



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Craig A. Shubert, Mayor
William D. Wooldredge, President of Council (At-Large)
Beth A. Bigham, Council Member (Ward 4)
Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., Council Member (At-Large)
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R. Todd Hunt, Special Counsel
Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

7:30 PM

Via Video-Conference & Live-Stream

1. Call to Order

Mayor Shubert called to order the virtual meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Gerbracht, HCTV Operations Manager; Mr. Griffith, Management/Budget Director; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Leedham, Innovation & Technology Director; Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services; and Mr. Sugar, Senior Planner.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [20-0063](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

Brief Description: Draft minutes of previous meetings are provided for City Council's review and approval.

Attachments: [April 21, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)
[April 28, 2020 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

There being no changes, the above minutes were approved as submitted.

5. Proclamation

- A. [20-0064](#) **Special Acknowledgement of “Public Service Recognition Week” during May 3 - 9, 2020**
Brief Description: This Proclamation acknowledges the first full week of May as “Public Service Recognition Week” in Hudson, Ohio, in honor of public employees who serve at all levels of government.
Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

On behalf of City employees, Ms. Howington accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Mayor. She commented that this is perhaps the most dedicated staff that she has ever seen, with many unsung heroes who could not shelter at home and who are working to keep the City functioning during the COVID-19 crisis, especially the City's safety forces and Public Works employees.

Mayor Shubert read this Proclamation, acknowledging Public Service Recognition Week during May 3 - 9, 2020, and he thanked government employees.

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Ms. Schlademan commented regarding a previous suggestion that the salaries of administrative staff be reduced in light of the COVID-19 crisis. She said that asking City staff to take a pay cut and forfeit what they have worked for and earned is unfair and should only be considered as a last resort.

Mr. Foster provided an update from the Environmental Awareness Committee, announcing that the annual Green on the Green event has been postponed to 2021, due to the COVID-19 crisis. He said the Committee also discussed single-hauler trash/recycling, and Mr. Wells provided an update based on the Council workshop discussion of April 28, 2020.

8. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington said that some advisory committee meetings were cancelled during the month of April, but the City is scheduling more live-streamed virtual meetings during May, so the viewing public may expect to see more activity.

A. Public Safety Update on COVID-19

Ms. Howington provided an update, stating that the City, County, and State are moving into a COVID-19 recovery mode. She said that she will try to coordinate future guest speakers on this subject to provide information about what the region is doing. She noted that with gradual re-opening, we must be cognizant and respectful of each other spaces and needs. While City Hall is not open to the public at this time, the wearing of masks is expected.

This matter was discussed.

9. Discussion Items

A. [20-0065](#) Connectivity Plan Update 2020

Brief Description: Connectivity Plan discussion with City Council to consider the Connectivity Plan 2020 Update, confirm the scope, and establish an advisory committee.

Attachments: [Memo to Council - 4-7-20 Connectivity Discussion](#)
[Connectivity Update 2018](#)
[Sidewalk Cost Estimates Map 3-18-20](#)

Mr. Sugar reviewed the Connectivity Plan, as established in 2013 and revised in 2018, which focuses on trails and sidewalks throughout the City to enhance connectivity to the downtown area, neighborhoods, and parks. He provided recommendations for improvements.

Discussion followed regarding establishing a committee to review and make recommendations for updating the current City-wide Connectivity Plan. Council members emphasized the need for residents in each City Ward to be represented, as well as the importance of gathering citizen input and determining priorities, goals, and metrics criteria for the Plan. Council Ward representatives will work on selecting individuals in their wards for representation on the committee. Council will establish the committee and will seek citizen input regarding the Plan throughout the committee review and revision process.

This matter was discussed and forwarded for further consideration at a future workshop.

B. [20-0067](#) COVID-19 Response - Land Development Code Moratoriums and Merchant Support Efforts

Brief Description: Discussion on possible Land Development Code moratoriums and merchant support efforts.

Attachments: [Memo 5-1-2020 - COVID 19 Response – Merchant Support](#)
[Memo 5-11-2020 - COVID 19 Response - Merchant Support](#)

Ms. Howington asked that Council consider ways to assist merchants during the COVID-19 crisis and asked for Council direction. Mr. Hannan reviewed staff recommendations for potentially relaxing some of the City's Land Development Code requirements to help businesses as they re-open. Discussion followed, and there was consensus for City staff to contact merchants to determine if some temporary changes would be helpful for businesses, and to begin drafting necessary legislation for any LDC moratorium items, including:

Land Development Code: proposed temporary moratoriums

- Temporary signs, in commercial districts.*
- Outdoor sales/displays, to accommodate social distancing.*
- Expiration of permits and board approvals, to accommodate construction delays due to the virus restrictions.*

City Services/Programs:

- Communications, to provide coordinated public information.*
- Outdoor Seating, for downtown areas, on greens and public sidewalks.*
- Parking, installation of curbside service reserved parking stall signage adjacent to restaurants and businesses.*
- Promotion, ongoing communications and promotional videos to support shop local efforts.*
- Connecting Resources, ongoing efforts to connect businesses to available State and Federal resources.*
- Activate Downtown, while large-scale festivals are not permitted due to virus restrictions, smaller scale events*

and enhancements could be considered.

