

# Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2023

Committee Members Present: John Repke, Antonia Malchik, Luke Moses, Jim DeHerrera, Mary Behrendt, Giuseppe Caltabiano, Riley Polumbus,

City Staff Present: Carla Belski, Craig Workman, Maria Butts, Karin Hilding

Public Present: Bruce Boody, Shannon Clay, Greg Gunderson, Mike Fitzgerald, John Phelps, Casey Malmquist, Chris Holdhuson

- A. The meeting was called to order 8:33 a.m.
- B. Agenda for the February meeting had no edits. John moved to approve, and Jim seconded. Passed unanimously.
- C. John moved to approve the January 9, 2022, minutes. Jim seconded. Passed unanimously.
- D. Public Comment: No comments.
- E. New Business: None.
- F. Old Business
  - a. River Bend Condos: Craig reported that they received 3 proposals from engineers for survey and design of Riverbend path. Goal is to have engineer on board for 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting in March. Craig will notify the bike ped committee when it goes to council.
  - b. Malmquist Easement: Once engineer is selected for Riverbend survey and design, Craig will notify the Conservation District. It may help the Malmquist permit process to know that the city is moving forward with Riverbend.
  - c. Viaduct Improvements: MDT has let the city know that they will not allow steel rails to be attached to the viaduct structure. Craig is working with WGM to come up with an alternative that both Council and MDT will approve. Craig said they will present alternative concepts at an upcoming council work session.
  - d. Safe Routes to Schools:
    - a. Karin reported that there are plans for a parent meeting to discuss issues with walking to school. Karin also reported that MDT has announced the Transportation Alternatives grant with a lot of funding available for projects over the next five years. The city will be submitting a project to improve safety for kids walking to school including improvements by Memorial Park and 6<sup>th</sup> and Pine.
    - b. Karin also announced that the city has received \$160k grant from the federal program, Safe Streets for All. This grant funds the development of a plan and will include the formation of a Safe Streets for all Task Force. Once we have a plan in place, the city will be able to apply for implementation grants.

- e. Paths Needing FWP Approval: Craig reported that the city needs to reach out to FWP/CD as they still have not received any feedback on the guidelines that were shared. Need to look at issues with path width and get comments and a motion to move forward from Bike Ped committee before finalizing with FWP/CD.
- G. Parks and Recreation Comments:
  - a. Carla reported that she has been working with a Girl Scout Gold Award applicant to improve bike parking at Memorial Park. The scout will also be surveying other parks and any additional needs for bike racks.
  - b. Carla announced that the grant for Riverside trailside facility improvement has been submitted to FWP. This grant will help support work to restore the access area by Riverside bridge and provide bike parking and wayfinding.
  - c. Maria discussed budgeting for Riverbend design and engineering which involves a transfer from the general fund to Parks and Rec, with the engineering managed by Public Works. Maria discussed that construction could be a combination of Resort tax and other funds.
- H. Public Works Comments:
  - a. Craig discussed creating a more comprehensive matrix for the ongoing project list. Can use the appendix from the transportation plan and can include information such as permitting, budgeting, obstacles, objectives, and communications. The committee would like to see it distributed with the agenda to reflect the ongoing work of the committee. Mary suggested a website link to the list and Nia suggested a Pilot article to highlight the ongoing work of the committee.
  - b. Karin reported that there needs to be a “connector trail” at the end of Lena Joy. The path would need to be surveyed and designed and would involve either an easement or property from the HOA. Also need funding for design of trail along Snowy Mountain subdivision.
- I. Committee Comments:
  - a. Mary volunteered that she would be available to help with any additional committee work.
  - b. Nia pointed out that Luke is graduating in June, and we need to recruit a replacement for the high school representative. Luke noted that he may know of someone who is interested. The position will be advertised in April.
- J. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023.
- K. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.