Members Present:
Carol Lohrmann, Rosemarie De Angelis, Jeff Woodbury, Alan Mills, Sue Henderson, Doug Howard, Laura Mauldin, Tex Haeuser, Erik Weisenburger

Others Present:
Officer Rocco Navarro, Traffic Officer
Art Handman, Transportation Director

Members Not in Attendance:
Justin Barker, Jim Tasse, Paul Niehoff, Carl Eppich, Chief Tim Sheehan, Tony Grande

1) Minutes from 1-15-20
   ● Motion to approve minutes by Carl Eppich
   ● Seconded by Alan Mills
   ● Unanimous support

2) Food Pantry (Rosemarie, Art, Sue)
   ● Art updated the group about the transportation problems associated with the location of the food pantry, including the geometry of the street and the placement of the snow banks. Based on these factors it is impossible to operate a full size bus to the pantry, but additionally, transportation does not have an extra bus not on a current bus schedule. The bus service does not own small buses, so Art suggested using RTP, and RTP has the additional benefit of being door to door.
   ● There was a recent grant to increase RTP use, but it was not very successful. Sue mentioned she helped with the grant, and was disappointing that it was so under-utilized, she noted the following potential reasons:
     ○ Lack of publicity
     ○ Negative talk about RTP
       ■ RTP is overutilized and understaffed
       ■ Grant said that you can use the bus twice a month, but no helpers for bags
       ■ Riders were allowed 1 hour to shop, so could potentially impact the ability to complete a needed task, i.e. Food Pantry has 20 minute intake
The grant also included a service called Go-Go Grandparent which is a rideshare service for seniors that do not have smartphones, i.e. call a number and it set up an uber.

Carol suggested we are trying to solve the whole problem all at once for every type of population, and suggested we segment the populations, to solve one problem at a time, i.e. have food order put in at Redbank and then have the food delivered to the community center. Sue added that a local church has a similar delivery method, so it is not an impossible feat.

Art suggested we determine the demand and how to solve the demand. It might be a combo of RTP and uber and that would be less expensive than getting another bus and full time driver.

It was noted that the the food pantry is currently located at Thaddeus Street, behind Lincoln Street Extension. Officer Navarro mentioned that parking is problematic at the current location.

Erik asked about the potential of moving the food pantry to make it more accessible.

General agreement from committee is The City should consider the location of the food pantry in the future, with potential for a counsel workshop, considering future spaces as affordable housing is built.

A sub-committee of Rosemarie, Erik, Tony will review this in more detail.

Tex suggested requesting ride vouchers from the welfare director, Kathleen.

3) Bus use of High School Students (Art)
- Approx. 10 high school kids/day use the bus.
- Smart Card will allow use between Portland and South Portland.
- FOLLOW UP: Tex asked if Art would be willing to return with Julie to discuss OneClimate Future

4) Walnut Street Parking (Rosemarie)
- A SP woman with a disability raised the problem of access to Rosemarie. She can’t access Rwanda Bean because of the lack of accessibility spaces near the front entrance, near the shop counter. The parking lot is in the rear of the building.
- Doug explained the parking on Cottage in front was removed because it was dangerous due to the corner and speed of traffic. Additionally, legally it is possible there is not enough space for a ramp. DOT requires 20 feet of crosswalk 30 feet of a stop sign and on the opposite side of the street.
Doug noted there was an audit of sign accuracy and consistency over the whole city last summer. Over the next two years, the signs around The City will be updated to be consistent and accurate.

- Officer Navarro mentioned the danger of parking on the Walnut (between Cottage and Broadway) and crossing Cottage to access Rwanda Bean.
- Sue reiterated, and reminded the group it is important we remember that citizens don’t feel safe parking and walking, and this limits their ability to visit certain establishments.
- Office Navarro noted that parking by the Casco Bay bridge will be limited to 30 minutes, and will be signed, but it will be hard to enforce since South Portland does not have a separate parking division.

5) New Paving Plans (Doug)

- Westbrook Street will be similar to a Main Street project, full street scaping. It was not planned to tie into the bond, but since the project passed, the projects will complement each other.
- Bike Lane Potential
  - Broadway - Anthoine
    - Will look more closely
  - Sawyer - Broadway
    - May not have enough room for a bike lane based on the sidewalk on one side
- Doug defined terms for the group:
  - Mill and Fill - Remove and replace the top 2 inches
  - Reclamation - Take off all the hot top and 6 inches of gravel, and recreate the road
  - Road Diets - Narrowing Wider roads for better pedestrian and bike access
- Waterman
  - Narrowing road, 3 lane road with one through lane in each direction and center turning lane, bike lanes will be added on both sides, approved by DOT
- Broadway
  - From Scarborough line to Scarborough Connector Ramp
  - Broadway and Sokokis will receive a new traffic light
- Main
  - Bishop to On/Off Ramp
  - Will update sidewalks and make ADA complaint
  - Strictly paving project
- Highland Ave (2021)
Scarborough to Dresser/Alfred Street
Water district needs to replace a main, then DOT will repair road
Good candidate for road diet

6) Crosstown access road through Rummery
   ● Doug will update the group during the next meeting

7) Crossing Broadway/Proximity of Bus Stops to Crosswalks
   ● Increased bus use will add for additional difficulty crossing the street
   ● It is legal to go around city buses
     ○ Will be illegal to use a red flasher to stop traffic in both ways
   ● Increase of traffic in South Portland
   ● Doug suggested: Art and Doug review of bus stops and which might be problematic. Based on regulations for MDOT, crosswalks are not an easy solution (proximity to intersections, fire truck maneuvering)
     ○ Some bus stops could be moved
     ○ Some crosswalks could be moved
     ○ Some can’t be touched
   ● Tex: There is a rhythm on Broadway
   ● Doug mentioned that if there is an island in the middle of the road, and a car does not fully pull over for an emergency vehicle, it can impede the ability of an emergency vehicle to get through

8) February Workshop Scheduled for Cash Corner
   ● Council will have a plan for Cash Corner
   ● Main Street multi-use path to Cash Street, will be going out to bid in the next 1-2 years

Next Meeting:
March 18 7:30-9:00

Items next meeting’s agenda:
Present Findings on the School Zones and Signage, rnavarro@southportland.org
Cross access road, Doug

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Mauldin, Secretary