

# Five Fifths TIF Advisory Committee July 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

## Members in Attendance:

Dwayne MacEwen  
Scott Mangum  
Virna Garcia  
Bobby Burns  
Nichole Pinkard  
Michael Dykes

## Not Present

Heather Bublick

## Ex Officio Staff Present

Paul Zalmezak  
Sarah Flax

## Additional City Staff Present

Sarah Fio Rito, Transportation and Mobility Coordinator  
John Fervoy, Evanston Transit Alliance

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

6:15pm Burns called to order

## 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Will review at next meeting

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

## 4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### A. Introduction-Sarah FioRito Transportation and Mobility Coordinator

- FioRito presented a slide deck posted on the Five Fifths TIF Advisory Committee -<https://www.cityofevanston.org/home/showpublisheddocument/96228/638569239774105988>
- Garcia recommends improvements to Emerson for a better aesthetic experience
- Pinkard suggests underpasses for pedestrians
- Protected bike lanes perhaps an option to address safety of bikes with trucks
- Pinkard - are the sidewalks in good enough condition and wide enough for strollers, wheel chairs, kids walking to school, etc.
- Dykes suggested navigation on sidewalk is difficult for wheelchair users - cant react quick enough at intersections - suggests to go in the street

- Mangum - recommends plowing the the bike lanes
- Garcia recommends plowing the sidewalk
- Burns - can we use TIF funds to plow sidewalks?
- Pinkard - mobility policy / strategy will change with new Fifth Ward School.
- FioRito reminded committee that District 65 will be supporting alternative transportation to school (e.g. educational bike fleet)
- Flax - look into banning right turn on red
- Garcia - PACE circulator bus idea
- FioRito- Raised crosswalks

#### B. Introduction John Fervoy, Evanston Transit Alliance

- Presentation posted on five fifths website
- “Problem with biking in Evanston”

#### C. Open discussion transportation, mobility, cycling, etc.

#### D. Future Data Sets

- Businesses (registered / types/uses)
- Residential (single family, multifamily, etc)
- Rental vs. Ownership Mapped
- Land Uses
- Demographics (including seniors, mobility challenged, population, household# of units per building, etc.)
- Safe routes to school / pathways
- Lead service line mapping and other infrastructure
- Power lines? (ask ComEd?) - or GIS
- Compare fifth ward with Five Fifths? Or just Five Fifths and/or 8092
- Tax exempt properties
- Placer.ai
- ESRI/GIS reports
- Mode share - how are people getting around / transportation behavior
- Bus Routes and Special service routes
- Bike racks/divvy/etc.
- Cheat Sheets

#### E. Parking Lot Improvements - Ashland / Noyes

#### F. Open Forum / Updates from Members

## **NOTES / Follow Up**

- Can TIF be used to plow sidewalks?
- Foster School transportation plan review (emerson crossing safety for example)
- Protected bike lanes on emerson
- Demographics - mobility challenged / elderly - engage Over the Rainbow for example
- Emerson just east of McCormick - add a curb cut / link to the bike trail
- Food trucks parked on simpson doesn't look nice
- Invite Darryl King to discuss lead line replacement (next meeting) 8092 - Census Tract within 5 years
- Painted Intersections? Raised intersections? - how do we plan for this / implement it?
- Is it time for a new transportation plan?
- Parking Lot MWRD Follow Up

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM**