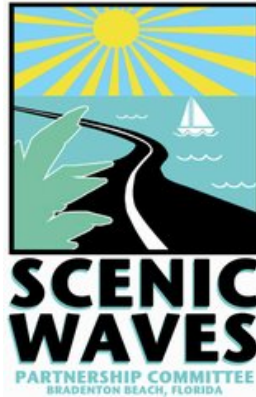


## MINUTES



**PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE  
KATIE PIEROLA COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL  
JULY 14, 2008 2:00 PM**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Carl Parks, SWPC Co-Chair; Tim Lyons; Manon Lavoie, FDOT Liaison; Steven Robertson; Dana Snell; Ed Chiles; David Teitelbaum; Comm. Janie Robertson; Comm. Bob Bartelt; Mayor Michael Pierce; LM Phillips, PPM.

**PRESS:** Islander; AMI Sun

**CALL TO ORDER: 2:02**  
**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**1. DISCUSSION REGARDING PLANNING OF PARK N' RIDE FACILITIES IN BRADENTON BEACH; POSSIBLE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Marie Phillips (LMP), PPM Director. Manon Lavoie (ML) described possible second round of federal stimulus funding; FDOT is attempting to be ready for that possibility; there is no competition with the county if we apply. All projects are prioritized and multiple projects may be funded.

LMP distributed information on Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) for Park N Ride system; initially looking at Cortez Beach location.

Ed Chiles (EC): Sees this as opportunity to serve employees **and** visitors, ferrying them to business districts from parking at public beach.

ML: Thinks there are two projects: 1. Park N Ride facility and 2. "rolling stock." The big question is who will own, operate and maintain capital stock? The city or MCAT? If MCAT, they will have to apply; so far no projects received from MCAT. Design/Build is an option for funding, so projects do not necessarily have to be "shovel ready." Manatee County will have to buy-in with the use of their property. Stimulus projects will have to be advertised within 60 days of funding notification (pending permit issues); design/build projects are done by best estimate and they go out to bid only once.

Carl Parks (CP): Where on Cortez Beach (would you locate a Park N Ride)? Aren't you encouraging people to back out onto Gulf Drive? Wouldn't you rather use Coquina Beach?

David Teitelbaum (DT): Coquina Beach has all the parking we need; use the transit hub which already exists and there is no need to "build" anything.

Steven Robertson (SR): How long will (the LSV) run?

DT: That has to be decided; the fact is that we get past all the design/build stuff and buy ready-made.

is a general term or are we referring to the state's Park & Ride generally, and not as part of the state system. Working on Park & Ride (MCAT) already. Is it not enough for our needs? There's the hours, and the fact

DT: Very simply, we have a parking lot called "Gulf Drive;" and because of bumper-to-bumper traffic we need to move people.

EC: This is not on the state highway; we can justify it as a separate entity because it has more utility for this city. We will solve the problem of people waiting in traffic and then for the trolley; this will have more frequency; sees it as a two-year pilot program with greater frequency during peak season and "dark" times in the off-season. It serves employees and visitors *when they need it*.

Tom Vaught, AMI SUN: Why are you not considering the bay side?

EC: We should consider everything.

Comm. Robertson (CR): Sam said we could cross the street at the "top" of the bayside and drive up the west side Right of Way (ROW) and then come down 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Bay Drive and to Bridge Street.

EC: Is a "crossing" for the vehicle a possibility?

ML: No.

DT: Advertising on the trolley is now approved; if we could get stimulus monies for this program, the monies for operating this could be provided. A "blue ribbon" panel will decide how (raised) funds (via festivals, etc.) will be spent.

ML: Justify the "rolling stock" as a transportation item and we don't care who pays for operations, all we buy is stock.

SR: Are we going to be in the ROW with dedicated stops? ML: Is this DOT- ROW?

CR: Sam came to us about 7 months ago and reported that we are all set to operate; he checked the laws, commission agreed to a new speed limit, and we now have an ordinance allowing LSV in that specific area.

ML: What I'm afraid of is that cars will follow them; will there be enforcement?

LMP: They're (the police) pretty diligent.

ML: Make sure to submit something to me ASAP, and submit to all jurisdictions ó certainly Mike Howe.

LMP: Is this new funding, or leftover from last round?

ML: It is new money.

LMP: Can I get a consensus on which vehicle we want?

EC: The last one; open-air on last page; get three so that we have a "backup."

LMP: Do we have a consensus? Answer: affirmative.

LMP: Are we proposing that the city own the vehicles and be responsible for operating them?

Various conversations discussing ownership and liability. MCAT seems the best answer.

Consensus of group: Approach MCAT, re: ownership, operation.

ML: It would be a joint application.

CR: Described discussing storage with Public Works Director, and thinks the city's contribution could be facilitating the storage and charging of the LSV.

ML: Include charging station in application.

LMP: We have to be ready to detail operating costs to the Board of County Commissioners.

TL: Can we research what the other communities do: Naples, Tampa?

EC: It would seem that MCAT would look at this for Lakewood Ranch, etc.

ML: Watch the news, and if this funding is announced, the clock will be ticking very fast. Get your application in. You have a Mayor that shows up to the meetings, and that goes a long way.

LMP: I will email Manon a narrative. More supportive conversation.

## 2. ADJOURNED 3:00

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Marie Phillips