This matter was discussed and forwarded for further consideration during the May 12, 2020, workshop.

C. [20-0066](#) Small Business Recovery Proposal

Brief Description: Council will consider a COVID-19 Small Business Relief Loan Program.

Council has been discussing the plausibility of offering small businesses in Hudson a deferred loan program to assist in re-opening. Based on Council input at last week's workshop, the attached proposal has been modified and is ready for further Council review and consideration.

Attachments: [DRAFT City of Hudson Small Business Relief Loan Program](#)
[Hudson Community Improvement Corp. \(HCIC\) Articles of Incorporation](#)
[HCIC Members \(5-12-2020\)](#)

Staff asked for Council's direction on how to proceed with a proposed Small Business Recovery Loan Program to support local businesses and restaurants. Discussion followed regarding a loan program through the Hudson Community Improvement Corporation (HCIC), public finance laws, HCIC membership, and the funding, procedures, terms and conditions for such a loan program.

This matter was discussed and forwarded for further consideration during the May 12, 2020, workshop.

10. Appointments

Mr. Wooldredge said that the City is accepting applications for the Architectural & Historic Board of Review, Park Board, and Tree Commission through May 22, 2020, and he encouraged interested residents to submit an application.

11. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of legislation on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

A. [20-57](#) A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE OF A SUSTAINABILITY GRANT DISBURSEMENT THROUGH THE ECOSMART CHOICE PROGRAM FROM AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER.

Brief Description: As a participant in the EcoSmart Choice program, the City of Hudson has received \$568.00 in grant funding. The funding is the result of money

remaining after the purchase of renewable energy credits have been made and the cost to fulfill program needs have been incurred. Eligible grant-funded projects must promote balancing environmental, economic, and community interests.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 20-57](#)

Resolution No. 20-57 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

12. Legislation

A. [20-44](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH IVIDEO FOR THE PURCHASE OF AUDIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Brief Description: This Resolution will authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with iVideo for the needed audio equipment for the Council Chambers room at Town Hall, 27 E. Main Street. This audio equipment will benefit all public meetings in the Council Chambers room.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 20-44](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Resolution No. 20-44, which constituted its third reading.

Mr. DeSaussure commented that the proposed audio equipment purchase is important for public accessibility. While not opposed to the purchase, Mr. Foster noted that meetings are currently being held virtually, and he preferred postponing this expense until a later date when needed for meetings at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to pass Resolution No. 20-44.

A subsidiary motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Bigham, to table action on Resolution No. 20-44 to the Council meeting of June 2, 2020, and re-evaluate the purchase at that time. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. DeSaussure

Nay: 1 - Mr. Wooldredge

B. [20-52](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. FOR A CASE WHEEL LOADER AND TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH KS STATEBANK TO FINANCE SAID PURCHASE.

Brief Description: This resolution provides for the replacement of an existing wheel loader for use in the Public Works Department.

Attachments: [Permission to Bid 2020](#)

[Case Wheel Loader](#)

[Resolution No. 20-52](#)

Mr. DeSaussure asked for staff's recommendation regarding action. Mr. Comeriato asked for Council action with third reading on May 19, 2020.

Mayor Shubert read the title of Resolution No. 20-52, which constituted its second reading.

13. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Ms. Schlademan, to enter into executive session to consider personnel matters concerning the appointment of a public official and the employment of certain public employees. Mayor Shubert recessed the Council meeting at 9:45 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Foster

Mayor Shubert reconvened the Council meeting at 10:29 p.m.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Shubert adjourned the Council meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Craig A. Shubert, Mayor

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

Upon approval by City Council, this official written summary of the meeting minutes shall become a permanent record, and the official minutes shall also consist of a permanent audio and video recording, excluding executive sessions, in accordance with Codified Ordinances, Section 220.03(d), Rules.



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Thursday, June 4, 2020

7:00 PM

Video-Conference & Live-Stream

Special Workshop

1. Call to Order

President of Council Wooldredge called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mayor Shubert; Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; and Mr. Sugar, Senior Planner.

Resident Representatives

Attending:

Ward 1: Dr. Shannon Navy

Ward 2: Mr. Sherif Mansour and Mr. Phil Trendell

Ward 3: Mr. Tony Havlicek and Mr. Jim Christ

Ward 4: Mrs. Diana Verhas

At-Large: Mrs. Kathy Battaglia, Mr. Ron Brubaker, Mr. Tom King, and Mr. Keith Smith

Absent:

Ward 1: Mr. Jim Wamelink

Ward 4: Mr. Justin Reed

2. Staff Introductions

Mr. Sheridan welcomed those in attendance and completed staff introductions.

A. Elected Officials

Council members introduced themselves as well as the resident representing each ward.

B. Resident Representatives**3. Staff Discussion****A. [20-0077](#) Connectivity Plan 2020 Update / Kickoff**

Brief Description: Connectivity Plan discussion with elected officials and community representatives to consider the Connectivity Plan 2020 Update.

