

**STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
CITY OF REHOBOTH BEACH**

**February 1, 2013**

The Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting of the City of Rehoboth Beach was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Pat Coluzzi on Friday, February 1, 2013 in the Commissioners Room in City Hall, 229 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Pat Coluzzi, Kathy Osterholm, Cindy Lovett, Lorraine Zellers, John Gauger, Dennis Diehl, Bill Sargent

Absent: Jim Ellison

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Lorraine Zellers made a motion, seconded by Bill Sargent, to approve the Agenda with the deletion of the September 7, 2012 and November 2, 2012 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the August 10, 2012 and December 3, 2012 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. The September 7, 2012 and November 2, 2012 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes were not available for approval.

Lorraine Zellers made a motion, seconded by Cindy Lovett, to approve the August 10, 2012 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Osterholm made a motion, seconded by Lorraine Zellers, to approve the December 3, 2012 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting minutes as written. (Osterholm – aye, Lovett – aye, Zellers – aye, Gauger – abstain, Coluzzi – aye, Diehl – aye, Sargent – aye.) Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Continue discussion on Scooter Parking.**

The following are suggested areas for scooter parking: 1. Queen Street – part would be decked and part would be landscaped at the end of the street at the Boardwalk. 2. St. Lawrence Street – on-street scooter parking on the left and bicycle parking on the right. 3. Rodney Street – on-street scooter parking on the left side of the street and bicycle parking on the right side. No meters would be taken away. 4. Norfolk Street – on-street scooter parking on the left and bicycle parking on the right. Bicycles could be parked in the last space, and the lifeguard parking could be behind it. Logistically, it would be easier for a vehicle to pull in behind the bicycles. 5. Stockley Street – on-street scooter parking on the left side of the street and bicycle parking on the right side. 6. New Castle Street – on-street scooter parking on the left side of the street and bicycle parking on the right side. 7. Philadelphia & Laurel Streets – on-street scooter parking would require the use of a parking space and elimination of a meter. 8. Delaware Avenue – bicycle parking at the backside area of the restrooms. 9. Wilmington & Baltimore Avenues – scooter parking is currently available. An additional parking area was recommended. 10. Maryland Avenue – instead of eliminating meters, a curb-cut would be put in for scooter parking on the left side at the end of the street at the Boardwalk. 11. Olive Avenue – instead of eliminating meters, a curb-cut would be put in for scooter parking on the left side at the end of the street at the Boardwalk. 12. Virginia Avenue – eliminate a parking space and have on-street parking for scooters on the left side of the street and bicycle parking on the right side. 13. Scooter parking would be located in the oversized parking spaces at the median on Rehoboth Avenue at Second, Fourth and Fifth Streets. In order to use the median strips in the first two blocks of Rehoboth Avenue, curb-cuts would be required. A corralled parking area was proposed for scooter parking on Rehoboth Beach between First and Second Streets on Rehoboth Avenue. 14. Scooter parking area on Baltimore Avenue between Second and Third Streets. 15. Areas for scooters behind the Fire Company and at VIA. The majority of the Committee was to not have scooter parking on the medians on Rehoboth Avenue. The overall proposed areas would create more than 170 scooter parking spaces in the City. The Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the Commissioners for their review. The

Committee members will continue to look for the possibilities of additional parking areas in the first two blocks of Rehoboth Avenue. The consensus of the Committee was to not introduce scooter parking on the medians on Rehoboth Avenue. This matter may be revisited at a later date.

