

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Members Present: **Stacey Bacon**
 LouAnn Colyer
 Dick Horton
 Deborah McGeorge
 John Robb

Members Absent: **Geoffrey Hines**
 Amy Hite

Others Present: **Cameron Alden, Director of Public Works**
 Troy Graham, City Planner
 Andrea Holtzman, Administrative Assistant

In the absence of Chairperson Geoffrey Hines, Cameron Alden opened the meeting at 12:03 p.m. with four (4) members present.

The first order of business was the approval of the Minutes from October 6, 2015. In this regard, John Robb moved, seconded by LouAnn Colyer, to approve the minutes as submitted. This motion passed unanimously.

The second order of business was the discussion of formatting options for the map of existing trails. Cameron Alden handed out an updated version of the Recreational Trails in Pittsburg map. This version was cleaned up making it easier to read and showing schools. It was discussed to have the school names in the legend as well as have them numbered. The street names will be darkened as well. Mr. Alden explained he would also contact the members that are not present to get their feedback as well.

The third order of business was an update on the East/West Connector progress. Contractors were preparing to pour east of Joplin and dirt work was being performed west of Joplin. He thought the project would be completed in early December however he would have to double check on the exact date and make sure recent rains have not delayed the project. This project runs from Broadway and the Middle School to Schlanger Park.

The fourth order of business was an update on the South Rouse Trail Project. The design of this project is almost completed and upon completion will be turned into KDOT. Mr. Alden is unsure at this time when KDOT will review this project. The City is still trying to complete easement acquisition.

Due to the absence of Chairperson Geoffrey Hines, the discussion of the long range plan under old business was tabled until a later date.

Under New Business, John Robb explained KDOT has approved the route and signage for Bike Route 76. He asked if the City could create the identifying signs for this route. Troy indicated that this would need to be approved by the Governing Body. He was unsure if Bill Beasley had sent this to Commission for approval before he retired but Mr. Graham stated he would look into the matter and if necessary he will gather the necessary information and send this to the Governing Body.

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Mr. Robb requested Way Finding signs for other locations in addition to the route signs. Mr. Graham indicated these signs may take longer for approval but he would look into it.

Mr. Robb shared he has been receiving some negative feedback regarding trails and the PedNet Master Plan. He indicated he felt that the majority of the people just do not understand what is in the plan and its purpose and he would like to see the public better informed about the plan.

LouAnn Colyer explained someone contacted her requesting getting sidewalks to Community Health. This caller indicated he/she felt this sidewalk should be a priority.

Deborah McGeorge asked if a link to the plan could be sent to Board members. Troy Graham agreed to send this link or PDF to the Board Members and information about the Master Plan would be posted on the website and Channel 6.

John Robb expressed an interest in getting the hospital, school district and other businesses get involved in planning for future projects. There was a brief discussion regarding the development projects taking place at the intersection of Rouse and Centennial. It was decided that Troy Graham would contact the 2 people from the hospital that had attended a previous Active Transportation Advisory Board meeting to discuss future projects.

John Robb requested the Active Transportation Advisory Board put together a 5-10 year plan regarding the upkeep and condition of the current sidewalks throughout the City. Mr. Graham explained there has been some discussion regarding the City helping with some of the cost of repairs however nothing has been decided. There was some brainstorming regarding ideas on ways to assist in the upkeep of sidewalks. Some suggestions were to get some of the area church youth groups, Kiwanis, Rotary and some other groups to do something like adopt a sidewalk.

Mr. Robb asked if there has been any coordination with the newly formed Active Transportation Advisory Board from Girard. It was decided to extend an invitation to together with this group periodically to compare progress and projects going on.

The next meeting was set for December 1, 2015 at noon in the Upstairs Conference Room of City Hall.

There being no further business moved Deborah McGeorge, seconded by Dick Horton to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Holtzman
Administrative Assistant