

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 16, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE:** M. Evette Brantley, Co-chair, Scott Burns, Alfredo Castillo, Jeanette Herron, Mary McBride-Lee, Rosalina Roman-Christy

**OTHERS:** Council Member(s): M. Lyons, M. McCarthy, M. Martinez & M. Pereira; Tom Gaudett, Mayoral Aide; Lynn Haig, Director of Planning; Jacob Robison, City Planner

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Brantley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**• April 13, 2021**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2021 MEETING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2021 MEETING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**• May 19, 2021**

There was no action taken at this time.

**77-20 Proposed Resolution Accepting Gift of Grant-Funded Bicycle Rack from Metropolitan Council of Governments.**

Ms. Haig, the Director of Planning then introduced Mr. Robison, the City Planner to discuss Plan Bridgeport's alternative modes of transportation. There is a Grant from the Connecticut DOT for bike trails. The Design plan focuses on safety.

Ms. Haig asked Jacob Robinson to explain the purpose of the grant. Mr. Robison informed the Committee of the City's plan to increase the mode of transportation and OPED is in support of the Bike Plan. Mr. Robison went on to say the City along with surrounding cities applied for this grant with the Department of Transportation to cover several bike stands throughout the city in

doing so they looked at safety the plan is to install 18 racks at nine locations throughout the city and the grant is for \$1,924.00.

Mr. Robison displayed a picture of the city showing where the racks would be placed Throughout the city the map also listed the various sides of town in which the racks would be placed.

Council Member Herron asked why were there no racks on North End since there are several places where people gather.

Council Member Scott Burns asked how dark fiber is installed in the streets. Ms. Haig stated the City will be looking in addressing dark fiber.

Council Member Michelle Lyons agreed with Council Member Herron that the North End should have this and expressed her dissatisfaction with the plan as it was presented to the Committee. She stated she was unhappy with the proposal as there are parks, schools & a university in the north end and residents there also ride bikes.

Council Member McCarthy asked where the scooters were located and if they needed racks.

Mr. Robinson explained that the scooter program is having some cost issues and noted that they do not require racks for storage.

Council Member Roman-Christy informed Ms. Haig that she would also like racks in her part of the North End as well.

Council Member Herron asked that the item be tabled until there are some additional funds to add racks on the North End.

Ms. Haig stated it was important this item passed now due to time constraints in availability of the grant.

Council Member Brantley asked if the committee would vote on the item so that the City would not lose any funding. An amendment could be added that OPED can revisit the request for additional racks in the North End.

The entire Committee agreed that bike racks should be equally distributed throughout the city.

Ms. Haig informed the Committee that it was not OPED'S decision to select various parts of town, however they were just trying to keep in compliance with the grant regulations which focuses on the underserved communities throughout the City that would utilize bikes as a mode of transportation more so than other areas of the City.

The Committee still agreed that all of the communities consist of people who are underserved and who also ride bikes as a mode of transportation.

Ms. Haig asked Council Member Herron about the source of funding for the racks. Council Member Herron suggested that her department look for additional funds.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO ADD AN AMENDMENT TO AGENDA ITEM 77-20 PROPOSED RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFT OF GRANT-FUNDED BICYCLE RACK FROM METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO INCLUDE MORE RACKS FOR THE NORTH END.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT BURNS SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 77-20 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 77-20 PROPOSED RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFT OF GRANT-FUNDED BICYCLE RACK FROM METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AS AMENDED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 77-20 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Council Member M. Evette Brantley,  
ECDE Co-chair