Attachments: [Hyperlink - 2013 Connectivity Plan](#)
 [Hyperlink - 2018 Connectivity Plan Update](#)
 [Hyperlink - Ward Map](#)

Mr. Sugar provided an introduction to the current effort and the previous 2013 and 2018 Connectivity Plan.

This matter was presented.

4. Input from Residents on Improvements to Connectivity Plan

Mr. Sugar requested all attendees to share two key opportunities and items to study within the plan update.

Attendees expressed the following comments:

- ♦ *work with residents impacted and not change the character of the area*
- ♦ *think about connectivity into Hudson along arterial roads such as multipurpose paths along SR 303 and main roads rather than residential*
- ♦ *Ashbrooke neighborhood is a long way down the list and suggested breaking segment 59 into small segments similar to 44, 59 and 77*
- ♦ *try to figure out how to use main roads such as SR 91, SR 303, Ravenna Street, and Hines Hill Road*
- ♦ *improve connection to the bike and hike trail*
- ♦ *wider bike paths along Stow Road*
- ♦ *add connection between Ravenna Street and Stow Road*
- ♦ *less focus on Downtown and focus on the outer areas and main artery infrastructure*
- ♦ *add a connection to Seton Catholic School*
- ♦ *have the group study the understanding of what connectivity is, as this means different things to different people*
- ♦ *connect major spine first and then secondary roads*
- ♦ *people would like to walk on sidewalks and/or trails, rather than streets*
- ♦ *the focus needs to be on connections within Hudson before connecting to outside trails/cities*
- ♦ *Middleton Road was a missed opportunity for sidewalk during the recent construction project*
- ♦ *connection needs added on SR 91 by Lake Christine*
- ♦ *Middleton Road to the west needs sidewalk due to safety concerns*
- ♦ *users do not feel safe on main roads*
- ♦ *connection is needed on Hines Hill Road*
- ♦ *work with Summit County MetroParks on connecting the Ashbrooke Neighborhood through Maple Grove Park to Hines Hill Road*
- ♦ *work with the Turnpike Commission when the bridge is replaced on Prospect Street*

- ♦ *Council needs to determine how to tackle connectivity*
- ♦ *investigate lands swap with Metro Parks near Chestwick and SR 303 to connect Canterbury neighborhoods to Hudson Springs Park*
- ♦ *former Township areas need to be improved with sidewalks, water, etc.*

5. Next Steps

A. Ward Meeting Schedules

Mr. Hannan presented the upcoming engagement activities including Ward specific meetings and general community outreach.

B. Other Stakeholder Groups

Mr. Hannan discussed the various other groups that staff would like to network with.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wooldredge adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 8:40 p.m.

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council

Thomas Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Business Operations Manager - Professional Services.

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City of Hudson Ward 4 Session

Hosted by Ward Four Representative Councilor Beth Bigham

2020 Connectivity Plan Discussion

1. Call to Order

a. Attendees

Councilor Beth Bigham

Residents: Tina Griesse, Diana Verhas, Amy Ridley, Louis Verhas, Emily Wanders, Jan Lindstrom, Rick Smith

Staff: Nick Sugar, Thom Sheridan, Greg Hannan

2. Welcome

Councilor Beth Bigham gave a welcome and introduction to the attendees

3. Introduction

Assistant City Manager Thom Sheridan stated the overall goal of the Ward meetings was to collect neighborhood specific feedback to help guide the 2020 Connectivity Plan.

4. Staff Background:

Nick Sugar provided a background on the original 2013 connectivity plan and the current 2018 plan

5. Resident discussion

Greg Hannan asked each resident to provide some initial thoughts regarding key priorities for the plan or key connections you would like to see in your neighborhood.

Tina Griesse: Referenced the desire for sidewalk extensions on Herrick Park Drive from Lascala to State Route 91. Also discussed the current 45 mph speed on St Rt 91 and the concerns of potential higher speeds with the soon to be improved roadway.

Diana Verhas: Resident of Connecticut Colony. Referenced recent HOA meeting with 28 out of 29 residents desiring a sidewalk on Middleton west of State Route 91. Would like to see the Middleton sidewalk installed in connection with the scheduled repaving. If a reduced section had to be installed, the sidewalk should extend to at least Middleton Park. Desire for safety crossing at Hines Hill Road and St Rt 91.

Amy Ridley: Resident of Hines Hill Road. Noted Hines Hill Road is very dangerous to travel walking or biking.

Lou Verhas: Referenced Connecticut Colony HOA meeting with strong attendance. Mentioned only two residents expressed concern with a Middleton Road sidewalk due to future maintenance concerns and change of character. Expressed safety concern regarding the Hines Hill – St Rt 91 crosswalk.

Emily Wanders: Grew up on Danbury Drive. Was disappointed Middleton Road did not receive sidewalks when repaved. Noted the benefit of even partial sidewalk extension on Middleton to better link in the neighborhoods. Desired neighborhoods were better connected to downtown and the schools.

Jan Lindstrom: Hudson Park Estates Resident. 387 households in the neighborhood but with very limited sidewalks. Glad to see the improvements on St Rt 91 but noted it will be difficult to get to the new sidewalk. Need enhanced ability for residents to walk/bike for transportation.

