



Steering Committee Meeting

Minutes
February 28th, 2024
5:00 PM

- I. **Welcome** – Councilmember Honeycutt
- II. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – Councilmember Honeycutt
Minutes from the October 25th, 2023, Steering Committee meeting were approved unanimously with a correction/clarification from Ms. Zimmerman on her comments regarding the CARTA bus stop and the parking area at Harris Teeter.

- III. **Phase 1 Project Update – Sheila Parker**
At the last meeting, Mrs. Parker informed the group we were at the last step of the process before we could get our ROW certification and advertise. We had 6 tracts we are condemning and now we are down to 5. She spoke with The County legal department for a better timeline when they expect to file. They said they have 2 of the 5 and will need another 30-60 days to file so that gives us a little better idea of when we can advertise. Once the condemnations get filed and we get our ROW certification we can advertise. Mrs. Parker met with others to look at ways to expedite the process. They did find an instance where the project could get conditional approval on ROW certification with proper justification and explanation. That would let us advertise before the condemnations are filed.

Councilwoman Honeycutt clarified that to advertise is to put out a bid for construction. She asked Mrs. Parker what the timeline was for requesting conditional approval. Mrs. Parker explained that she would need to write a formal email with the reasoning and why the project qualifies. She indicated that the response was usually prompt.

- IV. **Update on SCDOT Road Safety Audit- Flannery Wood, TOJI**

Update from Eugene Taylor with SCDOT Office of Traffic Safety- We have sent our initial comments to our consultant (Stantec) that is working on the Draft RSA report for SCDOT. This transmittal was sent in late December, and we are expecting an update from the consultant to be submitted back to us in late Feb. to early March. We will most likely go through another round of internal comments & revisions at that time.

After SCDOT accepts the report from our consulting partners, we will then plan a stakeholder meeting to present the results and recommendations of the RSA report. The timing of that



presentation is estimated to be sometime in the late spring to early summer timeframe. A public meeting to present the potential findings will also be planned by SCDOT for later this year, but not until after the stakeholder presentation is completed.

Councilwoman Honeycutt indicated that the area was the southern end of Folly Road. Ms. Zimmerman confirmed and stated that the section of road from Old Folly Road to Old Folly Beach Road is part of a federal vulnerable road user area. She indicated that the SCDOT had identified the most dangerous roads in the state and was conducting road safety audits. Councilwoman Honeycutt explained that depending on what the road safety audits find, there may be funding/ resources available to create connectivity with other road improvements like the project on Sol Legare

V. Vote for Chair and Vice Chair

After discussion Mayor Brook Lyon was nominated as chair by Mr. Boykin and Mr. Boykin was nominated as vice chair by Mayor Lyon. Mr. Whittle seconded these nominations. Both were unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Honeycutt thanked everyone for their support while she was chair. She reiterated that continued improvements and resources for increased road safety for vehicle and bike/ pedestrian users will enhance the area and transform Folly Road.

VI. Jurisdictional Updates– Various

Town of James Island – Kristen Crane

- 822 Folly Road- Formerly Hair du Jour, we have received several applications, but nothing has formally applied yet.
- 923 Folly- Formerly Sea Star Nails has submitted to become a sporting goods store and is currently going through permitting.
- 719 Folly- Townhomes behind Carolina One Building

City of Charleston –James Wallace

- 1137 Folly Road -Goddard School Daycare- Been through TRC to figure out access lane and flow on-site.
- PUD near Battery Island Drive- The concept plan came back for a third review.
- 345 Folly Road-Dairy Queen should be approved soon.

BCDCOG/CARTA – Belen Vitello

- No updates



City of Folly Beach – Jenna Stephens

- No updates.

Charleston County – Emily Pigott

- No updates.

VI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned