



Steering Committee Meeting Video Conference

MINUTES
August 25, 2021
3:30PM – 4:30PM

I. Welcome – Mayor Woolsey

Mayor Woolsey welcomed everyone.

II. Previous Meeting Minutes – Mayor Woolsey

Minutes from the June 23, 2021 Steering Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

III. Phase 1 Project Update – Sheila Sororian

The Categorical Exclusion (i.e., document showing no environmental impact) to meet the requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to receive federal funding was submitted and has been approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). Right-of-way acquisition can now move forward, which will be Charleston County's primary focus. The maintenance agreement is still in process, but this will not hold up the acquisition process. The consultants have completed final plans and the County has shared those with stakeholders. The plans will be reviewed at the City of Charleston's September 2, 2021 Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting. The right-of-way acquisition process will take approximately six months to one year; Rethink Folly Road Steering Committee members are willing to support the acquisition process in whatever ways are appropriate. A link to the 90% plans will be added to the Rethink Folly Road website.

IV. Nomination to the Steering Committee – Mayor Woolsey

Motion to add a seat on the Rethink Folly Road Steering Committee for the SC State House Representative from District 115 (i.e., currently held by Elizabeth "Spencer" Wetmore). Motion carried.

V. Property and Business Owners' Group Update – Toole Design

The Steering Committee Working Group to shepherd the creation of the Property and Business Owners' Group has been fully assembled. Representatives of the Working Group are Lauren Gellatly and Joe Walters, Rethink Folly Steering Committee; Flannery Wood, Town of James Island; Jim Hemphill, City of Charleston; Niki Grimboll, Charleston County; and Katie Gerling, City of Folly Beach. The first Working Group meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2021 to discuss the nature of the Property and Business Owners' Group along with formulating the agenda for the first meeting of that group.

VI. Bus Stop Guidance and Amenities – Belen Vitello

An overview of the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) transit system was provided, including emphasis on the essential nature of such a system for economic growth and opportunity. General information was provided on bus stop standards that have been developed for CARTA and how these can be applied to Folly Road, including a variety of amenities. Additionally, a preview of design guidelines that are in process was provided. Of specific concern was the use of a standard bus shelter design to provide consistency and cost savings. The Steering Committee was asked to endorse the use of the standard bus shelter in a blue color to match the previously installed shelter at Folly Road and Camp Road.

Motion to recommend to CARTA and jurisdictions that the standard bus shelters in a blue color as shown in the presentation (and below) be used when bus shelters are implemented on Folly Road. Motion carried.



VII. Jurisdictional Updates - Various

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

City of Folly Beach – Katie Gerling

- No updates

City of Charleston – Jim Hemphill

- 334 Folly Road – Refuel gas station began demolition.
- 1475 Folly Road – Site will be an automotive repair shop. Submitted application to City of Charleston Design Review Board (DRB). The design needs some refinement, but it did include the 12-foot multi-use path. Site plan was shared with other jurisdictions.

Charleston County – Andrea Melocik

- Charleston EMT – Project is under construction, and it will include the 12-foot multi-use path. They have had inspections on the footings and slabs; slab inspection approval is pending.
- 1593 Folly Rd – New Corky’s Outdoor Power Equipment is under construction. They are also installing the 12-foot multi-use path. They’ve had inspections on sheathing, strapping, and slab and are awaiting framing inspection.

- In the process of rewriting zoning and land development ordinance. Those are in redline format on the County's website and include the 12-foot multi-use path and bike parking requirements. Working with Planning Commission since December 2020; recommendations are going to County Council on September 14, 2021.

Town of James Island – Kristen Crane

- 759 Folly Road – Application for antique dealer in former Pelican's Snowballs.
- 717 Folly Road – New Carolina One Real Estate office building is going through site review currently.
- 792 Folly Road – Application for The Roost in the space that was formally Charleston Sports Pub.
- 1041 Folly Road – Application for Pizza Bola Express in former Domino's.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned.