



Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room
March 24, 2015 1:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2015 MPC Planning Meeting

Members Present: W. Shedrick Coleman, Chairman
Tanya Milton, Vice-Chairman
W. James Overton, Secretary
James B. Blackburn, Jr.
Ellis Cook
Tom Woiwode
George L. Woods

Members Not Present: Stephanie Cutter
Timothy Mackey
Lacy Manigault
J. Adam Ragsdale
W. Lee Smith
Linder S. Suthers
Joseph T. Welch, Treasurer

Staff Present: Thomas Thomson, P.E. AICP, Executive Director
Ellen Harris, Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation
Jane Love, Transportation Planner
Bri Finau, Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order and Welcome

1. Call to Order

Due to a lack of quorum, no votes were taken.

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Notices, Proclamations and Acknowledgements

Notice(s)

2. [April 7, 2015 Regular MPC Meeting at 1:30 P.M. in the Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room, 112 E. State Street.](#)

IV. Consent Agenda

3. [January 27, 2015 MPC Planning Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [01.27.15 PLANNING MEETING MINUTES.pdf](#)

V. Regular Business

4. [Parking Matters: Greater Downtown Savannah Mobility and Parking Study and Strategic Plan - Study Team](#)

Veleeta McDonald, City of Savannah Parking Services and co-project manager, explained need and process of developing a strategic plan for parking in downtown Savannah. The goal is to improve the parking situation in downtown Savannah.

Ralph Tenesco, consultant, explained the process of the study and how it will help with the development of the strategic plan. They are trying to determine how to best preserve the element of the area and take into account the needs of the city and best ways of collecting revenue.

Recommendations will be based on a broad scope of ascertained needs. The study started in January 2015.

5. [Urban Circulator Study Status Report](#)

Attachment: [20150128_PC Urban Circulator Status Update_MW v2.pdf](#)

6. [Victory Drive Corridor Study - Jane Love, Denise Grabowski and Michael Browning](#)

Attachment: [Phase-1-Memo - CoS and Planning Comm.pdf](#)

Jane Love presented the funding history of the study.

Denise Graboski, project manager, stated the goal to preserve, revitalize, and maintain Victory Drive's historic prominence. There are several components to the study based on location and landscaping, which yielded to different phases of study. Landscape, transportation and urban design are of priority concern and basis of recommendations. Storm water management and lane reduction are also being studied.

7. [Blue Sky Trail - Ellen Harris](#)

Attachment: [Blue Sky Preserve Map \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [Blue Sky Trail colored segments 2nd rev.pdf](#)

Ellen Harris updated the Board on the progress of this project. It is open to the public.

8. County-wide Water Plan Discussions - Jackie Jackson

Tom Thomson updated the Board; not much change has occurred. Still waiting on report from Atlanta. Consideration of position at MPC dedicated to water study and management. Jackie Jackson is compiling information for the annual report.

VI. Other Business

VII. Adjournment

9. Adjournment of March 24, 2015 MPC Planning Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

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