



PLAN CLAYTON IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2021

I. Opening of Meeting

Chairman Foley called the PLAN Clayton Implementation Committee meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 virtually on the Zoom platform.

Roll call for members: Stevens-yes, Bachman-yes, Powless-no, Williams-yes, Craddick-yes, Muncy-yes, and Foley-yes

II. Approve minutes of Previous Meeting

Chairman Foley presented the minutes of the April 7, 2021 meeting. Motion by Ms. Williams to approve the minutes as presented, motion was second by Mr. Bachman. All yeas, motion passed.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

Seth Dorman, City Planner, advised tonight's goals are to complete the group scoring of proposed Implementation Plan Projects, he then reviewed the scoring mechanism that will be used.

GOAL I: Walkable Neighborhoods

The consensus of the group is the primary issue is to complete sidewalk infill. Muncy advised everyday there are people waiting for buses along both sides of Main Street, I feel this is an immediate need. I have spoken with someone at RTA and there are funds available for sidewalk installations along bus stops. A goal would be to complete the sidewalk along Main Street from Westbrook north to towards Leedy's and a potential partnership with RTA for a new bus stop, and there would be RTA funds available for that.

Everyone agreed sidewalks are a safety aspect for those that want to walk, currently walkability along Main Street is a challenge.

Dorman stated we envision Main Street as the future downtown for Clayton, and the City needs to take a more aggressive approach to gaining control of strategic properties along Main Street that may be beneficial in establishing a more traditional downtown. We feel this project is feasible and should be a short term goal.

Investigate stronger connectivity in neighborhoods that are in close proximity to Main Street, or commercial corridors. Survey residents in existing subdivisions to determine their desire for sidewalks.

The City needs to ensure that all new residential subdivisions contain sidewalks and/or a multi-use path.

GOAL II: Central Cores

We need to establish a Street Furnishings Program. Create a Street Furnishing Standards book for benches, trash cans, ash urns, dog litter receptacles, etc. Create a plan to add street furnishings in the primary corridors within Clayton (i.e., Main Street, National Rd., etc.) Also establish a Signage Program. Create Wayfinding and District Signage standards. For example, the Main Street District and the Historic Clayton District. Utilize the Standards book for design and dimensions of wayfinding and future district signage. Create phasing plan to install wayfinding to gathering spaces and critical community resources. All of these are very do-able and many can be handled inhouse.

Focus on critical intersections creating a crosswalk improvement program. The intersection at Union and SR49/Salem will be completed this summer with a safety grant. The intersection of Westbrook and SR49/Salem will be completed next year with another safety grant. Some intersections that need to be addressed: Union/Old Salem, Wenger/Hoke, Taywood/Westbrook.

We need to have speed studies performed on our primary roads, such as Main Street and National Road. The studies will help determine if a speed limit reduction is justified in those areas. Slower speeds are safer for walkability, encourage more pedestrian traffic, and also encourage more businesses.

For our Executive Summary we need to address the need to control key properties and/or purchase properties along Main Street. Look into possibly utilizing the County's Land Bank or Port Authority.

Dorman asked the committee members to review the project list in Goals III and IV by the next meeting and come prepared to discuss priorities in those lists with an eye to projects that may fit into the following categories: Short Term (1-2 years), Mid Term (3-5 years), or Long Term (5+ years or may be classified as Aspirational Projects).

V. Next Meeting

Chairman Foley advised we only completed two of the four goals this evening. After discussion, the board agreed to meet on Wednesday, May 26th at 6:00 PM. to complete the remaining two goals. Also, to allow Mr. Dorman to compile the results for the final plan, the Wednesday, June 9th meeting will be moved to Wednesday, June 16th at 6:00 PM.



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VI. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Committee, Mr. Stevens made a motion to close the meeting, motion was second by Mr. Muncy. All yeas, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Dan Foley, *Chair*

Date

Ms. Barbara Seim, *Secretary*

Date