

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2023

A meeting of the Sioux City Active Transportation Advisory Committee was held this date at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Begnoche
Angela Drent
Corrine Erickson
Kerri Johnson
Michelle Pick

MEMBERS ABSENT

Judy Bohnertz
Bob DeSmidt
Korey Smith

GUESTS

Ragen Cote,
Downtown
Partners
Michelle
Bostinelos,
SIMPCO

STAFF MEMBERS

Chris Madsen, Planning
Justin Pottorff, Engineering
Jim Clark, Police
Bill Lane, Parks & Rec

1. Call to Order

Drent, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from the February 15 Meeting

Staff provided copies of minutes from the February 15, 2023 meeting. Erickson (Begnoche) moved to approve the minutes. Motion carried. (5-0)

3. Ongoing Items

a. Trail Update

Lane stated that the Cone Park Mountain Bike trail construction will begin in the spring. The Big Sioux Pedestrian Bridge and PlyWood trail are scheduled for 2024 construction. Lane stated that the Floyd Connector Trail to the Riverfront trail and the Sergeant Bluff trail would also have a 2024 construction schedule.

b. RAGBRAI Update

Lane stated that the route has been officially announced including the pass-through towns. The Volunteer Committee is looking for more people to fill various committee needs, and Lane would send out contact information for anyone willing to volunteer.

Clark asked if the route within Sioux City would be the same as the last RAGBRAI. Lane and Pottorff stated that the route would be the same. Pottorff stated planned resurfacing work on Hamilton Boulevard would begin after RAGBRAI.

c. Committee Member Homework Update

The Committee homework assignments discussion were as follows:

Madsen stated that he had developed a draft ordinance change. Staff will forward the draft to the Committee for review.

Begnoche stated May would be a good time to schedule a ride as it is Bike Month. Then Madsen stated the Joint City Council meeting is on May 17 at noon, and the regular meeting is scheduled for that afternoon. The Committee agreed to ride the Riverfront trail in lieu of the regular meeting and invite City Council members.

The Committee discussed mapping the sidewalk gaps within the community, and identifying areas that would have the best impact.

d. Social Media / Marketing Update

Erickson stated she did not have any update and asked the group if there were any issues to post. The Committee discussed a series of posts about trail and road etiquette.

e. Long Term Projects, Quick Wins and Bike / Ped Master Plan Update

Madsen stated that the updated Bike Facility Study would be a Quick Win for this year.

f. Report an Issue Website Communication

Madsen stated that there were no safety issue reports submitted.

4. New Business

a. Bike Facility Study Amendment (Gordon Drive Viaduct)

Madsen stated that the Amendment was approved by the City Council and got a fair amount of attention. The Iowa DOT wanted to see additional mapping that would show trail connections in the vicinity of the viaduct. Madsen would send the updated map to the DOT.

b. Bike to Work Day/Month

Erickson stated that Bike to Work Day is May 19 and a breakfast will be hosted in the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce's parking lot.

Pick gave an overview of a Sioux City landmark and trail challenge. The challenge would include use of a goose trail application that would track users' activity for raffles at the end of the challenge.

5. Staff Site Plan Reviews for Sidewalk Connections (February – March)

Madsen gave an update on site plans that had been reviewed at the Development Review Committee since the last meeting. The first was a proposed car wash on the Vern Eide lot on South Lakeport Street. The site plan includes a pedestrian access from South Lakeport Street to the building.

The second site plan is Sioux City Ford on Singing Hills Boulevard. The addition is for additional parking and electric charging stations to the rear of the existing building. There is currently no pedestrian connection to the building and agreed to stripe a connection from the existing sidewalk.

The third site plan is for the Siouxland Community Christian School on Gordon Drive. The school is proposing to add a temporary portable building to the site and are proposing to extend the sidewalk adjacent to the existing school to the proposed building. There is no sidewalk in the right of way as the street turns to gravel. The Committee agreed that the proposed sidewalk is adequate for the site.

Johnson, Pick, and Begnoche exited at 5:00 resulting in a loss of quorum.

6. Roundtable / Future Agenda Items / Other Business

Madsen stated that the Joint City Council and Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023. Send any agenda items you would like to discuss with the City Council to Madsen.

7. **Adjourn**

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee lost the quorum and could not vote to end the meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be held April 19, 2023, the City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room at 4:00 p.m.

OR

Angela Drent, Chair

Bob DeSmidt, Vice-Chair