

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA**

DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2017

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Municipal Building, Training Room

1. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting
2. Issues or concerns
3. Comments or questions on road work in the City
4. Additional business
5. Planning Commission City Master Plan
6. Request for new business items or future briefings
7. Adjournment

If members cannot attend, please call William Polfus at 482-8068.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes
November 15, 2016

The November meeting of the TSAB was held at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 in the training room of the municipal building (room 104). Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were:

Marty Adler-Jasny, Hannah Oran, Andrew Howe, Jana Humphrey, Melissa McMahan, William Polfus, Ben Redmond, Jane Shelton, Roger Flynn

Non board members:

Jeremy Hunt

Absent were:

Ilona Kazocha, Halfen Hoyt,

- 1) Minutes from the October 18, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.
- 2) Jeremy Hunt mentioned the congestion and slow-down on Illinois around rush hour. Steve said it's the sheer number of vehicles saturating the intersections that is causing the problems.

Jeremy also pointed out a bad pothole on Vermont Ave left after an excavation job. Steve said small patches are done by hand and are imperfect and problem holes are re-addressed by the city when needed.
- 3) The board reviewed the plans for upgrades at the Turnpike & Tulane and the Turnpike & Tennyson/Division intersections. Both locations will be upgraded for pedestrian usage. Islands will be modified, curbs redone, poles moved and/or replaced, new lights hung, and pedestrian crossings marked.
- 4) We reviewed the scope of work the city hopes to accomplish with the Connectivity Improvements grant we won. The grant is a fixed amount earmarked for improvements along SR-95 (The Turnpike). The goal is to upgrade the pedestrian pathways, creating a connected route from Illinois eastward to Florida Ave by installing handicap ramps, crosswalks, sidewalks, etc. We can expect work to complete in about three years.
- 5) The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Andrew Howe
TSAB Secretary

CITY OF OAK RIDGE



December 20, 2016

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Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council,

The enabling legislation within Tennessee Code Annotated (13-4-201 through 203) is a provision that a General Plan for Physical Development of a Municipality must be prepared by the Planning Commission and adopted by the Chief Legislative Body. The statute also provides for the method of Adoption and the General purposes of the plan. The Plan may be done for an entire municipality such as the prepared plans done in 1948, 1988 and a Visioning Plan in 1998. The Plan may also be done for specific geographic areas of the Municipality or specific topics such as the City Center Master Plan in 2000, Melton Lake Waterfront Plan in 2009, South Illinois Avenue Corridor Plan in 2007 and the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan in 2011.

Members of the Oak Ridge Planning Commission feel that the time is right for development of a new vision for the community and its residents. It will soon be 20 years since the last city-wide planning effort. It seems everyone agrees that Oak Ridge is at the juncture of a new and exciting future. After many years of waiting Main Street Oak Ridge is under construction, the city has been designated as a Three-Site Historic National Park and interest in new residential construction is running high. Quality of life improvements are on the rise including new sidewalks and pedestrian connections, the eighth lane of the Melton Lake Rowing venue, new structure for the Friendship Bell and heightened pursuit of the CSX Greenway. New public facilities are underway for the Oak Ridge Pre-School and Senior Citizens Center in addition to improvements in our sewer, water and storm water services. The Department of Energy is in the preliminary stages of re-industrialization of the Heritage Center Site as well as the American Museum of Science and Energy. All of these aforementioned exciting efforts are wonderful additions to an existing vibrant community with assets too numerous to mention in this space.

A Planning endeavor of this nature is a huge and involved effort with intense staff time and public outreach. For this reason Commission members have reached out to other Boards and Commissions including:

Oak Ridge Land Bank	Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Board of Zoning Appeals	Recreation and Parks Board
Traffic Safety Advisory Board	Convention and Visitors Board
Industrial Development Board	Neighborhood Watch Association

It is hoped that each of these Boards will contribute to the Master Plan in a way that provides guidance on the individual issues they represent and a template for future development. The first step planned is an outreach effort to engage our residents and ask them to give us their ideas and thoughts on municipal services and activities in addition to constructive improvements and what they feel is missing from our

community. From there, we will build on residential feedback and focus our efforts on the future of Oak Ridge. This kick-off meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2017 from 4pm to 7:30pm at High Places Church in historic Grove Center. The kick-off meeting is designed to be fun and entertaining with an emphasis on celebrating recent accomplishments. We hope to have representatives of each partnering Board/Commission to meet the public and discuss our collective future. If you have suggestions or questions regarding the kick-off meeting please feel free to contact myself or Kathryn Baldwin. We look forward to collaborating on this important effort and hope to see you at the kick-off meeting in January.

Sincerely,

A large, dark, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Stephen Whitson', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

H. Stephen Whitson

Chairman, Oak Ridge Planning Commission

Cc: EQAB, BZA, TSAB, IDB, Recreation and Parks Board, ORLB, ORPC, CVB