



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 27, 2023

At 3:00 PM

at 131 Pleasant Street, Room A, Nantucket, MA 02554

APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Ian Golding (Vice-Chair), Michel Kremer, John Mynttinen, Joseph Topham, RJ Turcotte

Members Absent: Jason Bridges (Chair), Laura Walters

Staff Present: Mike Burns

Others Present: Erika Mooney, Chief Michael Cranson, Art Gasbarro, Jasper Young,

Via Zoom: Michael Gormley (NanTuckTuck Pedicab)

1. Administrative Items

1. Call to order
 - Vice Chair Ian Golding called meeting to order at 3:05PM
2. Establishment of a Quorum
 - This Vice Chair declared a quorum present
3. Approval of Agenda
 - There was consensus to approve the agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - There were no minutes to approve

2. Action and Discussion

1. NanTuckTuck Pedicab Demonstration and Discussion
 - Erika M described the proposed pedicab service and local regulations, noting the proposed service is requesting waiver of the restriction on pedal-assist vehicles. A demonstration ride from the Town Building to 131 Pleasant St was described to the attendees, which used Hussey, Gardner, Milk, New Dollar, Mill, and Pleasant Streets. Attendees were offered rides after the meeting.
 - Michel K asked why the area to use pedicabs was restricted to the Brant Point area.
 - Erika M responded that there were a variety of concerns with safety and traffic flow to allow them in other areas and along streets used for the truck route.
 - There was discussion of the 20MPH restriction on pedal-assist bikes.

- Michael G noted that his company intends to use pedal-assist, the demonstration vehicle is an older model and newer models performed better, the pedicab can pull out of the traffic flow to pickup and drop off.
- John M asked if the 4 foot passing buffer is enforceable.
- Michael G responded that extensive safety training will be done for all drivers.
- Erika M noted concerns with impacts to truck route traffic on Easy, Candle, Broad, and Washington Streets. Cobblestone roads were noted as a concern.
- Michael G responded that the truck route would be avoided and other roadways would be avoided that would impact the rider experience. He noted he is requesting the change to allow pedal-assist since the new models are quicker and would cause less disruption.
- John M asked about the market and cost of the service.
- Ian G asked about helmet use, seat belts, handlebars, tipping, lining the service area to the network of paths, and adding Pleasant Street to the service area.
- Michael G responded that helmets are not required and that this is for leisure activities and not for running errands. If successful the business could be expanded to other areas, and does not intend to request changes in the payment restrictions in the regulation. And noted upgrade to the vehicles are possible.
- Art G noted concern with new vehicle type and need for passing may create congestion and safety concerns.
- Chief Cranson same concerns with congestion, speed, safety, and helmets.
- Jasper Y noted this service could work in Sconset and not Town, asked about insurance rates, and concerns with storage of lithium batteries.
- Michael G responded that pedicabs are successful in congested environments, driver training would be stressed, pedicabs are generally safe with a tricycle base, insurance rates are within budget, and private options for storage being evaluated with newer models having special storage cases for batteries.
- No action taken.

3. Other Business

1. Committee Comment
 - There were no comments
2. Public Comment
 - There were no public comments

4. Adjourn

- The Vice Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:57PM.

Submitted by:
Mike Burns