



Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee – Board of Representatives

Virgil de la Cruz, Co-Chair

Bradley Michelson, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely .*

The meeting of the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee was held as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Michelson and de la Cruz and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Florio, Sherwood and Summerville. Excused were Reps. Lee and Lion. Absent was Rep. Grazioso. Also present were Rep. Adams and Frank Petise, Acting Transportation Bureau Chief.

Co-Chair Michelson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. LU30.022	REVIEW; Feasibility of Enacting an Ordinance to Regulate Short-Term Rentals of Private Dwellings. 12/04/18 – Submitted by Reps. Pratt and Zelinsky 01/02/19 – Report Made & Held in Committee 01/14/19 – Moved to Pending 01/27/21 – Held by Committee 02/24/21 – Report Made & Held by Committee 5-0-0 03/24/21 – Held by Committee 8-0-0 06/30/21 – Held by Committee 09/28/21 - WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN
2. LU30.056	REVIEW; Widening of Garden Street and Atlantic Street. 08/04/21 – Submitted by Rep. Adams	REPORT MADE

Rep. Adams explained that he submitted this item because he had heard of plans to widen these streets by that there have been no meetings with the community so far. He would like to know when the City will meet with the community about these plans, what the purpose of the widening is and what the plan is.

Mr. Petise reviewed the [attached concept drawings](#) for the proposed widening of Atlantic Street. This drawing was done in connection with a grant application. The largest taking in the concept drawing is 23 feet. Once the State has guaranteed funding, there will be meetings with the community, and negotiations with affected property owners. This widening which includes narrowing of travel lanes, bike lanes, streetscaping, increased pedestrian access, and traffic calming measures. The City is trying to minimize the impact on residents and to make the street a “Complete Street” as required by ordinance. The road will be normalized to make it more consistent with surrounding roads and made it safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. He will continue to work with the neighborhood and final plans will be based upon community input.

The goal of the project is to make it a Complete Street. Changes include: ADA compliant sidewalks, lighting, bike lanes, trees, crosswalks and normalization of traffic lanes. This project is still a couple of years out.

The current cost estimate is \$5.3 million. The Zoning Board required funds from the developer, some of which went to other projects. The City requested \$3.2 million from the State and there is a \$2.2 million match. The State typically does not fund more than \$3 million. A portion of the \$6.6 million from Charter will go toward this project.

There is no plan in connection with the proposed widening of Garden Street at this point. There is only the [attached concept drawing](#) which was developed several years ago.

The Zoning Board requires the developer to hire an engineer to design these changes with City input and direction.

Co-Chair Michelson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bradley Michelson, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).