Rick Smith: 25 year resident on Hudson. Noted the opening of the railroad pedestrian bridge at Colony Park was a huge impact project many years ago. Currently resides on Woodland Avenue. Need pedestrian crosswalk at Lexington and Middleton Road.

Thom Sheridan: Discussed speed easing of posted mph and challenges of going below state guidelines. Notes this is studied with each street project.

Jane Lindstrom: Asked about enhanced safety crossing at Hudson Aurora Road and Hudson Park Drive. Councilor Bigham also noted this crossing at Herrick Park were in need of such. Mr. Sheridan noted Hudson Park Drive is scheduled for installation this year along with additional crossings on North Main and at WRA.

Thom Sheridan: Asked attendees for feedback on installation of bike lanes (on road) vs sidewalks (4 ft off road) vs multipurpose paths (8ft off road). Several residents commented that sidewalks are preferred to bike lanes and that multipurpose paths may be too costly.

Greg Hannan: Staff asked each resident to pick three trail segments from the 2018 plan that would be most impactful to install. The responses were as follows:

Map Segment	Location	Votes
1	Middleton – Winterberry to Woodland	3
56	Middleton – Lexington to LaScala	2
15	Herrick Park -LaScala to St Rt 91	2
7	Middleton – LaScala to St Rt 91	2
20	Middleton – St Rt 91 to Valley View	2
27	Valley View – Hines Hill to Hunting Hollow	2
35	Hines Hill – Valley View to Glastonbury	2
26	Hines Hill – Valley View to Prospect	1
53	Valley View Road – Middleton to Hines Hill	1

Councilor Bigham: Thanked everyone for attending. Staff encourage attendees to be ambassadors to have neighbors submit comment to the city website. Meeting ended at 8:50pm.



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City of Hudson Ward 2 Session, June 29, 2020

Hosted by Ward Two Representative Councilman Chris Foster

2020 Connectivity Plan Discussion

1. Call to Order

a. Attendees

Councilman Chris Foster

Residents: Kathleen Marsicano, Rob Brooks, Sherif Mansour, Phil Trendell, Mike Juppe

Staff: Nick Sugar, Thom Sheridan, Greg Hannan

2. Welcome

Councilman Chris Foster gave a welcome and introduction to the attendees

3. Introduction

Assistant City Manager Thom Sheridan stated the overall goal of the Ward meetings was to collect neighborhood specific feedback to help guide the 2020 Connectivity Plan.

4. Staff Background

Senior Planner Nick Sugar provided a background on the original 2013 connectivity plan and the current 2018 plan

5. Resident Discussion

Community Development Director Greg Hannan asked each resident to provide some initial thoughts regarding key priorities for the plan or key connections you would like to see in your neighborhood.

Kathleen Marsicano: Resident of Nottingham Gate Estates. Lives near the Metroparks Hike and Bike but it feels like a trail to nowhere. Want to be able to walk/bike to downtown to spend money at local businesses. Great community health benefits with expanded trails. Noticed a significant increase in walkers/bikers during pandemic. Noted access to downtown could also be improved by connecting the Hike and Bike to town via Hudson Drive and Darrow Road.

Councilman Foster provided some insight on the upcoming Barlow Road sidewalk improvements associated with Veterans Trail Phases 3 and 4.

Rob Brooks: Resident on Coolidge Blvd. Noted he had experience working with the Little Miami Trail in Southwest Ohio which connects multiple communities. Agreed on the need to connect destinations. Prefers stand alone bike/pedestrian facilities rather than on-road bike lanes.

Phil Trendell: Resident of River Oaks. Noted that perceived connectivity needs to be added to the conversation. Some types of bike/ped connections may not accommodate all users and some connections may exist but residents may not be informed or educated about them.

Mr. Brooks notes improved directional and educational signage is needed.

Councilman Foster noted the disconnect between outer neighborhoods within Ward 2 and the rest of the city.

Sherif Mansour: Resident of Ashbrooke neighborhood. Noted it will be far too long before Ashbrooke is connected to the rest of the community via Hines Hill Road. Stated there is a need to start connecting the dots to allow for such. Noted the neighborhood could be connected to Middleton Road ahead of Hines Hill Road.

Councilman Foster commented on an existing gas line or utility easement that could allow access to connect the area.

Mr. Sheridan noted such could be studied; however, would require a costly separated crossing at the railroad with either a bridge or tunnel.

Mr. Mansour noted the community benefit of completing Darrow Road and Streetsboro Street and then Stow and Middleton Roads.

Mr. Trundell noted connections to downtown and to regional trails was critical. Noted the Boston Mills Connection to Lake Forest Drive might require a widened sidewalk on Lake Forest Drive if it is to be the connection to downtown. Also noted the desire to connect River Oaks to W Streetsboro Street through the open area or via the St Rt 8 corridor.

Mr. Hannan noted the wetlands within the open space will limit such feasibility. Mr. Sheridan noted the Rt St 8 corridor would not facilitate bike/ped use based on ODOT restrictions.

