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TRANSPORTATION BOARD

TYPE OF MEETING – REGULAR

June 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

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FOR REFERENCE:

Chair:	Cari Brown
Vice Chair:	Ed Peyronnin
Council Liaison:	Emily Francis
Staff Liaison:	Aaron Iverson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cari Brown, Chair
Ed Peyronnin, Vice Chair
Jerry Gavaldon
James Burtis
Indy Hart
Jess Dyrda
Rob Owens
Stephanie Blochowiak

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Noah Beals
Rachel Ruhlen
Cortney Geary

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Anna (last name not given)
Megan (last name not given)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nathalie Rachline

3. AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Brown suggested postponement of the last item on the new business agenda should the meeting go past 8:00 p.m.

Iverson stated there were no other changes to the published agenda.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Anna stated she is present to observe.

Megan stated she too is present to observe.

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be allowed in the zone districts in which short-term rentals are already allowed. He stated the City's short-term rental licenses fluctuated between 350 and 400 units and he could not speak to whether increasing ADU's would increase that number.

Chair Brown commended public outreach efforts.

b. E-scooter Code Changes, Letter to Council from BAC – Rachel Ruhlen

Rachel Ruhlen, FC Moves, discussed the history of the SPIN micromobility share program and work to complete a study on SPIN device parking behavior. She outlined the parking counter measures that were developed as a result, including parking boxes, six of which have been installed around town, rider penalties, and education about how to park properly. She noted existing regulations are very strict about where shared micromobility devices can be parked and vary from where personally owned bikes or E-bikes can be parked. She outlined the proposed changes that would simplify the Code to remove language specific to shared micromobility. Additionally, she stated staff can work with SPIN outside of the ordinance to be more restrictive in certain areas, such as downtown, for example. Ruhlen noted the BAC wrote a memo in support of the change.

Chair Brown noted the BAC is requesting the Board take action on this item by voting to send the memo to Council.

Hart made a motion for the Transportation Board to support the Code changes and forward on to Council the May 22nd E-scooter memo from the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Hart stated it appears the City staff and the BAC put a great deal of effort, analysis, and data into the memo.

Blochowiak seconded the motion.

Burtis commended the proposed changes and stated additional education may be helpful.

Gavaldon stated the red striping on the parking boxes seems to be sending a mixed message and requested it be removed. He questioned whether motor scooters or motorcycles could use the parking boxes and opposed using vehicle parking spaces for bicycles. He stated he is not impressed with the efforts of SPIN to relocate its vehicles.

Burtis stated many of the vehicles he has seen strewn into lawns or other areas were moved because they were in the way in the sidewalk and expressed support for other parking options.

Gavaldon agreed with Burtis' statement; however, he stated SPIN should be doing a better job.

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The vote on the motion was as follows: Yeas: Brown, Peyronnin, Burtis, Blochowiak, Dyrdaahl, Owens and Hart. Nays: Gavaldon.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Brown commended the staff work on the item.

c. Bicycle Advisory Committee Letter to Council Regarding Recreational Bicycle Facilities – Cortney Geary

Hart made a motion for the Transportation Board to support and forward on to Council the April 28th recreational bicycle facilities memo from the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Hart stated it appears the BAC did a great deal of work to produce the memo.

Burtis seconded the motion.

Cortney Geary, FC Moves, provided some background on how the BAC opted to make recommendations for the City to provide support for recreational bicycling amenities, which started with a discussion about the Hughes Stadium site, though this memo does not mention that location specifically. She noted the memo recommends that FC Moves and Parks and Recreation work together to plan for recreational bicycling facilities. She noted this does have a tie to the adopted Active Modes Plan.

Chair Brown noted this memo and Transportation Board support would not require any action on the City's part.

Gavaldon asked if the Valmont Bike Park in Boulder is similar to something that would be contemplated. Geary replied that is the type of facility the BAC is recommending the City plan for.

Gavaldon asked if the BAC is recommending the City fund this type of facility at the expense of taxpayers or if the advocacy group will be funding the project. Geary replied the BAC is recommending the City plan for it and that recreational bicycling facilities be prioritized and funded by City dollars; however, it would not preclude some type of public/private partnership for funding.

Gavaldon asked about the acreage requirements for such a facility and expressed concern it could be too large for the Hughes Stadium site, which was intended for open space. Geary noted there is no reference in the memo to Hughes Stadium or an acreage amount.

Gavaldon thanked Geary for work on the item but stated he would oppose the motion as he does not believe this type of facility is appropriate, particularly for the Hughes site, and it should be privately funded.

Burtis noted the Parks budget is running at a deficit and given the expense of