

City Plan Commission – Transportation Committee

July 21, 2016

Minutes

Attendants: Paul E. Ridley – Chair, Jarred Davis – Vice Chair, Michael Jung, Gary Lawler, Steve Stoner

Recused and did not attend: Terry Watson

Commissioner Ridley called the meeting to order at 8:19 am.

First order of business was to approve the May 5, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the May 5, 2016 meeting minutes and Commissioner Jung seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item:

1. Thoroughfare Plan Amendments

b. Tyler/Polk Amendments

Mr. Watson recused himself, before these items were briefed.

1. Change the dimensional classification of Tyler Street from Canty Street to Pembroke Avenue from an existing couplet (EXST CPLT) roadway to a special Two-lane undivided (SPCL 2U) roadway within 60 feet of right-of-way; and
2. Change the dimensional classification of Polk Street from Canty Street to Pembroke Avenue from an existing couplet (EXST CPLT) roadway to a special two-lane undivided (SPCL 2U) roadway with bicycle lanes within 60 feet of right-of-way.

Staff recommends approval of this amendment.

Motion: After hearing from six citizens (three on each side) on this proposal, Commissioner Ridley motioned to follow staff's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Jung.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Jung stated that the needs of the residents in the area are more important than the needs of the commuters. He

would like staff to look at other options when processing amendments in the future.

- Commissioner Davis stated he would not be able to support the motion.
- Mr. Stoner stated he was concerned the amendment provides a discontinuity in the Thoroughfare Plan and these proposals should look at the impacts of the larger corridor. He would like staff to provide more information about how the project fits into the big picture of the City and not just the project area.

Results: The motion moved forward with a vote of three-for and two-against the motion; motion passes to follow staff recommendation.

For: 3 - Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Jung, and Mr. Lawler

Against: 2 - Commissioner Davis, Mr. Stoner

Commissioner Davis submitted an email asking staff to look into the following:

1. In light of the fact the conversion configurations have changed, I would like to verify the anticipated service levels at the affected intersections.
2. I strongly believe the committee needs to better understand how this proposed change affects DART bus service and what anticipated impact to traffic flow will exist. Ideally, I would like to see us have initial feedback from DART on this matter and solutions your department can create to minimize bus service and impediments to traffic flow.
3. In the meeting I made reference to my concerns of what a two way conversion could mean for the intersection nearest the 7-11 and the three institutional uses at Polk and 10th Street. I'd like to understand whether this project will provide solutions that ensure a safe navigation for pedestrians.
4. I think it important to have an answer as to whether the traffic light signal will be timed to better assist residents using Sunset get into the traffic flow.
5. A clear explanation of parking restrictions along Tyler and Polk. Also, a clear definition or determination of whether the outside right lane along Tyler is a "drive lane" or a "park lane", and the graphic reflects such. It is also important to have clearly identified the restricted parking areas along the roadway, both Polk and Tyler.

2. Adjournment

Commissioner Ridley motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jung seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 08:57 am.