Mike Juppe: Resident of Williamsburg Circle. Noted the ability to walk to downtown via Cascade Park. Noted the current South Main St sidewalk is in poor condition and ends as you get past Stoney Hill Drive. Expressed concern for the difficulty of access to the Hike and Bike Trail at Barlow Road due to the Barlow/Terex intersection crossing. Suggested improved connections for the community to Hudson Springs Park the Metroparks Bike and Hike, and St Rt 91-Hudson Drive.

Mr. Hannan asked if each resident could indicate the one segment that could be made to provide the greatest impact on their Ward or community.

Ms. Marsicano – Completing St Rt 91 is a top priority and then connections to regional trails.

Mr. Brooks – Complete St Rt 91 and the Barlow Road corridor. Also look at improved safety crossings in the community.

Mr. Marsour – Complete Middleton Road along its full length for the benefit of those adjacent neighborhoods and to provide a possible connection point for Ashbrooke in the future.

Mr. Trundell -Connect to Downtown and the County Bike and Hike along Boston Mills Road.

Mr. Juppe – Complete Stow Road along Hudson Springs and then west along East Streetsboro Street.



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City of Hudson Ward 1 Session, July 1, 2020

Hosted by Ward One Representative Councilor Kate Schlademan

2020 Connectivity Plan Discussion

1. Call to Order

a. Attendees

Councilman Kate Schlademan

Mayor Craig Schubert

Residents: Angie Butto, Shannon Navy, Lisa Damato, Mairin Brady Manchino,
Katy Ellison, Kara Downing, Ken Paul, Tom Maxwell, Mike Ryba

Staff: Nick Sugar, Thom Sheridan, Greg Hannan

2. Welcome

Councilor Kate Schlademan welcomed attendees. Mayor Craig Shubert also welcomed and thanked the attendees.

3. Introduction

Community Development Director Greg Hannan stated the overall goal of the Ward meetings was to collect neighborhood specific feedback to help guide the 2020 Connectivity Plan.

4. Staff Background

Senior Planner Nick Sugar provided a background on the original 2013 connectivity plan and the current 2018 plan.

5. Resident Discussion

Community Development Director Greg Hannan asked each resident to provide some initial thoughts regarding key priorities for the plan or key connections you would like to see in your neighborhood.

Shannon Navy: Resident of Nicholson Drive. Would like to see improvements on West Streetsboro Street. Would like to see the rails to trails conversion of the Norfolk-Southern and Akron Metro line. Also noted Nicholson Drive is challenging for bike and pedestrian use due to the tight curves and higher speeds.

Angie Butto: Resident of Olde Town Colony. Surveyed residents in their neighborhood. Strongest desire was for South Main connections to Discount Drug Mart shopping area and

second was to connect to the Bike and Hike Trail via Barlow Road. Residents also expressed interest in adding bike/pedestrian infrastructure at the Owen Brown Street railroad underpass.

Lisa Damato: resident for 20 years on Steepleview Dr. Pedestrian improvements have been made over the years. Neighborhood can now access downtown. Would like improved connections to the County Hike and Bike. Current access to the Hike and Bike on West Streetsboro is dangerous, use Bridgewater Place connection instead.

Mairin Brady Manchino: Resident of High St. Has young kids that can not cross safely at North Main St. Encourage increased focus on safety, education, and enhanced crosswalks. Prefer prioritizing sidewalks over multipurpose trails.

Katy Ellison: Resident of Nicholson Dr. Desire for middle school age children to be able to access downtown from Nicholson Dr. Desire to see city advance the rails to trails option at Norfolk Southern-Akron Metro.

Kara Downing and Ken Paul: Residents of Nicholson Dr. Suggest priority be placed on environmental impact and drainage issues when designing/improving trails. The proposed Barlow Road improvements to St Rt 91 will be a good benefit.

Tom Maxwell: Resident of Nicholson Dr. Safety is a key priority. Currently uses Cascade Park to connect to Nicholson Drive. Using West Streetsboro Street is too dangerous. Noted that portions of the rail trail could be advanced with Akron Metro in the near future. Asked if a raised platform other safety crossing would be added at Barlow and St Rt 91. Thom Sheridan noted the safety enhancements are typically utilized where there is not a signalized intersection.

Mike Ryba: Resident of Barlow Rd. Noted that some residents on Barlow Rd were hesitant of the upcoming sidewalks but that it is generally supported. Noted bike lanes might be an option on more rural roads such as Hines Hill Rd. Noted Norton/Seasons Rd is not safe for biking.

Councilor Schlademan: Councilor Schlademan noted she received a couple of written correspondences. The first noted the need to review wheelchair accommodations as part of the connectivity planning and design improvements. Additionally visually impaired infrastructure should be accommodated. A correspondence was also referenced regarding how far people might be willing to walk and if more thought was needed to bike focused connections.

Thom Sheridan asked attendees thoughts on walking distance. Mayor Shubert noted one to one and a half miles seems to be typical. Lisa Damato noted one mile is reasonable. Mike Ryba noted there are likely research studies that may give insight to such.

