



CITY of BRISBANE

Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. Hybrid Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tainter called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- A. Consider any request of a committee member to attend the meeting remotely under the “Emergency Circumstances” of AB 2449 - none

Members present: Cabrera, Dettmer, Strecker, Tainter, Wodziak

Staff: Kinser (Deputy Director of Public Works), Santoyo (Assistant Engineer)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- B. February 1st, 2022 meeting minutes approved

OLD BUSINESS

- C. Investigation of Residential Parking Permit Program for Central Brisbane

Before discussion begins, the committee listens to public feedback regarding the residential parking permit program. The first to speak are a pair of longtime Brisbane residents who do not support the implementation of a parking permit program. They cite cost, concern for households with more than 2 vehicles, and government overreach. The second speaker cites similar concerns.

The committee members begin by responding to the public feedback. Dettmer thanks the public for the feedback and mentions that the committee was instructed to look into the parking scarcity issue in Central Brisbane. She states that support for a parking program was expressed by the public during Brisbane’s Day in the Park. She addresses some of the concerns expressed by the public and encourages the public to look at the report prepared by the committee and bring any questions to the City Council meeting. Wodziak responds to the feedback by stating that the report the committee prepared attempts to address many of the concerns, and that during this March meeting the CSSC will more clearly voice where they stand in terms of support for a parking permit program. Tainter and Cabrera echo many of the points stated by Wodziak and Dettmer, and touch on the extensive research performed by the committee.

The committee begins reviewing the agenda report that will be presented to council. Regarding the recommendation item, Wodziak poses the following question: is this stating the committee is in support of implementing a permit program? And if so, is this how the committee feels? Kinser states that after last meeting, staff was under the impression that the CSSC committee supported implementation of a program. Tainter states that while the CSSC may not be endorsing it, the intention of the work performed was to fulfill the request of City Council to investigate this issue and present the findings to council. Kinser wonders whether there's a point in bringing this to City Council if the CSSC doesn't necessarily endorse it. Dettmer states that the committee decided to do the work at the pleasure of the council, and even though she personally was not interested in a parking permit program the majority of the committee agreed to investigate it. Strecker seconds this point, essentially stating that if council decided they wanted to move forward with a parking permit program, this is how it would look. But this is not necessarily an endorsement. Cabrera agrees with Strecker and Dettmer and feels the language in the report may imply they support implementation when they do not. Dettmer suggests that the committee vote to solely endorse the recommendation and the work presented, not necessarily a complete endorsement of implementation of the program itself. The discussion regarding this issue continues with members discussing the best way to present this report without offering a full endorsement.

Dettmer states she is not comfortable telling council how she personally feels about the implementation of a parking permit program. The committee seems in agreement that they do not want to diminish their work by not supporting it, opting instead for ambiguity on personal feelings for this program.

The committee feels strongly that the recommendation line be edited, specifically the use of the word "adopt." Wodziak suggests the word "review" in its place. Discussion continues on what words could be changed, but Kinser feels the statement reads well.

The committee continues their analysis of the recommendation statement, but Tainter mentions that over a year back the committee recommended that implementation of a parking permit program be put to a public vote. The committee feels that mention of a public vote would suffice, and motion is proposed and passed. The committee agrees to add the public vote point as a bullet point in the discussion section.

The committee votes to adopt the report as amended and the vote passes.

NEW BUSINESS

D. 2022 Work Plan Discussion

The committee discusses the 2022 Work Plan. Strecker suggests requesting the investigation of speed reduction for cars using San Bruno Avenue, and the committee agrees. Wodziak mentions reassessing shuttle service to Sierra Point, in light of the new developments. Dettmer reiterates her desire to be involved with the parking discussions on Sierra Point and tie it into the existing Sierra Point work plan item. The committee agrees to add to this point and others to the Sierra Point item.

E. The committee votes for Chair and Vice Chair. Cabrera is the new Chair, and Wodziak is the new

Vice Chair

STAFF UPDATES

Santoyo mentions that the early stages of a project to address trip hazards throughout Brisbane is underway.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS

Wodziak shares the Sierra Point development will be discussed at the 03/02 City Council meeting and encourages members to attend for more information.

Tainter suggests we schedule a meeting with our committee liaisons. Staff will find out who the liaisons are.

Dettmer asks about the Brown Act update meeting mentioned by the City Clerk at the February meeting. Staff has not received an update but will keep the committee informed.

NEXT MEETING

April 5, 2023, 6:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Tainter adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.