



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, April 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Periwinkle Room/Virtual Meeting

Approved: May 2, 2022

Members present: Steph Nappa, Chuck Kratch, Nolan Streitberger, Peter de Carteret

Members absent: Cyndi Wiggins

Staff present: Transportation Systems Analyst Ronald G. Irish, Contracting Assistant Shelley Shultz, Central Administrative Officer Mary Dibble, City Manager Peter Troedsson

Others present: Tim Gruver, Albany Democrat Herald

Call to Order

10:04 a.m.

Steph Nappa called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Approval of March 7, 2022, Minutes

10:04 a.m.

Chuck Kratch moved to approve the March 7, 2022, minutes, Nolan Streitberger seconded; motion approved as presented.

Business from the Public

10:05 a.m.

City Manager Peter Troedsson gave an update on the possibility of consolidating some of the Citizen Advisory Groups (CAGs), which could potentially include Traffic Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian, and Airport Commissions, in order to optimize and better address the needs of the city. Discussion ensued. Some changes to consider would include the possibility of more members on each commission board, extending meeting times, and more detailed expectations. Question was raised about whether commissions are advisory or decision-makers; Peter Troedsson explained that CAGs are advisory to the city council, who is ultimately the decision-maker.

Scheduled Business

a. Electric Scooters MOU

10:27 a.m.

Steph Nappa submitted a letter to the city council sharing her concerns about the proposed electric scooters. She is concerned with the locations of the scooters, interactions with traffic, accessibility, etc. Peter Troedsson suggested that BIRD attend the next meeting to answer questions. Ron Irish will arrange a joint meeting with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission to see how the scooters operate and give feedback. Peter Troedsson talked about the use of Geofencing technology and its capabilities.

Business from the Commission

10:45 a.m.

Chuck Kratch suggested each member bring one or two suggestions of areas of concern to each meeting to add to the agenda for future meetings. Steph Nappa would like an update on the ped-activated crossing project at Queen Avenue and Broadway; Ron Irish will send an updated TSP list to all members, which will include this project. He again mentioned organizing a "field trip" to view current projects. Brief discussion of pending agenda topics followed.

Next Meeting Date

10:55 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held virtually on Monday, May 2, 2022.

Adjournment

10:55 a.m.

Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Signature on File

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Shelley Shultz
Contracting Assistant

Ronald G. Irish
Transportation System Analyst

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cityclerk@cityofalbany.net.*