Mayor Shubert asked about the proposed Cascade Park improvements and what Nicholson Dr residents wanted to see. Residents commented on a desire to keep the gravel surface with drainage improvements and replacement of the bridge. Also discussion on the desire to see a sidewalk along Nicholson Dr with storm ditch replaced with pipe system.

Greg Hannan asked each attendee what one segment could be most impactful to the community. Angie Butto noted South Main St and the Barlow Rd improvements connecting to the Hike and Bike. Shannon Navy noted West Streetsboro St. Lisa Damato noted West Streetsboro St and

connections to the Hike and Bike. Mairin Brady Manchino noted Middleton Rd. Katy Ellison noted Barlow Rd and South Main St. Kara Downing and Ken noted Nicholson Dr. Tom Maxwell noted Barlow Rd and the gravel path east of Nicholson. Mike Ryba noted Barlow Road and that the design should accommodate safe travel across the Barlow/Terex intersection.

Councilor Schlademan and Mayor Shubert thanked everyone for attending. Staff encourage attendees to have neighbors submit comment to the city website. Meeting ended at 8:45pm.

Email communications received by Councilor Schlademan from residents unable to attend the session:

From Paul Taylor: Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 12:08 PM

Dear Councilperson Schlademan,

I see that you are convening a group of volunteers to discuss connectivity in Town. While I will not be available for that meeting, I would like to share my thoughts with you on the topic.

I like the idea that was proposed in the last discussion of building up pedestrian/ bicycle ways along the main arteries into and across town. It has been pointed out in the past that high speed bicyclist generally don't and shouldn't use combo pedestrian/ bicycle pathways. Also, no one wants to have such a path installed across their lawn or driveway.

Thank you for considering resident input on this matter.

It occurs to me that my first email may have been a bit ambiguous, I apologize. The points I meant to make were:

1. Build up the arteries into and across town.
2. Separate the high speed bikes from the pedestrians and slower wheeled traffic.
3. Try to keep this out of people's yards and driveways, especially short driveways.

Thanks,

Paul

Taylor

Ward 1A

From Beth Innamorato, Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2020

Hello Kate,

I thought I would give you feedback on your ward meeting coming up on July 1!

1. I really like the plan to connect Hudson and it looks really well thought out.
2. Having sidewalks on both 91 and 303 within Hudson boundaries is crucial for safety especially the area between approximately Bard and Barlow. It would connect people to the stores such as Drug Mart, etc.
3. The pathway planned from Steepleview on Prospect to Hines Hill and continuing west on Hines Hill is a must as there are so many bikers on that stretch and the visibility is really bad. I believe this would connect to the park on Hines Hill or actually off of Walters Road.
4. Which leads me to Morse Road. Morse Road already has a sidewalk with lined trees and is relatively newer. Constructing an 8 to 10 foot path would require cutting these trees and others down. The sidewalk currently works, why not direct the monies else where as needed. The street currently looks beautiful with the trees and would offset the quaintness of the area.
5. As I viewed the maps of present sidewalks, I noticed that a lot of neighborhoods do not have them. I don't know how people feel about that as I love my sidewalks, but would this be something other neighborhoods would want or too late and too costly? Or maybe the connectivity to town from each neighborhood is enough for now?

Just some thoughts and thank you very much for listening!

Sincerely,

Beth Innamorato

From Chris Strok: Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 12:55 PM

- > Connecting neighborhoods to neighborhoods, neighborhoods to schools, different areas of town to downtown and connecting with areas outside of Hudson. This is what connectivity means to me.
- >
- > *Safe sidewalks for those in wheelchairs.
- > *Improvements where current sidewalks are very close to the road.
- > *Visually impaired lighted path around downtown (we have a friend on Church Street who walks from his house to coffee shop daily. They indicated any additional lighting across green area would help).
- > *How far are people willing to walk to get downtown? Especially with kids in tow?
- > *How far will people bike to get downtown?
- > *How many people would walk to downtown from 1 mile, 2 miles or 3 miles away?

- > ***Biking and walking to get to towpaths or outlying national parks. How can we get more people to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Bike and Hike Trails). Where's the closest access areas? 303 and Olde Rt 8 where the Tiki Underground is - 3 miles out Rt 303. This is my request on information from where I live in town.

- > Select areas on 303 and 91 to cross safely. Flashing cross walks like the one in middle of downtown on 91? At Oviatt and 303?

- > If the city continues to build multi purpose paths will they maintain them in the winter or will they be a 3 season path? I suppose some people could use them for cross country skiing during the winter. As an example the path system that runs from Ravenna Street through Barlow Community Park between fire and police stations to 303 and 91 is not plowed. I'm realistic and know the city can't afford keeping the multi paths snow cleared. Others in town might expect them to be clear in winter?

- > Distances to downtown and how far will people walk or bike?
- > Past Hudson Country Club halfway down Middleton - 3 miles. Hudson High to downtown is 2 miles.
- > Oak & Embers - 2.5 miles
- > From farthest NE corner of town to downtown is 3.5 miles Laurel Lake
- > to downtown is almost 2 miles
- (I don't think many people are walking these distances to get to downtown. You'll get the 2% - 3% who cycle).

