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Engineering Department

MORGANTOWN TRAFFIC COMMISSION

DATE: March 6th, 2019

TIME: 6:30PM

City Council Chambers

Minutes

Voting Members Present: Frances Brownfield, Erica Hetzel, Martin Dombrowski, William Blosser, Chip Wamsley, Matthew Cross

Non-Voting Members Present: Damien Davis, Drew Gatlin

Members Absent: Ryan Wallace, Capt. Matt McCabe, Steven Crandell

MATTER OF BUSINESS:

Chairman Matt Cross called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and held roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Janet Payne, 327 Rotary, discussed the changes in the neighborhood. The changes are not for the good of the neighborhood. Recently on street parking was taken away. This has increased the speed of vehicular traffic on the streets. She requested a larger police presence during peak traffic hours. Ms. Payne is concerned with the intersection of Parkview, Elmhurst and Laurel. She stated that it should be a 4-Way Stop and it is not, it is a dangerous intersection. Discussion ensued.

MEETING MINUTES

Erica Hetzel Moved to approve August Minutes. William Blosser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chip Wamsley reported on the Bicycle Board actions. The BB is working with the MDS Capstone students to help plan the bike to work activities and social rides. The Country Roads Cyclists have put together and put on their calendar a tour of sharrow in Morgantown starting at noon. Bike to work month is May. Discussion ensued. The Bicycle Board is looking for new members.

Matt Cross reported on the Pedestrian Board actions. The Pedestrian Board will be attending the Ped/Bike Plan Meeting with Alta coming up on March 20, 2019. There will be another public input meeting. There is survey on bikewalkmorgantown.com.

Matt Cross reported on the Traffic Calming Committee actions. TCC talked about Baldwin Street at the Suncrest Neighborhood meeting last week.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Damien Davis gave an update on the DOH University/Collins Ferry Road Round About Project. Damien Davis stated that the property owners had a meeting, DOH gave comments, Damien was unable to attend. DOH is still working with property owners to get the property needed to move forward with the project. DOH will be attending a City Council Meeting to present the plan on the Round About. Discussion Ensued.

Drew Gatlin reviewed the Engineering Department Updates. The Crosswalk on Forest Ave, the centerline on Drummond and Windsor, "No turn on red" at Darst and Richwood, and stop bars were passed by City Council and are waiting on better weather for installation. Discussion ensued. Drew Gatlin stated that the Mountaineer Middle retaining wall is not a City of Morgantown project. Discussion ensued. Drew Gatlin reviewed the 2019 Paving List. There is just under 4 miles of roadway being paved this year. There have been some changes made to the paving list. Discussion ensued.

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Matt Cross reviewed the benefits of the Beverly Avenue Streetscape Project (Sunnyside TIF). Damien Davis reviewed the past Sunnyside TIF Projects and the plan for Beverly Avenue. Discussion Ensued. Matt Cross reviewed the S. High Street issue. Drew Gatlin reviewed what has been done and the continuing problem. Discussion ensued. Matt Cross reviewed one way on Jackson Avenue. Drew Gatlin stated that this item has been voted on and passed, it is also waiting on warmer weather. Discussion ensued. Drew Gatlin reviewed the parking issue on Kingwood St. The TC is waiting on a response from G&G Rentals. Discussion ensued.

Drew Gatlin reviewed the WVDOH projects. River Road is only accessible by pedestrian/bicycle traffic at this point. Discussion ensued.

Drew Gatlin stated that the Industrial Park access project has been dropped at this time. Discussion ensued.

Drew Gatlin reviewed the Mon Blvd. WVDOH project. DOH started the project and was paused. Construction will resume in the next 3-4 weeks. Discussion ensued.

Drew Gatlin reviewed the Collins Ferry Road/University Ave Round about again.

Discussion ensued. Drew Gatlin reviewed the WV705 project. Discussion ensued.

Matt Cross reviewed the Bike/Ped Plan. Drew Gatlin stated that they will be at the steering committee meeting. Drew Gatlin stated there is a comment page at bikewalkmorgantown.com. Discussion ensued.

Traffic Commissioners:

Frances Brownfield, 1st Ward,
Vice Chair

VACANT, 2nd Ward

VACANT, 3rd Ward

Steven Crandall, 4th Ward

VACANT, 5th Ward

Erica Hetzel, 6th Ward

Martin Dombrowski, 7th Ward

Ryan Wallace, City Council

William Blosser, Planning
Commission

Matthew Cross, Pedestrian
Safety Board, Chairman

Chip Wamsley, Morgantown
Bicycle Board

Ex Officio Members:

Damien Davis, Engineering

Capt. Matt McCabe, Police Dept.

NEW BUSINESS

Drew reviewed the accident report sheet and requested more information regarding the specific information request. Martin Dombrowski clarified his request. Discussion ensued. Matt Cross reviewed the TC membership. Discussion ensued.

Matt Cross reviewed the request for a stop sign on Chestnut and Kirk. Damien Davis reviewed current conditions of the intersection and surrounding streets. Discussion ensued. Engineering to bring to recommendations back to TC at April, 2019 meeting.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Francis Brownfield stated that when going toward Grafton Road from down town at the split for Rt 73, someone coming off of 73 kept on coming and not paying attention to the oncoming traffic. Please use caution at this intersection. Discussion ensued.

Erica Hetzel thanked Drew for coming to them for input on the agenda. She will keep trying to get things done. Thank you to Matt for being Chairman.

Martin Dombrowski thanked Mrs. Payne for coming to all the meetings and following up with the issues. Martin also discussed the comments on the DOH Projects. Requested that we continue to use the traffic data in future meetings. Discussion ensued.

Chip Wamsley reiterated the importance of leaving your comments on the websites provided earlier in the meeting. He also stated that the 705 TAP Grant included signalized crossings in various locations.

Matt Cross reviewed the past DOH projects that have improved the Mileground corridor. These have been great successes. Matt stated that the MPO website is plantogether.org. The Laurel Street stop sign issue is something that is ongoing, we will continue to look at it. Discussion ensued.

Martin Dombrowski moved to adjourn. Erica Hetzel seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.