**Discuss Bicycle Parking for the upcoming season.**

Bill provided photographs of the ends of the streets at the Boardwalk with regard to bicycle parking areas. He suggested that in the off-season the existing bicycle racks can be used. During the season, there is not enough parking available for bicycles, and the bicycle racks are moved about. It was suggested that the Committee look at each street end at the Boardwalk and determine what is needed in each location. Bill has spoken with Commissioner Stan Mills with regard to the bicycle racks in the Boardwalk area. He would be glad to let Commissioner Mills work with the Committee and the City to determine positions where bicycle racks can be anchored down and the styles of racks. Pat had invited Commissioner Mills to today's Committee meeting and had asked him to share his information with the Committee with regard to bicycles, racks, etc. There has been no response from Commissioner Mills in this regard. He has gone to the City Manager and has asked for a variety of possibilities for parking, but such a request needs to come through the Committee. Commissioner Mills has detailed documentation with regard to bicycle racks, locations, etc. Bill had also recommended that bicycle parking should be placed on the west side of Surf Avenue. It was suggested that Kathy will talk with Stan in order to bring the information back to the Committee. Bill and Kathy will locate potential areas for bike racks in the same way that Pat had done for the scooter parking areas. A configuration of the bike racks needs to be done. Bill and Kathy will measure and decide where the bike racks would need to be positioned. Wherever the racks would be located, they will need to be bolted down. A determination will need to be made where the spillover area would be located and where there is a shortage of bike racks. All members of the Committee will look at different types of bike racks and suggestions. Racks on Baltimore Avenue are not efficient. Bill and Kathy will come up with a bicycle parking plan and get information from Commissioner Mills. Any ideas about bicycle parking should be emailed to Bill and Kathy so they can compile them. A plan will be put together and distributed to the members before the next meeting.

A public relations plan will be needed in the near future in terms of how to get the word out about the scooter parking. Lorraine and Cindy will work on definitions and a policy for scooter parking. It had been decided at a previous meeting that everyone would purchase a permit for the season. This was a recommendation that was to be made to the Commissioners. The Commissioners will take into consideration the proposed fee structure from the Committee and will determine the amounts.

Toni Sharp, Scarborough Avenue Extended, thought that the objective for getting scooters off of the sidewalks can be framed up significantly so that there is not a drift over to the objective of encouraging the use of scooters in the City. The Committee's objective has been to try to ease the traffic coming into the City and encourage other forms of transportation. The Committee is trying to make the scooter parking revenue neutral.

Members of the Committee should come to the next meeting with ideas regarding education and public relations in general for scooter parking. Carol Everhart of Rehoboth Beach/Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce and Annmarie Westerfield of Rehoboth Main Street will be asked to be in attendance at the next meeting. It was suggested that Police Chief Keith Banks be invited to the meeting when definitions and policy are discussed.

One of the bicycle parking stations located on Baltimore Avenue will be moved to a determined location on Wilmington Avenue. The type of bike racks will be changed for the parking station which will remain on Baltimore Avenue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Identify areas that could be upgraded to include bicycle lanes.**

Bill and the City Manager have met with the City engineer about the potential for widening Surf Avenue to accommodate a bicycle lane. Approximately 320 feet would be widened five to six feet on the east side of Surf Avenue from Oak Avenue. The approximate cost to widen Surf Avenue is \$22,000.00. The City Manager recommends that this project should be done. Bill will provide all the information at the next meeting. The consensus of the Committee was that this street is a biking priority. The Committee should share the bike plan with Bob Palmer, City engineer, and it should have input on what the widening of Surf Avenue will look like. Different potentials as to a bike path – pervious vs. impervious, etc. should be explored. Bill and Kathy will come up with a plan specifically for Surf Avenue.

Pat had mentioned to City Manager the widening of an area on Lake Drive between Scarborough and Bayard Avenues. If this area is widened, it would provide enough width for a bicycle lane on Lake Drive. The consensus of the Committee was that Lake Drive is not a priority at this time. It was suggested that a bike lane be provided on

Henlopen Avenue or Columbia Avenue. Members of the Committee were urged to review the bike plan again.

**DISCUSS ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON FUTURE AGENDAS.**

Items to be included on the next agenda are: 1. Bicycle parking plan. 2. Surf Avenue. 3. Possible ordinance for trucks with motors running on City streets.

Items to be included on future agendas are: 1. Plates on Canal Bridge. 2. Way to cross Rehoboth Avenue for the bike plan. 3. Pedestrian crosswalks on State Road, particularly at Hickman Street. 4. Possibility of truck weight limitations on some roads.

**SET NEXT MEETING.**

The next Committee meeting will be held on March 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, John Gauger made a motion, seconded by Cindy Lovett, to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**(Ann M. Womack, CMC, City Secretary)**

**MINUTES APPROVED ON  
MARCH 1, 2013**

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**(Pat Coluzzi, Chair)**