

**SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/  
STRATEGIC PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**October 10, 2022**

Committee of the Whole Members Present: Mayor Burns, Ald. Bruno (remote), Hruby, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Mayer, Swanson

Committee of the Whole Members Absent: Ald. Burghart, Marks

Others Present: Asst. City Admin./Dir. Admin. Services Ben McCready

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SPAC Members Present: Frankel, Schwab, Ellett, Mannon, Malecki, Kafer

SPAC Members Absent: Monaco, Goodenough

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. WAIVE ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Moved by Ald. Kosirog, seconded by Ald. Mayer Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF GENEVA'S STRATEGIC PLAN AND BIKING IN GENEVA

Burns then turned the meeting over to SPAC Chairwoman Winnie Frankel who invited all in attendance to introduce themselves. Frankel provided an overview of the goals of the joint meeting, and then introduced SPAC member Melanie Mannon to review their findings on the City's current bike plan.

Mannon provided historical context regarding the City's bike plan which was developed in 2005. The committee focused on the following issues needing improvement: path connectivity, limited dedicated bike lanes and parking, incomplete bike routes, and unsafe routes. Mannon also noted that several nearby municipalities had more current and active bike plans in place.

SPAC member Jim Kafer then initiated a discussion on the committee's recommendations which were broken down into two categories: short and long term. These items included connectivity needs from the 2005 plan. Short term areas focused on bike lanes and signage. Longer-term items that were highlighted included development of bike boulevards, and implementing a dedicated budget for the plan. Bike parking opportunities were also needed.

Discussion between the committees centered on priorities and timing of the recommendations, the Prairie Path crossing at Kirk Road, South Street and Williamsburg/Route 38 safety concerns, tools needed to fully develop the recommendations, re-establishing the Bike/Pedestrian committee, updating the 2005 plan over time while implementing some of the current plan, working with the Chamber for bike corrals during city festivals, and which recommendations could be budgeted for the next fiscal year.

Alders thanked the members of the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee for their hard work on the study and recommendations.

4. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by SPAC Secretary Malecki, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:11pm.

*-respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Fornari*