I personally because of my house location would like to see more multi purpose paths moving into and out of the downtown area. Followed by improved bike lanes.

Thanks, Chris



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City of Hudson Ward 3 Session, July 2, 2020

Hosted by Ward One Representative Councilman Skylar Sutton

2020 Connectivity Plan Discussion

1. Call to Order

a. Attendees

Councilman Skylar Sutton

Mayor Craig Schubert

Residents: Ernest and Lois Carnes, John Soulliere, Tim Fenner, Brian Canterbury, Brad Patton, KJ Paradise, Stephanie Mowls, Peter Vaele, Maria and Doug Green.

Staff: Nick Sugar, Thom Sheridan, Greg Hannan

2. Welcome

Councilor Skylar Sutton welcomed attendees.

3. Introduction

Asst. City Manager Thom Sheridan stated the overall goal of the Ward meetings was to collect neighborhood specific feedback to help guide the 2020 Connectivity Plan.

4. Staff Background

Senior Planner Nick Sugar provided a background on the original 2013 connectivity plan and the current 2018 plan.

5. Resident Discussion

Community Development Director Greg Hannan asked each resident to provide some initial thoughts regarding key priorities for the plan or key connections you would like to see in your neighborhood.

KJ Paradise: Resident of Ravenna Street, east of Stow Road. Feels very disconnected in the area. Ravenna street needs connections into downtown.

Peter Vaele: Resident of Greencrest neighborhood. Would like to see connectivity to Ellsworth Hill School. Notes Middleton Road has poor connectivity.

Maria and Doug Green: Resident of Dunbarton Dr. Notes no sidewalks are present throughout Canterbury neighborhood. Lack of any connections to the High School, Hudson Springs, or downtown. Understood some sidewalk sections may not be high priority and in those areas perhaps residents would be interested to fund such improvements themselves.

Ernest and Lois Carnes: Residents of Middleton Road, east of Stow Rd. Noted neighborhood kids are close to Ellsworth Hill School so they are not able to get bus service; however, there are no sidewalk connections. Need a stronger focus on safe routes to school. Noted students use Pioneer Dr to access the school; however, there is no crosswalk. Bike trails would also be beneficial as there is little bike connectivity for area.

John Soulliere: Resident of Deerpath Trail. Noted a need to invest in main arterial streets first. Middleton Rd and Stow Rod are very narrow. Also some challenge with grades changes near Tinkers Creek.

Tim Fenner: Resident of Deerpath Trail. Agreed with the need to prioritize Middleton Rd. The road is very narrow for any bike/pedestrian use. Enjoys biking into downtown on weekends. Hudson Aurora is narrow with some poor pavement areas. Prefers Stow Road and into Bicentennial Woods.

John Soulliere commented how two churches are also located in the NE corner of Hudson and disconnected from other areas.

Brian Canterbury: Resident of Estates of Canterbury. Family and neighbors would like to see access to downtown and the schools. Suggested to advance the arterial roads in the community.

Stephanie Mowls: Resident of Eastham Way. Noted improved safety should be a top priority. Stated the cost of improvements is expensive; however, additional funding needs to be allocated to start increasing connections. Noted benefit of Ogilby Drive as it serves as a through street and connects multiple parks.

Mayor Shubert: Suggested revising segment 5 on Middleton Road to have the segment go from Stow Road to Huntington Road. Noted the need to improve connectivity on Middleton Road. Also noted the benefit of segment 52 on Ravenna Street from Stow Road to South Hayden Pkwy. Noted being opposed to an assessment method unless it was requested by a neighborhood that might not be along a priority street.

Thom Sheridan discussed the city assessment process. Noted the city completes cost estimates at no charge per the request of ten percent of residents within a designated area for public improvements such as sidewalks, street lighting, or utilities. Residents can then petition to have the city complete the improvements and assess the property taxes going forward over an extended time period.

Councilman Sutton: Resident of Ravenna Street. Noted receiving a correspondence from a resident on Weston Drive indicating improved connection are also needed to Silver Springs Park and the Hike and Bike in Stow. Noted having two younger children and not able to let them bike on adjacent roads. Noted the need to advance arterial streets first. Assessment process could be an option for low priority sidewalks. Indicated bike lanes are not preferred as it does not accommodate novice riders or pedestrians.

Greg Hannan asked each participant to indicate a single connection to make that would be most impactful to the community.

Ernest and Lois Carnes - Middleton Rd from Stow Rd to Huntington.

John Souilliere – Middleton Rd from Stow Rd to Huntington.

Doug Green – Middleton Rd from Stow Rd to Huntington.

Stephanie Mowls – Connections to Ellsworth Hill School.

Brian Canterbury – Need to advance the spoke and wheel mindset and complete Darrow Road and Streetsboro Street.

Mayor Shubert – Stow Road corridor with a multipurpose surface where feasible.

Councilman Sutton – The L-shaped area created along Stow Road from Hudson Springs south to Streetsboro Street and west to North Hayden Parkway.

