



Steering Committee Meeting Video Conference

MINUTES
February 24, 2021
3:30PM – 4:30PM

I. Welcome – Carol Jackson

As Bill Woolsey, Chair, was having technical difficulties joining the Zoom meeting, Carol Jackson, as Vice-chair, welcomed everyone.

II. Previous Meeting Minutes – Carol Jackson

Minutes from the December 16, 2020 Steering Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

III. Phase 1 Project Update – Sheila Sororian

The 90% plans for the Phase 1 Project were submitted to the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee (TRC) in December and comments have been received; the County has coordinated on their comments. The County has also coordinated with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) regarding their comments. Opportunity for follow-up review/comment will be given when the 100% plans are complete. The Town of James Island and City of Charleston are still working on getting the maintenance agreement executed; once it is executed, right-of-way acquisitions will proceed.

IV. Multi-Use Path Design Guidance – Toole Design

An overview of the Multi-Use Path Design Guidance was provided. The Guidance was developed by Toole Design so that each jurisdiction can deliver a consistent message to property owners and developers when requiring the multi-use path. The Guidance is not an ordinance but rather a document that provides best practices for implementing the multi-use path and may be applied slightly differently by each jurisdiction based on specific conditions. The Guidelines provide a background on the guideposts of the Rethink Folly Road Plan, design considerations, and design standards. Design considerations include compliance, appropriate materials, and signage and wayfinding considerations. Design standards include typical sections, construction detailing, guidance for constrained situations, taper lengths, transitions between the multi-use path and other facility types, design at intersections and driveways, and curb ramps. The City of Charleston has already utilized the Guidance on several properties.

Motion to recommend the Multi-Use Path Design Guidance to the jurisdictions. Motion carried.

V. State of the Plan 2021 Event – Toole Design

The Operating Agreement for the Steering Committee states that there will be a public event held annually. The first State of the Plan Event was held in March 2020, and it was very successful.

In light of the pandemic, options were presented for the State of the Plan 2021 Event:

- Wait and See – Table the discussion for now, and revisit at the next meeting in two months when conditions will have hopefully improved.
- Virtual Event – Hold the event on Zoom or produce an online video, both of which have been successful for other projects.
- In-person Physically-distanced Event – Hold the event outside or inside at a large venue with a limited amount of people. An outdoor event could have stations where people would be physically distanced and masks could be required.
- Drive-thru Event – Guests would remain inside their vehicles and “tour” stations with limited personal interaction.

The options were discussed, and there was consensus that an in-person, outdoor event later in the spring or summer would be preferred. The groundbreaking for Brantley Park was mentioned specifically as a possible event that would provide synergy for the State of the Plan Event. Toole Design will coordinate with Town of James Island staff to brainstorm and bring ideas back to the Steering Committee at the April 2021 meeting.

VI. Jurisdictional Updates – Various

Brief updates regarding development along Folly Road were provided from various jurisdictions.

Town of Folly Beach – Katie Faith

- No updates.

City of Charleston – Christopher Morgan and Carol Jackson

- Projects that were mentioned at previous meetings are moving forward.
- The Comprehensive Plan is continuing to move forward with public meetings coming up in March and April.
- The City is working to get a crosswalk from Publix to the bus stop on the west side of Folly Road at Harbor View Road.
- The City has applied for County TST funding to improve safety at the intersection of Folly Road and Battery Island Drive.

Charleston County – Niki Grimball

- Charleston ENT Project – Working through review process; comments were sent back.
- Corkys (1593 Folly Road) – Waiting on final submittal.

- Tattooed Senorita – In the process of getting necessary permits for signage, ADA ramps, patio, patio roof, and deck. They are not including construction of the multi-use path, but BZA approval stipulated that they must reserve room for the path in the future.

Town of James Island – Kristen Crane

- 869 Folly Road – The former Hen and the Goat will become the Tropical Smoothie Café. They will reactivate the former drive-thru.
- Corner of Folly Road and Camp Road – They submitted for site plan review without a bus pullout; Town requested they update the plan with the bus pullout and resubmit.

Other Updates

- CARTA has added a second bus to Route 31 on Folly Road, which will reduce headways to 45 minutes.

VII. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned.