

# Traffic Calming Committee (TCC)

## Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2018

Chairman Danielle S. Paul, Presiding

### Committee Members Present

Pastor Marsha Buford, District 1 Appointee

Virginia L. Mobley, District 5 Appointee

Danielle S. Paul, District 3 Appointee and Committee Chair

David L. Tanner, District 4 Appointee

Susan Atkinson, District 3 Appointee

### City Staff Present

Michele Strickland, Traffic Engineering Coordinator

Robert Dickensheets, Traffic Engineering Planner

Meeting called to order at 5:32PM

### Approval of Minutes

Virginia Mobley moved to approve the March 22, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by David Tanner. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

### Policy Discussion

Ms. Paul opened the meeting with a discussion of comments received from Chief Infrastructure and Development Officer Heath Lloyd re: revising Section E. Appeal, of the Traffic Calming Policy, to detail steps in the appeal process for requests that have been evaluated and not recommended for project development. Mr. Lloyd recommended moving the following language from the policy to the Committee's SOP. "Due to time constraints, the Committee will entertain two appeals per month; to be requested by the first of each month."

Ms. Paul was concerned that without some language in the policy itself, the Committee would be flooded with appeals.

Ms. Mobley noted that if there is to be a policy about appeals, the language should remain. Mr. Tanner concurred.

Ms. Paul stated that in the age of government mistrust, moving language that limits the number of appeals to be heard each month from the policy to the SOP gives the appearance of being sneaky.

Mr. Tanner stated that the metrics for approval were instituted for a reason and limiting the number of appeals per month provides a check on the process. Ms. Paul agreed. Mr. Tanner recommended that the committee formulate a template for appeal responses.

After discussion, the committee re-drafted the phrase as follows, "Due to time constraints, the Committee reserves the right to limit the number of appeals it will entertain each month." Mr. Tanner moved to approve the revised language. Ms. Mobley seconded. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

Ms. Paul directed staff to place a discussion of the Committee's SOP on the agenda for the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Needs Assessment Reports

Michele Strickland, Traffic Engineering Coordinator, explained that TE has developed plans to re-stripe Goebel Avenue to narrow the north/south travel lanes by providing a formal parking lane on the east side, an edge line on the west side, and adding double yellow center line striping to prohibit passing. Ms. Mobley moved to table any decision on traffic calming until a follow-up speed and volume study can be conducted in September after school returns from summer break. Motion seconded by Mr. Tanner. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

Ms. Mobley motioned to table any decision on traffic calming and to direct Traffic Engineering to study East Gwinnett Street between Goebel and Pennsylvania Avenues for potential engineering improvements. Motion seconded by Rev. Marsha Buford. Vote: Six in favor, zero opposed.

Collins Street – Ms. Mobley motioned to not recommend Collins Street for plan development based on an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 26 MPH, 5 MPH below the committee's minimum metric of 31 MPH and a volume of 217 vehicles per day, below the minimum of 750. Motion seconded by Mr. Tanner. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

100 Block of East 45<sup>th</sup> Street – Mr. Tanner motioned to not recommend East 45<sup>th</sup> Street for plan development based on an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 24 MPH, 7 MPH below the committee's minimum metric of 31 MPH and a volume of 190 vehicles per day, below the minimum of 750. Motion seconded by Ms. Mobley. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

Cleland Street - – Ms. Mobley motioned to not recommend Cleland Street for plan development based on an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 28 MPH, 3 MPH below the committee's minimum metric of 31 MPH and a volume of 491 vehicles per day, below the minimum of 750. Motion seconded by Rev. Buford. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

00 Block East 63<sup>rd</sup> Street – Ms. Mobley motioned to move the 00 Block of East 63<sup>rd</sup> Street forward for plan development. Motion to recommend for needs assessment made by David Tanner. Motion seconded by Mr. Tanner. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

300 Block West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street – Mr. Tanner motioned to not recommend the 300 Block of West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street for plan development based on an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 16 MPH, 15 MPH below the committee's minimum metric of 31 MPH and a volume of 347 vehicles per day, below the minimum of 750. Motion seconded by Ms. Atkinson. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

### New Applications

Ms. Paul called for the review of new Traffic Calming Needs Assessment requests.

Ms. Mobley motioned to move Screven Avenue forward for needs assessment. Motion seconded by Mr. Tanner. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

Rev. Buford motioned to move Wilshire Avenue forward for needs assessment. Motion seconded by Mr. Tanner. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed

Mr. Tanner motioned to move Tibet Avenue forward for needs assessment. Motion seconded by Ms. Mobley. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

### Old Business

Ms. Paul motioned to nominate Mr. Tanner to fill the vacant Vice-Chair position. Ms. Mobley seconded. Vote: Four in favor, one abstain, zero opposed.

Ms. Paul motioned to table any nomination for committee secretary until additional vacant positions are filled by the Mayor and Aldermen. Mr. Tanner seconded. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

Michele Strickland provided updates on the following:

100-300 Blocks East 54<sup>th</sup> Street – Resident signatures have been verified to move forward to engineering design and construction as soon as possible.

Meding Street – Ninety-day trial is continuing and is slated to be complete in mid-May.

200-300 Blocks East 66<sup>th</sup> Street – Construction of permanent measures is complete.

Godsells Street – Staff completed review of the signature sheets submitted by Ms. Hudson. Three required signatures are missing. Ms. Hudson is going back to attempt to secure.

Motion to adjourn by Virginia Mobley. Second by David Tanner. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.