

# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

### OCTOBER 18, 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  
Judy Bohnertz  
Bob DeSmidt  
Angela Drent  
Corrine Erickson  
Shawn Olorundami  
Michelle Pick

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

#### GUESTS

Ragen Cote,  
Downtown  
Partners

#### STAFF MEMBERS

Chris Madsen, Planning  
Gordon Phair, Engineering  
Mark Huberty, Police  
Bill Lane, Parks & Rec

#### 1. Call to Order

Drent, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes from the September 20, 2023 Meeting

Staff provided copies of the minutes from the September 20, 2023 meeting. DeSmidt (Olorundami) moved to approve the minutes. Motion carried. (7-0)

#### 3. Ongoing Items

##### a. Trail Update

DeSmidt gave an update on parks and trails items. The work underway on the Cone Park mountain bike trails, and are asking people to use to trails south of Singing Hills to help compact the trails. Drent mentioned the bike rentals would be inclusive and have multiple options for people to choose.

##### b. Committee Member Homework Update

Madsen stated Staff are currently working on the dedication of the Chris Larsen Jr. Park. The area along the riverfront was never dedicated but was named Chris Larsen Jr. Park in the 1970s. The recent IDOT project and the City acquired all of the property, the area can finally be formally dedicated as a park. The Planning and Zoning Commission will review the request at their October 24, 2023 meeting.

Olorundami stated the bench near the fire station on Hamilton Boulevard does not include a trash can. The Committee would ask Parks and Recreation if a trash can could be added.

##### c. Social Media / Marketing Update

Erickson gave an update on the social media posts made in the past month. October is Pedestrian Safety Month and a message was posted about the shorter daylight hours and for vehicular traffic to stay vigilant for pedestrians. Erickson asked if there were any ideas for November and the upcoming holidays. Drent stated having a post about removing snow from sidewalks ready for the first snow event.

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

Madsen stated the Capital Improvement Program had been submitted and internal Staff review would begin in November. Drent asked about the ADA Transition Plan and if any assistance was needed to keep the project moving forward. Phair stated he and City Legal are still reviewing and will bring the draft to the Commission for review.

e. Report an Issue Website Communication

Madsen stated he had not received any comments through the report an issue on the City's website. Drent asked who receives the report for odors, as there were areas on the Perry Creek Trail with a urine smell. Phair stated that would be a Parks and Recreation issue to clean.

**4. New Business**

a. Meeting time and location

Drent stated this item had been discussed during the September meeting and would like to discuss beginning the meeting earlier with the shorter days and meetings going long. The Committee discussed times that would work for them and decided 3:45 would work for everyone. The Commission also discussed moving the meeting to the Expo Center. The Commission discussed the location and came to a consensus that the Expo Center was more convenient for parking. DeSmidt (Pick) moved to change the meeting time from 4:00 to 3:45. Motion carried (7-0). Bohnertz (DeSmidt) moved to change the meeting location to the Expo Center. Motion carried (7-0). The Commission asked if the meeting location could change if an event was occurring at the Expo Center. Madsen stated that the location could change and would need to be posted on the agenda with the correct location.

b. Morningside Avenue Corridor between S. Cecilia Street and Transit Avenue

Phair gave an overview of the Morningside Avenue Corridor project. The "Morningside cut thru" portions have been completed on Leech Avenue, Rustin Street, and Dodge Avenue. Next year the portion of South Cecilia from Dodge Avenue to Jay Avenue will be reconstructed with the bike lanes extended. Phair stated that there is a 100-year-old water main under Morningside Avenue from Jay Avenue to Transit Avenue. Phair stated that a proposed reconstruction project for Morningside Avenue is proposed in the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and stated this would include the extension of bike lanes and the removal of the traffic signal at Morningside and Peters Avenue. The project would include four phases over an eight year period. The Committee discussed the reconstruction and the inclusion of bump-outs at the Peters Avenue intersection to reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians. Olorundami stated he would prefer protected bike lanes to be included. The Committee directed Staff to have a study performed on Morningside Avenue for the best bike and pedestrian amenities on the route to be included in the reconstruction plans. DeSmidt asked if the entire length could be striped while the construction phases are occurring. Phair stated that would be possible to have striped.

c. Review Sidewalk Infill Plans

Phair stated that the construction plans for the Sidewalk Infill Program have been completed. The projects include adjacent to City-owner property on FreMar Drive and near the RoyDave Addition infill project on 34th Street. The sidewalk infill would extend to DuPont Street and south to Krumann Park.

Phair also presented a preliminary plan for the reconstruction of the Old Lakeport Road and Southern Hills Drive. The intention is to construct a round-a-bout in the intersection with trail connections. Staff's intention if for construction in 2024.

**5. Staff Site Plan Reviews for Sidewalk Connections (September – October)**

Madsen gave an update on site plans that had been reviewed at the Development Review Committee since the last meeting. The first was a contractor flex space at 3245 31st Street. The site is in the Springdale industrial area and there are no sidewalks in the vicinity. The Committee agreed that no sidewalk would be required.

The second site plan is a proposed single-family residence at 2816 South Lakeport Street. The site was originally reviewed as a duplex. The site plan shows a new sidewalk being added.

The third site plan is another single-family residence located at 316 35th Street. The site plan shows a new sidewalk being constructed.

The fourth site plan was also a single-family dwelling located at 2801 52nd Street. The property is an agricultural property on the far north side of the City. No sidewalk is located in the vicinity and on a gravel street. The Committee agreed that no sidewalk would be required.

The final site plan is on 3901 Green Avenue. The property owner is requiring six tiny homes on the property for residents that are aging out of the facility. The Commission recommended sidewalk along the Green Avenue frontage and a pedestrian connection from the parking lot to the public sidewalk.

**6. Roundtable / Future Agenda Items / Other Business**

Begnoche mentioned that the gate on the Riverside trail under the Interstate 29 bridges that the gate has been open since RAGBRAI. Parks and Recreation would be informed of the gate being open.

Pick stated the sidewalk adjacent to HyVee at the mall has a sidewalk panel that is raised. Phair stated he would send Staff to inspect and mark the sidewalk as needed.

**7. Adjourn**

There being no further business, DeSmidt motioned, Olorundami seconded, and with a 7-0 vote the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held November 15, 2023 in the Expo Center Conference Room 1 at 3:45 p.m.

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Angela Drent, Chair

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Bob DeSmidt, Vice-Chair