



NOTICE OF MEETING TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM
 - a. Roll Call –
 - i. Members present: Kathleen Kleinmann, (Chair), Jude Abanulo, Emily Bailey, Bill He, Doug Ierley, Ying Wong
 - ii. Members absent: Marc Plante, Mike Stein,
 - b. Recognition of staff and guests
 - i. City Staff: Bryan Barnett-Woods, Faramarz Mokhtari, Nelson Ortiz
 - ii. Council Liaison: Councilmember David Myles
 - iii. Guests: Moira Dhaliwal (Hines), Jim Watons (Wells & Associates), Mike Workosky (Wells & Associates), Nancy Breen (RBAC Chair), Jake Jakubek (City resident), Joe Gillespie (City resident)

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- c. Review of May 24, 2022, meeting minutes and vote for approval

MOTION: Emily Bailey moved to approve May 24, 2022, meeting minutes; SECONDED: Doug Ierley; DISCUSSION: none; APPROVED: Unanimously

- d. Review and modifications of current agenda
 - i. Modification – Discussion of the role of Commission vis-à-vis Mayor & Council
- e. General announcements by Chairperson and Commissioners
 - i. Chair Kleinmann – Sarah Morgan has moved and has resigned from the T&T Commission.

2. Staff reports and updates – 7:15 PM

- a. RPAC Activities and Monthly Crash History
 - i. Doug Ierley – How to review this data? What can T&T Commission do with this data?
 1. Staff response – T&T Commission can visit sites of frequent crashes and suggest improvements to Mayor and Council
 2. Staff response – While many crashes occur per month, Vision Zero program categories and focuses on Fatal and Severe Injuries crashes as priorities for Vision Zero Action Items. T&T Commission can request to add new locations to this list or request for specific Vision Zero status reports.

b. RBAC Activities

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- i. Nancy Breen (RBAC Chair) – weekly bike rides started in June. Special monthly rides, including Juneteenth themed ride and Carl Henn Millennium Trail rides are available on website.

- c. Traffic and Transportation Division Monthly Report
 - i. Questions for T&T Division Monthly Report
 - 1. Doug Ierley – What were the changes to 15931 Frederick Rd application?
 - a. Staff response – The Planning Commission did not maintain recommendations for installing streetlights and keeping mature trees.
 - d. Faramarz Mokhtari – introduced 2 Research Place development, which has 124 new trips.

MOTION: Doug Ierley moved to require a traffic study review and findings presentation from the development applicant team for the 2 Research Place development project. SECONDED: Emily Bailey; DISCUSSION: none; APPROVED: Support – Emily Bailey, Bill He, Doug Ierley; Oppose – Jude Abanulo; Abstain – Ying Wong

- e. July Meetings
 - i. Standard T&T Commission meeting – July 26
 - 1. Presentation by Planning and Development Services Staff regarding Rockville Metro Station Concept study

 - ii. Joint Environment Commission meeting – July 28
 - 1. Presentation regarding electric vehicle infrastructure and plan

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3. Development Applications and Traffic Studies – 7:40 PM

a. Presentation & Discussion for 1818 Chapman Avenue

- i. Faramarz Mokhtari introduced the development application. City staff agree with findings of the Traffic review and the proposed recommendations.
- ii. Development will provide an additional turn lane on Thompson Avenue at Chapman Avenue, widen sidewalks, maintain bicycle facilities.
- iii. T&T Questions/Comments –
 1. What is the likely population of the residential development, does this include children? 660 people, unclear regarding exact number of children
 2. This project will introduce a substantial amount of pedestrian traffic on Chapman Avenue
 3. What is the total number of parking spaces? 437 spaces provided, 600 required. A waiver is submitted to Mayor and Council. T&T raised concerns about the number of spaces not being adequate. Applicant indicated the metro and shops are nearby and the metro garage is also nearby. Staff noted that the site meets waiver requirements. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the topics regarding onsite parking.
 4. Nancy Breen raised question regarding bicycle parking, is there enough provided. - The development provides the minimum required indoor bicycle parking. The minimum outdoor bicycle parking is 12 spaces, applicant is providing 34 spaces.

b. Vote to submit comments to Planning Commission

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MOTION: Doug Ierley moved to approve the findings and recommendations by the Transportation Staff as related to transportation impacts and to submit additional comments to the Planning Commission to be drafted by a T&T Commissioner and consistent with the comments, concerns, and questions raised during the meeting; SECONDED: Bill He; DISCUSSION: none; APPROVED: Unanimously

4. Upcoming/Ongoing Projects – 8:35 PM

- a. Rockville Metro Station Concept Design Study
 - i. Will be discussed in July meeting

- b. Twinbrook Pedestrian Bridge
 - i. No new updates

5. Old Business – 8:40 PM

- a. Development Review Procedures Manual
 - i. Will be discussed at next meeting.

- b. Middle Lane Road Diet
 - i. Final Plans -
<https://rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/45175/IFB-10-22-SECTION-7-APPROVED?bidId=>
 - ii. This project will be rebid next month.

- c. Vision Zero Updates
 - i. Next status update to Mayor and Council will be in August.

- d. T&T Commission Activities Spreadsheet

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- i. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1geHYg-siViCYdgwlrV_NJA4ZVmT3-Hnh0XP3-U4WdEY/edit#gid=0

e. Grant Updates

- i. No new grants requiring letter of support
- ii. City is exploring projects for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant

6. New Business – 8:45 PM

a. Residential Permit Parking

- i. Residential Parking Permits will be discussed at next meeting related to proposed amendments for the City Code.

b. Additional Comments for 1818 Chapman sent by absent commission member Mike Stein were read into the record by B. Barnett-Woods.

The Planning Commission may want to require the intersection of Chapman Ave and Twinbrook Pkwy to be studied for further improvements to pedestrian and bicycle access in light of 1818 Chapman Ave. It is apparent that pedestrian activity is increasing along Chapman as more residences are built. Existing and future residents do and will continue to cross Twinbrook Parkway to access the Montrose Crossing Shopping Center, especially the Target store. The same may be true for bicycle traffic. Recent improvements to the above-named intersection include eliminating the “hot right” on the western side and adding a pedestrian crossing and signal on the east side. To facilitate the safety of future 1818 Hines residents the following should also be considered:

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1. Eliminating right on red at the intersection (all directions)
 2. Eliminating the hot right at the north west corner of the intersection
 3. Updating the pedestrian crossing signals to PLI if they are not already

 4. Shortening the crossing distance at the intersection, especially the east and west sides (crossing Twinbrook Parkway).
- c. Kathleen Kleinmann will send a reminder letter to the Mayor and Council regarding the updated duties and responsibilities of the T&T Commission.

7. Adjournment – 9:00 PM

- a. Next regular meeting – July 26, 2022
- b. Environment Commission meeting – July 28, 2022

Minutes Prepared by: Bryan Barnett-Woods

Reviewed by: Kathleen Kleinmann

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