

Golf Cart Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes (Approved)

Feb 19, 2020

The Golf Cart Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Feb.19, 2020. The meeting was held in the town hall meeting room.

- I. Chairman Taney Browder called the meeting to order.
- II. Chairman Taney Browder took roll. Present were committee members Taney Browder, Paul Buchanan, Chris Blythe, Travis Speight, Jim Blanton & Jay Thomas. Town Representatives present were Police Chief Tony Reese and Town Manager Matt Zapp. Absent was Michael Taylor
- III. Buchanan led the prayer.
- IV. Browder led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. The minutes from Jan.2020 meeting were approved.
- VI. The agenda for the Feb.2020 meeting was adopted.
- VII. Election of officers. Taney Browder was nominated as Chairman, Paul Buchanan was nominated as Vice Chairman and Chris Blythe was nominated as Secretary, all were approved by committee members.
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. The update from committee members Taylor and Thomas on the feasibility of additional safety lighting for golf carts has been delayed until next meeting. More time is needed to research issues like battery drainage concerns and find any pertinent use case studies from other towns who have adopted similar measures.
 - b. Town Council approved the proposed Islander Drive improvements. Work is to begin beginning of April and conclude Mid May. The project will include the proposed additional golf cart parking spaces along Islander Drive itself and within the Western Regional Beach Access.
 - c. Work on the James St access is underway and due to some changes to improve the appeal of the site, the cost estimate to be paid from Golf Cart Committee funds is now approximately \$9500.
 - d. The parking additions on Islander Drive will likely exhaust the existing Golf Cart committee's funds. New funds will be available next budget year (July 2020)
 - e. Chairman Browder and Chief Reese provided new committee members with a background on all the previous projects that were proposed by the Golf Cart Committee but did not come into fruition
 - f. Town Manager Zapp provided clarification to the committee members that the new golf cart parking spots along Islander Drive are for general use by the public. They are not reserved for customers of the new development only.
- IX. New Business
 - a. Blanton has asked the committee to consider placing some signage on sidewalks that clearly state that gold carts are not prohibited to use pedestrian sidewalks, similar to the ones currently on the bike path.
 - b. Speight has been speaking with residents and has been hearing complaints of golf cart access being lost to the area of town where Colors \ Sweet Spot\ Trading Post\ etc are located due to the construction of the Welcome Center.
 - c. Town resident Patricia Leonard shared with the committee her frustration in reaching areas like Muttigans due to limited options for crossing highway 58 and having to traverse neighborhoods and even private property to get to the area near the Post Office and Muttigans.
 - d. Chief Reese shared with attendees the speed limit rules for golf carts and how those shape the area drivers can access. All town roads with a posted speed limit of 35MPH or less can be used by both LSV and town registered carts. Coast Guard road being the exception. Town Council determined that CG

road was too dangerous (citing collision statistics to back this up) that even though it falls at or below 35MPH along its entirety it would not be available for use by non-LSV golf carts.

- e. Chief Reese suggested that the committee look into using painted “no golf carts allowed” signage on areas such as sidewalks. Its believed that signs painted directly onto the pavement using a stencil would be something that we could do without having to involve NCDOT. This would also satisfy town councils desire to limit traditional pole signage throughout the community for aesthetic reasons.
- f. Buchanan will contact local real estate rental companies to see if they have rental properties that include the usage of a golf cart. If so, he will work with them to see if they will provide copies of the towns golf cart rules and regulations to the renters.
- g. Resident Patricia Leonard had questions about where to find info on the proper use of child safety seats on golf carts. Chief Reese explained that the same rules and practices apply on golf carts as regular cars. He also stated that if there are any questions, people can come to town hall and an officer will explain and demonstrate proper usage and installation.

X. Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Town Manager Zapp to look into pricing for stencils and paint for the proposed “spray-on-pavement” signage for sidewalks
- b. Blanton to provide some possible locations for a pilot program for “spray-on-pavement” signage
- c. Town Manager Zapp suggests that committee members visit the James St pilot golf cart parking model prior to next meeting and provide feedback.

XI. Meeting was adjourned, then Covid19 showed up