

VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

GOAL 3 ALLIANCE



Hello,

As many of you know, recent restrictions and mandates have been issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19. For this reason, and for the safety and wellbeing of our members and employees, we would like to continue to move GR Forward through virtual meetings.

We have decided to use Microsoft Teams for video/phone conferencing for all upcoming board and alliance meetings. Teams has many exciting features including screen sharing, recording, live captions, file sharing, and more. Below are instructions on how to access your upcoming virtual meeting.



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- Be aware of your surroundings: make sure your background is professional and work appropriate.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please email me at mmcdaniel@downtowngr.org. Thank you!

Best,
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AGENDA

GOAL 3 ALLIANCE

Board Members:

Andrew Queenan • Breese Stam • Dave Riley • Dustin Corr • Hank Kelley • Jim Botts • Johannah Jelks • Kara Peltier • Kristin Bennett • Max Dillivan • Meegan Joyce • Nikos Monoyios • Ryan Kilpatrick • SuLin Kotowicz • Trey Conner •

September 30, 2020

2:00p – 3:30p

Microsoft Virtual Teams Meeting

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| 1. Call to Order, advice on virtual meeting | Monoyios |
| 2. Approval of May 2020 Minutes | Monoyios |
| 3. Discussion: Micromobility Launch | Bennett |
| 4. Discussion: Better Block: Division United Everyone's Plaza | Monoyios |
| 5. Project Updates | Miller |
| a) Van Andel Arena Plaza | |
| b) Wayfinding progress | |
| c) Bicycle Infrastructure | |
| d) Division Avenue | |
| e) Ottawa Avenue | |
| f) Riverwalk work next year | |
| g) Lyon Square | |
| 6. Moving Forward and Budget Priorities | Monoyios |
| 7. Public Comment | |
| 8. Alliance Member Discussion | |
| 9. Adjournment | Monoyios |

Next Meeting: scheduled for October 28





Goal 3 Alliance

May 27, 2020

1. Call to order: Mr. Monoyios called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm
2. Members Present: Kristin Bennett, Nikos Monoyios, Kara Peltier, Breese Stam, SuLin Kotowicz, Hank Kelley, Max Dillivan Dustin Corr, Johannah Jelks, Ryan Kilpatrick, and David Riley.

Members Absent: Andrew Queenan, Jim Botts, Meegan Joyce, and Trey Conner.

Others Present: Mark Miller, Kim Van Driel, Marion Bonneaux, Melvin Eledge, Amanda Sloan, Sam Suarez, and Mandy McDaniel (DGRI Staff)

3. Approval of Minutes- April 2020
Unanimous approval of April 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. None opposed.
Motion passed.

4. Downtown Mobility post-COVID-19
Mr. Monoyios asked members to give their individual perceptions of what they have seen, future trends, and what Goal 3 should be focusing on for the next fiscal year budget.

Mr. Dillivan stated he is seeing more bicyclists on downtown streets and able to travel at a much more relaxed pace because they are not competing with vehicles in a high-stress environment.

Members are encouraged to share with Mr. Miller or the group of any ideas they may have.

5. Discussion: Bicycle Friendly Improvements FY2021 (attachment)

Mr. Miller referred to the Recommended Expenditures Spreadsheet for fiscal year 20, included in this month's agenda packet. This information was included to have a conversation in preparation for fiscal year 21 investments to present to the DDA in July.

Ms. Bennett stated the budgets that DGRI have put together generally include funding for bicycle improvements. This year we have recommended to push for as much spending out of those line items to get money into our economy and advance projects, such as GR Forward and the Bicycle Action Plan. The Bicycle Action plan includes system connectivity, intersection safety, bike parking, and public bike repairs/pumps.

Ms. Bennett stated the items budgeted for next year includes bike parking, a design project on Wealthy and Market in conjunction with a signal upgrade, and an intersection improvement along Division. The remainder of the budget is open to make recommendations and approvals later in the year. Mr. Miller stated we are also looking at metered bicycle racks, infrastructure in parking garages, and additional design work. The total amount is about \$47,800 out of \$125,000 budgeted for this year's investment.

Mr. Monyios asked if there would be a rolling line item for maintenance to offset some of those costs. Ms. Bennett stated the city will be retaining ownership and maintenance of those infrastructures.

Mr. Miller stated with unanimous approval from members, the proposal will be presented to the DDA in July for approval for fiscal year 21 investment.

6. Discussion: Potential Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements FY2020

Ms. Bennett stated if there is additional fiscal year 20 funding, we could begin funding the metered bicycle racks, or we could break that line item up between fiscal year 20 and 21. Another option is pre-purchasing a bike repair stand for Canal Park. Originally, there was funding for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) that could be purchased for Monroe and Campeau, Division and McConnel, and on Lafayette.

Mr. Miller suggested a sit down with DGRI and city staff to work together on creating a package of pedestrian and bicycle improvements for fiscal year 20 to present to the DDA in June.

7. Project Updates:

a. Pedestrian Safety Enhancements

Mr. Miller stated the Jefferson crosswalk project by St. Mary's has had a quick turnaround. The two RRFBs are already placed. The Bridge Street east and west crossings are also complete.

b. Micro Mobility Initiative

Ms. Bennett stated Mobile GR and DGRI partnered together for a bike share feasibility study a few years ago. The information was wrapped into the bike action plan that was approved last summer. A request for proposal was sent and out of the 5 applicants, Spin and Gotcha were selected as vendors for this project. The Goal is to launch the bike share pilot service in the early fall or early summer which will include all the downtown area. Public information will be coming out soon.

8. Public Comment

9. Alliance Member Discussion

10. Next Meeting – June 24, 2020 at 2 pm

11. Adjournment

Mr. Monoyios adjourned the meeting at 3:01 pm

Minutes taken by:
Mandy McDaniel
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