

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING OF JULY 7, 2015
CITY HALL UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM
12:00 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

Minutes

Members Present: **Geoffrey Hines**
 Stacie Bacon
 Dick Horton
 Deborah McGeorge

Members Absent: **John Robb**
 Amy Hite

Others Present: **Kim Vogel**
 Bill Beasley
 Andrea Holtzman

Bill introduced the new member, John Robb. John will be serving an unexpired Four-Year Term representing the southwest quadrant. John was absent for this meeting but should be at the next one.

Debbie McGeorge requested there be a change in the wording to make sure it is understood the suggestion was to route down Walnut but this was not decided for sure. Stacey Bacon moved to accept the minutes with the changes. This motion was seconded by LouAnn Colyer and the motion passed unanimously.

Pete Mayo, Director of Pastoral for Via Christi and Matt Reavis, who manages the Planning and Zoning department to Via Christi were both present. Matt helps the hospital with the design and planning in construction. Mr. Mayo indicated he has recently taken over the role of working with the City to get a trail going through the hospital facilities.

Mr. Beasley explained there is currently a 10 foot trail running along the north side of the hospital. He also explained the South Rouse Trail is going to be installed soon. Any connection to these trails can be tied into these trails by the hospital.

Kim Vogel explained she felt a trail around the pond would be great.

Geoffrey shared he felt an agility trail would be great in this area as well.

Pete Mayo explained there is already a basketball court and a pavilion to the east of the hospital that may be a good place to tie into as well.

It was suggested that there is a lot of wheel chair traffic on Rouse in the offices and hospital area. Bill suggested if the hospital can put a sidewalk on the west side of the hospital the City can put some connection to the hospital and the South Rouse Trail.

Bill Beasley explained the South Rouse Trail is trying to obtain right of ways. This project is set to bid the first part of January and break ground in the spring.

Bill Beasley also explained the Pitsco-Sunflower Trail is a 6 foot trail that will be ADA accessible and will stop at Adams Street. A cost to extending the trail to Washington is being reviewed at the request of a private donor.

The East/West Connector is also underway. A beacon light will be installed on this project. B & B Construction was low bidder on this project. Construction is set to start in August.

The parking lot overlay at Schlanger Park will begin shortly as well. A CBDG grant was obtained for this project and this grant will also pay for a 10 ft trail along the south side of the park along 4th Street.

At this time the meeting became an opportunity for brainstorming and setting goals of the ATAB Members. Debbie McGeorge shared her first concern for her quadrant was addressed by PedNet. PedNet is addressing the need for pedestrian traffic safety from Walnut to the YMCA and around the Lincoln Park area. She expressed support for the PedNet plan. Geoffrey expressed some concern from N 20th to Walnut. LouAnn Colyer shared this concern. She felt there is limited accessibility to the grocery stores in the area. She felt there is restricted access from the northern end of town to the downtown area as well. Geoffrey also would like to see the council work with the Governing Body to get funding to assist with replace, repair or add sidewalks. Dick Horton shared his hope is that PZC and Governing Body would add the ATAB to the consideration of future developments. He also shared he would like to see the culture change and put the pedestrians and bikers before the vehicle traffic. Amy Hite has concerns about foot traffic on South Rouse around the Edge Apartment Complex and the Gorilla Villas and PSU area. LouAnn Colyer Crossing light on Centennial near the Lindburg Pharmacy. Sidewalk on the south side of Centennial extending to the mall and Ron's. Sidewalks on the north side of hospital maintenance needs to be addressed. Geoffrey would like some continuity in the sidewalks. Stacey Bacon shared a trail connecting Pittsburg to the Crestwood/Chicopee area, Free King Highway and 220th Street areas would be nice. She also would like to see a trail map with distance markers accessible to students at PSU and that could be able to post around campus to promote walking health.

There being no new or old business Amy Hite moved, seconded by Stacey Bacon to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Holtzman