Chair Erica Williams stated she would like them to meet and if they have recommendations, they will bring them back to the Transportation Committee and the Committee would make a recommendation on their behalf. Councilmember George Turner stated that every effort should be made to make the subcommittee meetings as transparent as possible.

Chair Erica Williams suggested that the committee table the discussion of meeting dates until the next meeting.

d. Lithonia Industrial Blvd review

Chair Erica Williams stated she has concerns about the traffic, speeding and safety on Lithonia Industrial Boulevard. Hari Karikaran stated traffic counts are needed, which is inexpensive and will collect data. He stated we will need to wait until the school year begins as that is the best time to collect all the data needed.

Bernard Knight stated that median cut is an issue as well. He would like the left turn to be prohibited and/or closing the median as a suggestion.

Councilmember George Turner stated this is an Advisory Committee and cannot give instructions but can give a written recommendation.

e. Review Master Transportation Plan

- Pothole Reporter review

Chair Erica Williams asked for Pothole Reporter experiences. Calvin Lawrence stated that it is was straightforward and not hard to use but he did not see a tracking agent. Chair Erica Williams questioned how multiple calls are handled and Hari Karikaran explained that we do not fix them but send work orders over to Dekalb County. Hari also stated there is a new software called City Works to be implemented and citizens will be able to create a pothole work order directly with Dekalb. Once this program is up, Stonecrest will replace the link on the Stonecrest website with a link going directly to Dekalb County.

Chair Erica Williams asked if SPLOST dollars could be used to fix potholes in the City and Hari Karikaran confirmed it could not. Bernard Knight asked for clarification regarding emergency road repairs and questioned if SPLOST dollars could be used in cases where there appears to be an immediate need. Hari Karikaran stated the city goes by PCI number for repaving. Hari also stated he could not move one road ahead of another.

Councilmember George Turner stated that the ranking of streets was completed four (4) years ago and that the ranking could have changed. He stated that the committee might encourage council to fund another evaluation of the roads. Chairwoman Erica Williams will send a recommendation to Council to fund another evaluation of the roads. Hari explained that a number for a new evaluation has been received by the City and explained that new evaluation will look at the surface and subsurface conditions of the streets, giving a more accurate depiction than the previous study completed. Hari Karikaran also explained that the study will cost between eighty (80) and one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars to complete, taking four (4) weeks for analysis with a five (5) year plan as standard.

f. Next Steps

Chair Erica Williams asked for details regarding the Path foundation. Hari Karikaran explained that an RFP is forth coming any day and that this study will include sidewalks, trails, and bicycle lanes for the next 25 years.

Chair Erica Williams mentioned a study conducted on the City's bridge-scape in the past and asked what the committee could do to restart the process. Councilmember George Turner explained it would come as a recommendation from the committee to the council and that there is some planned construction on all the bridges in the city over the next five (5) to ten (10) years. George Turner stated that the GDOT has given information about construction and stated that if we would like to implement our own plans and cover the costs, they will implement the City's plan. Hari Karikaran agreed that the best time to get this information would be during the time when GDOT is working on these bridges. Bernard knight provided information about a rail bridge located in the industrial area of Stonecrest that will not be a concern for the committee.

Councilmember George Turner mentioned he has worked with the City Attorney's office and added a paragraph to the resolution of creation that allows election of officials to the Transportation Advisory Committee. It will be placed on the agenda in June and the committee will have it back by July.

g. Comments

N/A

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to adjourn the meeting. Bernard Knight seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 7:07 pm

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