

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

6:30PM

IMPOTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING & PARTICIPATION: Traffic Commission Meet Electronically on JUNE 8, 2022.

On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the current order restricting gatherings of people and the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the June 8, 2022, meeting was conducted via videoconference.

Date: 6-8-2022

1. Call to Order At 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Stewart

2. Roll Call

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| Bart Stewart | Commissioner & Chair - Present |
| Dennis Fuller | Commissioner – Present at 6:50 |
| Craig Hughes | Commissioner - Present |
| Cirri Moran | Commissioner - Present |
| Jane Schaefer | Commissioner - Present |
| Jerold Tiers | Commissioner – Present |
| Larry Zelenovich | Commissioner – Present |
| Darren Dunkle | PWP Director – Present |
| Gene Kuelker | Acting Dir Public Works |
| Tim Cusick | Council liaison – Present |
| Alita Klein | Ward 2 Councilmember - Present |
| Shawn Whitley | Police Liaison - Present |
| John Mulligan | City Attorney – Present |

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Moran to approve the agenda and motion 2nd by Commissioner Tiers. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

4. Approval of Minutes of 4-13-22: Not presented as Secretary not online.

5. Agenda items

A. East-West connection of pedestrian-bicycle trail across University City

(1) Requestor: Mark Winer

(2) Request: Approval of proposed East-West Greenway link in U. City

(3) Presentation by Mr. Winer: Angelia Gutierrez from Greenway was also present / online for presentation and questions.

a. Existing Conditions: There are existing Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) corridors in University City, most notably a Melville-Ackert Walkway connection that leads from the Washington University Danforth campus northwardly into University City following the alignment of Greenway South, Melville Ave. and Ackert Walkway, and a Centennial Greenway route that leads from the City of Ladue into University City alongside I170 (on the east side) up to and beyond Olive Blvd. into the City of Olivette at the I170 Interchange with a midway connection to Old Bohnomme Rd. GRG most recently upgraded the signalized crossings of this Greenway route at Delmar Blvd. and McKnight Rd. intersection.

b. Request: Create an East-West connection capability for the existing GRG corridors in University City to connect to more points-of-attraction, as well as make possible an East-West directional travel along these routes.

c. Conclusion/Recommendation: A concept for consideration of an East-West Greenway connection is proposed for University City. Several sections of the proposed route are on-street and/or interact with otherwise vehicular or pedestrian traffic and therefore will need to be carefully considered for the type of design and implementation as permitted. Streets and Pedestrian Access Route (PAR) widths and slopes together with any other Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements will be evaluated in the process. Any approved projects with the support of other agencies having jurisdiction over the proposed routes will then need to be planned under University City's capital improvement program for implementation. There also are generally grants available to help with the funding of these projects in the metropolitan area.

(4) Discussion by Commission Members:

a. City attorney Mulligan questioned whether there was any need for land acquisition. Answer from Mr. Weiner, "No, all of the proposed routes are public right of way."

b. Commissioner Tiers questioned how the project will be put in place and what will be the cost to the city for all curb cuts and signage? Answer From Mr. Weiner: Greenway is funded by county taxes and the project will be a gift to the city from Greenway. Thus, Greenway will be responsible for any curb cuts and signage.

c. Angelia Gutierrez of Greenway further explained that to get funding for the project, Greenway must first get approval from University city and then apply for funding. Upon approval for funding, the work would start in the year 2023.

d. Commission Chairman Stewart questioned city staff, "What the Traffic Commission task is for this item of business?" Mr. Dunkel responded, "Traffic Commission task is to see if there is interest to move forward to council."

e. With no further discussion, Commission chair Stewart called for a motion. Commissioner Tiers made a motion to move the East-West

Greenway connection proposed for University City forward to City Council.
Motion 2nd by Commissioner Moran. Motion approved by a
unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

6. Council Liaison Report:

A. Councilmember Cusic reported on the progress of the Markets at Olive development. The southside of Olive demolition has begun and the dirt mountain is being reduced.

B. All were reminded that stickers for refuse bags will be required on July 1.

7. Miscellaneous Business: Commissioner Zelenovich questioned how to have No Parking signs removed. Commissioner Zelenovich was instructed to contact public works.

8. Adjournment. Adjournment. No further business appearing,
Commissioner Zelenovich made a motion to Adjourn, Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Tiers.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Fuller, Commissioner