



## TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

### MINUTES

Monday, March 7, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

Approved: April 4, 2022

Members present: Steph Nappa, Chuck Kratch, Nolan Streitberger, Peter de Carteret

Members absent: Cyndi Wiggins

Staff present: Transportation Systems Analyst Ronald G. Irish, Contracting Assistant Shelley Shultz

Others present: Tim Gruver, Albany Democrat Herald

#### Call to Order

**10:00 a.m.**

Steph Nappa called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### Business from the Commission

**10:00 a.m.**

Steph Nappa volunteered to serve as chairperson; motion passed unanimously. Chuck Kratch volunteered to serve as vice chair; motion passed unanimously.

#### Approval of December 6, 2021, Minutes

**10:03 a.m.**

Chuck Kratch moved to approve the December 6, 2021, minutes as presented, Nolan Streitberger seconded; motion approved.

#### Scheduled Business

a. Council Referral – Hill and 13th Crosswalk Discussion **10:03 a.m.**  
Ron Irish referenced a letter he received from Mr. Stephen Hodges and gave brief overview. Mr. Hodges has concerns with pedestrian crossing and visibility. Irish shared RRFB criteria/requirements and current locations throughout the city, as well as a list of previous recommendations TSC prepared a few years ago. Council is asking the TSC for a recommendation as to what action to take with this location. Kratch said he met with City Manager Peter Troedsson and was told there was no money available for these types of projects; he felt it should be on the lowest tier. Nappa agreed given the traffic volume on the street and the fact that there is an existing RRFB approximately 300 feet away. She feels that too many RRFBs desensitize drivers, making them less likely to notice them. Nolan Streitberger agreed, saying there were many areas more concerning than this location. He asked about the estimated cost of an RRFB; Ron Irish said approximately \$25,000 but could be much higher. Peter De Carteret agreed with group and felt it either needed to be added to the lowest tier or left off the list. Irish said he had enough info to report back to council and Mr. Hodges. Irish gave brief update on the status of the remaining locations on the list, saying some had been done, some are still in process. Kratch wondered if we could schedule a "field trip" to look at locations on list. Irish was concerned about doing it as a group because of public meeting restrictions. He will look at some options.

#### Business from the Commission (continued)

**10:36 a.m.**

Nappa shared concerns about e-scooters potentially coming to town. The company that provides the service is in discussions with city council. Irish said council had concerns as well but seemed to have

some interest. They asked the company to provide information at the next council meeting this Wednesday, 3/9/22. If council moves forward with this request, Irish is sure that they will have a representative come talk to TSC about the proposal. Discussion ensued. Irish suggested Nappa contact the mayor with her concerns and ask that this be presented to TSC/Bike Ped Commissions for their input.

Scheduled Business (continued)

b. Discussion of Meeting Schedule

**10:53 a.m.**

Irish said City Councilor Bessie Johnson asked if TSC was interested in changing to an evening meeting schedule in order to attract more members. He also shared that the state restrictions on in-person meetings and wearing masks is being lifted March 12. He wanted input from TSC as to whether they are in favor of in-person or virtual/hybrid meetings. Consensus of the group is that they are open to evening meetings and in favor of a hybrid approach. Irish will check meeting room schedule for availability. He will send a doodle poll to see what works best for the group.

Business from the Public

**11:00 a.m.**

None.

Next Meeting Date

**11:00 a.m.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2022.

Adjournment

**11:00 a.m.**

Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

*Signature on File*

*Signature on File*

Shelley Shultz  
Contracting Assistant

Ronald G. Irish  
Transportation System Analyst

*\*Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing [cityclerk@cityofalbany.net](mailto:cityclerk@cityofalbany.net).*