Thom Sheridan asked for any feedback on trails as most of the discussion had focused on sidewalks. Residents commented briefly on trail connections but noted a stronger desire for school and downtown connections.

Councilman Sutton noted sensing a general desire from Ward 3 residents to have better connections to the rest of the community.

Councilor Sutton and Mayor Shubert thanked everyone for attending. Staff encourage attendees to have neighbors submit comments to the city website.

Meeting ended at 8:20pm.



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City of Hudson At Large Council Session, July 9, 2020

Hosted by Council President William Wooldredge and

at Large Council Representative Hal DeSaussure

2020 Connectivity Plan Discussion

1. Call to Order

a. Attendees

Council President William Wooldredge

Councilman Hal DeSaussure

Residents: Henry Vigor, Steven Zelich, Ron Brubaker, Kathy Battaglia, Tom King, and Tracy Corpus

Staff: Nick Sugar, Thom Sheridan, Greg Hannan

2. Welcome

Mr. Wooldredge and Mr. DeSaussure welcomed attendees.

3. Introduction

Asst. City Manager Thom Sheridan stated the overall goal of the Ward meetings was to collect neighborhood specific feedback to help guide the 2020 Connectivity Plan.

4. Staff Background

Senior Planner Nick Sugar provided a background on the original 2013 connectivity plan and the current 2018 plan.

5. Resident Discussion

Community Development Director Greg Hannan asked each resident to provide some initial thoughts regarding key priorities for the plan or key connections you would like to see in your neighborhood.

Henry Vigor: Frequent biker in the community. Note the current arrival points to the Hike and Bike could use improvement. Noted a key access from downtown is south on Main, west on Faymont, South on Holland, and then west on Barlow to the Hike and Bike. Would like to see the rail trail connection to Veterans Park. Also noted the Boston Mills Road corridor could create a strong link to the Hike and Bike within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Tracy Corpus: Asked about the city position on bike lanes as they do not provide the same level of function as off-road improvements. Ms Corpus also asked about the North Main improvements. Mr. Sheridan described the dual bike lanes and 8 ft multipurpose path proposed.

Ms. Corpus also noted the concept of an assessment is of interest for certain connections not high on the priority list.

Tom King: Noted city efforts over recent years have been focused on small linkages and projects. Stated this concept has caused the loss of creating a functional network. Suggested targeting larger, more impactful projects. Also noted the need for wayfinding and publicity of the network. Suggested advancing the major roadways first.

Kathy Battaglia: 28 year resident. Note the recent small projects have not made meaningful connections. Suggested targeting a specific area and installing the full network within that area. Suggested Middleton Road west of St Rt 91 as a key segment to complete next year as part of the anticipated resurfacing. Noted the County Hike and Bike was installed in 1972; however, there is still no connection from the trail to downtown. Suggested the Middleton Road residents be engaged on all possible options related to sidewalks, curbs, enclosed stormwater ditches, and related public infrastructure.

Ron Brubaker: Referenced the strong desire to advance the rail trail along the Metro RTA and Norfolk Southern line. Noted sidewalks are useful within a neighborhood but are not as beneficial for longer trips. Suggested the need to study a bike network separate from a pedestrian network. Noted the Veterans Trail corridor contains 12.5 miles linking six other trails and providing possible connection to Akron.

Steve Zelich: 24 year resident. Noted two key destinations for all residents are the schools and downtown. Noted how beneficial a sidewalk on E Streetsboro Street would be to connect St Regis and Canterbury neighborhoods to the schools. Long time cyclist but noted riding with vehicles on the roadway is less desirable.

Councilman Hal DeSaussure: Noted smaller trail/sidewalk segments have been pursued over recent years due to available funding. Noted at one time a city-wide levy was discussed but not advanced due to community hesitation. Also commented on receiving an email correspondence from a resident noting not being in support of bikes lanes.

Council President Wooldredge: Noted many projects have been pursued in recent years where outside funding has been available.

Greg Hannan asked each participant to indicate a single connection to make that would be most impactful to the community.

Henry Vigor: Veterans Way to Barlow Road along the rail corridor.

Tracy Corpus: Noted a calendar would be helpful to see what construction projects are coming. Noted key connections include Prospect Street and Hines Hill from St Rt 91 to Valley View Road.

Ton King: Most impactful segment would be to connect Ashbrooke with downtown. Noted there are some connections within the NE, SE, and SW quadrants of the city but no connections

for the NW quadrant of the city. Also noted planning and design work needs to be advanced so these projects can advance quicker.

Kathy Battaglia: Noted the need to publicize the effort more and seek further resident input. Noted two grants the city should target include the Invest in America Act and the Great American Outdoors Act.

Ron Brubaker: Noted the Spine Trail from Barlow Road to the south.

Steve Zelic: Connect larger neighborhood to town including Middleton, Stow Road and St Rt 303.

Council President Wooldredge and Councilman DeSaussure thanked everyone for attending. Staff encourage attendees to have neighbors submit comments to the city website.

Meeting ended at 8:45pm.

Councilman Foster: Thanked everyone for attending. Staff encourage attendees to be ambassadors to have neighbors submit comment to the city website. Meeting ended at 8:45pm.