

**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2015
MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Geoffrey Hines, Chairperson
Amy Hit, Vice Chairperson
Stacey Bacon
Lou Ann Colyer
Dick Horton
Jeremy Johnson
Deborah McGeorge

City Staff Present: Bill Beasley, Director of Public Works
Troy Graham, Assistant Director of Public Works
Kim Vogel, Director of Parks and Recreation
Becky Gray, Director of Housing and Community
Development

Guests Present: Ashley Caldwell, SEK-CAP Volunteer Coordinator

The Active Transportation Advisory Board met on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in the City Hall Conference Room. Chairperson, Geoffrey Hines called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Dick Horton introduced Ashley Caldwell, SEK-CAP Volunteer Coordinator to the ATAB Committee.

The first order of business was the approval of the Minutes from March 3, 2015. Chairman Hines noted a misspelling in the minutes and noted the absence of the discussion regarding the Pitsco/Sunflower Trail. With those changes noted Hite made a motion to accept the minutes as changed and Colyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The second order of business was an update on Safe Routes to School (SRTS). Beasley mentioned that City staff was meeting with Westside PTO tonight to discuss the proposed grant application for their area. He also stated that we would be hosting a community meeting at George Nettels next week discuss SRTS with citizens living in that neighborhood. Vogel discussed the Walking School Bus program, which is just beginning in each of the elementary schools. Hite asked if we could ask Nancy Hicks to put the information on Power School so more SMC parents would be aware of it.

The third order of business was an update on Pedaling Pittsburg. Vogel discussed the changes made to the route and encouraged everyone to sign up to volunteer for the event. McGeorge noted that she would be able to be a bike leader.

The fourth order of business was an update on the PHAP grant. Vogel told the group that the initial listing of goals had been completed and submitted to the state for approval. She also noted that trails funding has stayed in the budget thus far.

The fifth order of business was a discussion by Becky Gray regarding future CDBG grant opportunities. Gray, the City's Housing and Community Development Director, discussed options that the City could apply for in regards to CDBG funding. She mentioned that we have approximately \$222,000 worth of projects that we are looking at, a restroom at Trail Head Park, the south Schlanger Park parking lot, and the extension of the east/west connector with a sidewalk east of Schlanger Park on 4th Street. There will be a 10% match required from the City for any funds that are awarded. Gray said that this program has to serve low to moderate income residents and since it stretches the entire community it should apply. Applications are due the 1st of June, announcements are made July 15th, we would have 9 months to award construction and another 9 months to complete any work.

The sixth order of business was a discussion of the ATAB brainstorming meeting. Hines gave reference to the questions that he'd asked the group via email regarding the need to meet and the best time. Overall it appeared that Wednesday's or Thursday's for 1-2 hours between 8am – 5pm seemed to be the best option for the group. Hines said he would resubmit the results. With further discussion it was determined that we would meet from noon – 2:00 on May 5th, which is our normal meeting date. Hines said he would bring pizza! Colyer noted that she would like to see education with PSU students regarding bike routes as one of the topics for discussion.

The seventh order of business was a discussion led by Debora McGeorge regarding the bike lanes on East Jefferson Street. McGeorge said that bike lanes are too narrow to be useful and that many areas has pavement that is bad. She noted the area around Masonite being bad and that cyclists had to go into the traffic to avoid the road conditions. She also said that debris is bad in the area. She asked if the bike lanes could be widened since there is still plenty of room for vehicles. Beasley noted that this area was a test area and that we are looking in to wider lanes on Joplin Street. He said that car lane has to be 12' and that we will have arrows on Joplin Street once the road is narrowed. He also said that we will keep road conditions in mind when developing the bike lanes. Colyer asked about power chairs being on the bike lanes. Beasley said that it was a better option than being in the road but a sidewalk is a better option. Beasley discussed more sidewalk improvements and noted that we are looking at a 5'-6' sidewalk on the new KCS overpass at 4th Street.

The eighth order of business was to discuss old business. Vogel reminded everyone of the By-pass clean up at 9:30 on Saturday.

The ninth order of business was to discuss new business. Beasley mentioned that there would be a South Rouse Trail kick-off meeting this week with City staff and staff of TranSystems. Vogel mentioned the Mini Warrior Dash taking place in Schlanger Park on Sunday.

With no additional business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled on May 5th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Vogel
Director of Parks and Recreation