

**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014
Minutes**

Members Present: Stacey Bacon
Dick Horton
Jeremy Johnson
LouAnn Colyer
Deborah McGeorge
Geoffrey Hines

Members Absent: Amy Hite

Others Present: Bill Beasley
Troy Graham
Kim Vogel
Andrea Holtzman

The first order of business was to elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve in the Term to run through December 2015. Troy Graham stated Amy Hite emailed him expressing her interest in either the Chair or Vice Chair position. Mr. Graham called attention to the applications that had been sent in from the board members. After looking briefly looking through the submitted applications, Dick Horton moved to elect Geoffrey Hines as Chairperson and Amy Hite as Vice Chairperson. This motion was seconded by Lou Ann Colyer and the motion carried unanimously. At this point Mr. Graham turned the meeting over the newly elected Chairperson, Geoffrey Hines.

The second order of business was the approval of the minutes for September 10, 2014. In this regard, Jeremy Johnson moved, seconded by Deborah McGeorge to approve the minutes as submitted. This motion carried unanimously.

The third order of business was a discussion about the recent PedNet public input meeting and an update of the status of the project. Several members expressed attending this meeting. The overall feedback from this meeting was positive. Kim Vogel explained there will be webinars beginning in December to go over the findings PedNet has gathered. Mrs. Vogel thought there would be at least one webinar a month for a while. She explained the funding has increased for this project so PedNet is looking to expand the project and include Girard. Mrs. Vogel also indicated she would look into when the information gathered would be provided to the public.

There was some discussion regarding ideas on how to connect the Watco Trail to the upcoming soccer fields that will be going in near Quincy and the Bypass.

Mr. Horton asked if the final layout of the highway was complete as this information would be good to give to PedNet.

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The fourth order of business was a brief discussion on the Safe Routes to School Phase II. Troy Graham explained the City had applied for a grant last year for planning of a Safe Routes to School grant. Phase 2 is gathering the information and planning the routes. Mr. Graham handed out a map of three different areas the City is looking into improving. This map has been attached and should be considered part of the minutes. Mr. Graham explained the City is looking to connect George Nettles with the South Rouse Trail. They are also looking to improve sidewalks in the area around Pittsburg Community Middle School and connecting Westside to the Watco Trail and to 4th Street.

Bill Beasley explained the next step is to set up a committee to head up the information gathering. Mr. Beasley explained the goal is to engage PTOs from schools and add a member of USD 250 in addition to the Active Transportation Advisory Board to the committee.

It was mentioned that the kids don't have adequate storage for their bike helmets at the Middle School and it would be good to look into getting adequate storage for the helmets to help encourage safety and exercise.

There was also concern regarding traffic on the PCMS routes. Mr. Beasley mentioned a HAWK light will be installed at the intersection of Larry Garman and Broadway.

It was also mentioned there is also no sidewalk from 12th to 10th along Joplin Street. Mr. Beasley explained with the East/West Connector there will be a sidewalk on the east side of Joplin in the area from 10th to 11th.

Mr. Beasley also mentioned the City will be working w/Greenbush to write the grant request.

The school input meetings will possibly begin in a couple months.

The fifth order of business was a discussion on current City requirements and codes in regards to sidewalks. Troy Graham handed out copies of the current City Codes in regards to sidewalks. He highlighted sidewalks are normally the property owner's responsibility to maintain. If the City puts in a trail the City will maintain it. If a sidewalk is torn out it must be replaced. He explained sidewalks in the Commercial areas will be looked at to establish some regulations since there currently are none. These requirements will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

It was mentioned the City is looking into different options to assist homeowners with the expenses that sidewalk entails.

Mr. Graham encouraged members to email him agenda items for future meetings.

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Kim Vogel announced there will be a PedNet Steering Committee Meeting via Skype on December 1st, 2014. The exact time is still unknown.

The Next Meeting was tentatively set for Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014. However, due to the Skype meeting with PedNet, this meeting may be held on December 1st to allow for availability of the entire group to attend.

There being no further business, Dick Horton moved, seconded by LouAnn Colyer to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. This motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Holtzman
Administrative Assistant