

**INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORTATION,
AND SUSTAINABILITY (ITTS)
COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, August 20, 2024
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Committee: Chairperson, Mr. Weiss, Ms. Burckley, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Strenfel
Staff: Mr. Krack, Mr. Watson, and Ms. Getzfread

I. Call to Order at 7:01pm.

II. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

David Lutzker representing the Green Earth Festival asked for Borough participation at the festival.

Jamie Schaffer of Hall St. came to talk about the lack of parking in that area as most the places her and her neighbors we able to park are no longer available. She asked if taking the side walk out and creating more parking space was an option

III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

Mr. Strenfel asked staff why the light at Starr and Bridge Street is kept on during the closure. Mr. Watson responded it was because that allows for pedestrians to cross safely at the light.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion regarding Borough Properties and Workforce Housing - Chris Wiseman – Habitat for Humanity of Chester County and Jonathan Capeci – Petra Community Housing.

Mr. Capeci of Petra housing and Mr. Leonard of Habitat for Humanity of Chester County talked through what the mission of Habitat for Humanity and Petra Housing is and what their relationship is with the Council on Affordable housing. Both spoke about Borough properties that would ideal for their mission to build affordable housing.

In discussion of the options of properties, Mr. Strenfel voiced his opposition to creating affordable housing at 419 High Street as that neighborhood uses that as parking. He stated he was all for creating affordable housing. There was discussion between Ms. Burckley, Mr. Moore and Mr. Strenfel regarding whether the Borough should make that an official lot of the Borough.

The Committee also discussed the property of 502 Franklin Avenue as an option for affordable housing and Mr. Weiss asked if that was the only entrance into Franklin Commons. It was then shown on the screen that it was not.

The committee asked staff and Mr. Capeci and Mr. Leonard to come back with a list of 3 to 4 properties to discuss at one of their future meetings.

B. RRFB at Starr Street and Second Avenue.

Mr. Wiser spoke about how this intersection and how a pedestrian flashing signal at this intersection is needed. He and his neighbors have had very close calls with vehicles not yielding to pedestrians. He stated he called PennDOT and spoke to someone who said that it

is a possibility to have a pedestrian crossing signal but it is something that would not be a direct cost to PennDOT. Mr. Watson spoke about how we asked before for Pedestrian crossing signal on this other PennDOT roads and at the time PennDOT was not in favor of them.

Ms. Getzfread stated that to find funding for a pedestrian crossing signal, it usually needs more than one location and if the committee would like staff can work with the Borough's engineer to identify and get pricing on those Pedestrian crossing signals staff can do so.

Mr. Weiss asked staff to reach out to PennDOT to see if they would even allow a Pedestrian Crossing Signal at that location.

V. Infrastructure

A. Engineering Reports (Jan, Apr, **Jul**, Oct)

No action to report this month.

B. Stormwater Management

No action to report at this time.

C. The Phoenix Wheel

Ms. Getzfread provided an updated on the status of the project. Staff will continue to keep the SRHC Board apprised of status.

C. WWTP-WTP Recirculation

No action to report this month.

VI. Transportation

A. Bridge and Starr Street

B. Paradise Street – Phase 2

C. Hall Street

D. Mowere Road

E. French Creek Trail

F. Pedestrian Bridge

G. Train Station

H. Walkability

I. Parking Study Update

J. Gay and Washington Traffic Signal

K. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Regional Grant Application

Ms. Getzfread provided an update on Bridge and Starr intersection stated the Borough was Awarded a PennDOT MTF Grant in the amount of \$900,000.

Mr. Watson stated work has started on Mowere Road and there will be a complete closure of Mowere Road for one week starting on August 23rd.

Mr. Moore asked about the information in the packet about parking at 177 Church Street and the cost of those options. Ms. Getzfread briefly went through the options. Ms. Burckley stated

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that is was good to have realistic numbers of what the cost is for that location.

Ms. Getzfread provided background on the Safe Streets and Roads for All Regional Application.

Mr. Moore made a motion to authorize the Borough to be a part of this application. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 4-0.

Ms. Getzfread stated there were no more updates to report at this time for the remaining items.

VII. Sustainability

A. PXVNEO

No action to report at this time.

B. Municipal Building Solar Installation

No action to report at this time.

VIII. Technology Updates

A. Monthly Reports

Mr. Weiss noted the reports were in the packet and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

IX. Public Participation

Mr. Saneck stated he does not like the idea of creating affordable housing at 502 Franklin Avenue nor the idea of taking parking away at 419 High Street for affordable housing.

X. Adjournment at 8:38 pm by Ms. Burckley.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm.