

Golf Cart Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes (Approved)

June 16, 2020

The Golf Cart Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on June 16th, 2020. The meeting was held in the town hall meeting room.

- I. Chairman Taney Browder called the meeting to order.
- II. Chris Blythe took the roll. Present were committee members Taney Browder, Chris Blythe, Michael Taylor, Jim Blanton & Jay Thomas. Town Representatives present were Police Chief Tony Reese and Town Manager Matt Zapp. Absent was Travis Speight and Paul Buchanan
- III. Taylor led the prayer.
- IV. Browder led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. The minutes from the February 2020 meeting were approved.
- VI. The agenda for the June 2020 meeting was adopted.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Zapp's update on any cost #'s feedback for potential sidewalk "no Golf Cart Markings" & design. Parks and rec has ordered supplies for vertical markings on the bollards, and they will be placing the new markings on the bollards rather than the pavement.
 - b. Update from Zapp on Budget transfer for Islander & James Improvements. Committee funds are now depleted to zero with the following expenditures. \$ 22.5k at Islander for 22-25 Golf Cart Parking Spaces(GCPS's) and \$9.5k for the James St Improvement. Approx 15 new dedicated spaces in the WORA.
 - c. Update from Thomas & Taylor on flashing light addition to GC's. Jay Thomas has advised that in his opinion these would be best if they were optional and suggested rather than mandatory equipment. Chief Reese said that they can incorporate that suggestion into the existing golf cart safety class. Chief Reese also stated that they can suggest during the class that cart drivers run their headlights even during the daytime. Taylor has such a light on his GC already, and will provide the town with info on their price and where to order them. These lights are approximately \$10.
 - d. Update from Buchanan's inquiries to realty companies data on properties provided with Golf Carts in rental, info provided etc. Browder stated that Buchanan told him his response to inquiries was just one rental came with a cart and they provide golf cart safety info, will ask that Buchanan provide the exact figure at the next meeting. Chief Reese indicated this number is lower than what actually occurs from his experience.
 - e. Status of how GC Parking @ W& EORA will be permitted. Chief Reese/Zapp says they will revisit this but current process is that residents that bring their golf cart registration can get a parking permit for their LSV or town approved carts, in question is will 2 be limit per property or will additional be provided for residents with GC's.
 - f. Potential Golf Cart Parking Additions at following locations from Homeowners with multiple neighbors indicating need.
 - i. Dog Leg - there's an emergency vehicle access there. Chief Reese suggests skipping that one and going to the next closest public access for evaluation for spaces. It was also suggested by Chief Reese that we verify the town right-of-way for space to add parking as you approach the access from Rt 58. Zapp expressed concern about using the right-of-way and has seconded the choice of using the next closest public access as a site for parking expansion.
 - ii. Hurst St.(5th year requesting parking, willing to contribute \$), & suggestion to owner possibly more viable at Clark St. Access, need to revisit didn't address this mtg.

- iii. Sea Gull Rd - Chief Reese states there are plans for additional spots at Lee St. which is close to this requested area.

iv. additional requests will be told that the towns plan of adding parking during the normally scheduled boardwalk replacements at 3 locations per year will likely be the maximum we can add going forward using funds allotted to the GCAC, other spaces will have to be installed as part of normal Town maintenance as done in prior years.

VIII. New Business

- a. Resident Bill Stewart came to ask about providing GC parking along Wyndtree Dr.. Browder printed some online photos of some places parallel to the road where we may be able to put a few spots at Wyndtree, depending on the right-of-way. There's an existing handicapped car parking spot there, and some designated "no parking" area. Zapp and Reese will check the distances to see if something can be worked out in the short term prior to scheduled walkway replacement. The concern is not to interfere with the ADA parking space already there.
- b. Blanton asked when next year's funds will be released. Chief Reese says after July
- c. Zapp spoke to the annual budget. Initially the first 50k of registration fees was to go to the costs of running the program, everything over 50k to committee. The funding model has been changed effective budget year 2021. The new funding model is that the first 50k in proceeds goes to the management of the program, funds from 50-75k goes to the GC committee, and any additional funds over 75k will go back to the town for other budget items. This will be effective for the funding cycle July 2021.

IX. Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Nothing proposed

X. Comments

- a. Jay Thomas expressed concerns with seeing overloaded golf carts and carts operated in an unsafe manner. Chief Reese will ask for additional patrols on the weekends when majority of the safety violations are being witnessed.
- b. Jay Thomas has expressed concerns with a 3 seat golf cart at Lee St that can't get completely off the road.
- c. Chairman Browder thanked the entire EIPD for their efforts and sacrifices in keeping EI safe.