

February 22, 2023
High Street Improvement Project Committee
MEETING NOTES

Via Zoom:

Kendall Johnston - Sawyer, Bruce Martin, Chris Robinson, Cheryl Grace, John Divinski, Chris Robinson, Sara Porter, Lisa Mills

Regrets: Jenny Amy, Heather Hyde

Meeting commenced at 10am

1. SBIA Membership Support Update - Sara Porter

Email was sent to Membership along with link to HSRP deck on February 14th

8 responses supporting plan

1 no was converted to a yes

2 additional enquiries from Southampton Olive Oil and L & Co were addressed in person or via email - no commitment received as yet

General concerns seem to be re:

- flex parking

- on street events

- boulevards impeding ability of passenger vehicles to enter and exit safely

- loss of parking spaces

- SOOC also concerned about access to his business by delivery trucks via Leeder Lane should the back lot be developed - that may have to be addressed by the Town if and when development begins, and Dave may have to negotiate a tree removal from his landlord's (Paul Schendel's) property in order to access his storeroom

Sara intends to visit the High Street (and peripheral) businesses this week with a hard copy package that includes the most important graphics and a letter requesting a response by February 28th

Suggestion raised to indicate on graphics that things like flex parking will be optional, according to any permits applied for by individual businesses

Sara will be meeting with Bill Bowden of Southampton Residents' Association on February 27th but at this point, he seems to find the proposal agreeable.

John and Cheryl both agreed that we will need to have higher numbers in agreement with the Plan when presenting to Town. All communication to Members have indicated that lack of response will be considered as support for the Plan. We will provide a timeline showing all communication with Membership, notes of in-person visits, availability of office hours, etc regarding our due diligence.

Lisa will send out an email reminder to Membership indicating that we are asking for a show of support otherwise lack of communication will be considered as agreement with Plan.

2. Parking Study - Cheryl indicated that the Study for both Port and South, has been agreed to and that by March 13th, Budget Day, she expects that \$60,000 will be allocated for a summer 2023 study. John will ensure that the Southampton Plan extends right down to the Flag and beach parking as well.
3. Coliseum Parking - John has no updates from the Town as they are still reviewing the area for accessible stalls, fire and emt access and pedestrian access
4. Public Consultation - May 20, 2023
Town Hall has been booked
Doors will open at 10am and 4 or 5 boards with enlarged renderings will be available for review
John MacDonald will give a brief presentation at 10:30am and Chris Robinson will facilitate the Q and A
An additional our will be set aside for people to leave written comments and pose questions to Committee Members or Town Representatives

We will finalise public meeting details and format at our next meeting

Lisa will have a HSR tab added to the BIA website at southamptonbia.com

5. NEXT MEETING: March 29, 2023, 10 am