

# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

### NOVEMBER 15, 2023

A meeting of the Sioux City Active Transportation Advisory Committee was held this date at 3:45 p.m. at the Seaboard Triumph Foods Expo Center – Conference Room 1, 550 Expo Center Drive.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Begnoche  
Bob DeSmidt  
Angela Drent  
Corrine Erickson  
James Garvey  
Shawn Olorundami

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Judy Bohnertz  
Michelle Pick

#### GUESTS

Ragen Cote,  
Downtown Partners  
David Brokshus,  
CMBA Architects

#### STAFF MEMBERS

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

#### 1. Call to Order

Drent, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes from the October 18, 2023 Meeting

Staff provided copies of the minutes from the October 18, 2023 meeting. DeSmidt (Begnoche) moved to approve the minutes. Motion carried. (6-0)

#### 3. Ongoing Items

##### a. Trail Update

Lane gave an update on a few concerns raised during the November meeting. A trash enclosure on the Perry Creek Trail would be added to the maintenance crew's list if any additional funding is available. Lane also stated the gate on the Riverside Trail under Interstate 29 has been closed. The gate was opened during RAGBRAI and was not closed after.

Lane gave an update on parks and trails items. The PlyWood Trail is on the third phase and construction will begin in June. The PlyWood and Floyd Trail connectors will begin in July. The pedestrian bridge to South Dakota has been purchased and the project is waiting for Army Corps. approval. Construction will begin in the spring of 2024. Construction on the Loess Hills Scenic Trail will begin in 2024. The Cone Park Mountain Bike Trail pump track is complete and natural surface trail construction will continue during the winter. The completion date is projected to be May 15, 2024. Cote stated she has seen people using the mountain bike trail and asked if the trails are open. Lane stated the park is not open at this time, however enforcement is difficult.

Begnoche stated he has seen Riverfront contractors blocking the new trail while working in the area. Lane stated they would raise the concern with the contractors.

##### b. Social Media / Marketing Update

Erickson stated she did not have an update for this month. A number of posts are ready for snowy weather and a reminder to clear sidewalks. DeSmidt stated having social media posts with trail updates that could be shared would be helpful.

c. Report an Issue Website Communication

Madsen gave an overview of the reports received the previous month. The first issue was regarding a complaint about barking dogs. The complaint was forwarded to Animal Control.

The second was a vehicle parking on Windsong Court. The complaint did not state if the vehicle was in the street or over the sidewalk. The issue was forwarded to Code Enforcement to inspect.

**4. New Business**

a. Approve Annual Report

Madsen gave an overview of the annual report. All City Boards and Committees are required to submit an annual report to City Council as an update on the accomplishments from the past year and goals for the upcoming year. The Committee discussed adding accomplishments including; adding a bench on the Perry Creek Trail downtown, assisted with the Great Siouland Trail Exploration, and required sidewalks along developments on Highway 75 / Lewis Boulevard. Drent also requested adding a goal of assisting with the ADA transitional plan.

Olorundami (Begnoche) moved to approve the annual report with the listed changes. Motion carried. (6-0)

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

Madsen gave an update on site plans that had been reviewed by the Development Review Committee since the last meeting. The first was a new Health and Science Building on the Briar Cliff University campus at 3303 Rebecca Street. The campus has an existing interior sidewalk network, however there are no sidewalks along the adjacent street rights-of-way. Brokshus gave an overview of the project and stated due to topography Briar Cliff would ask for a sidewalk waiver. Staff stated there is currently a sidewalk connection to Rebecca Street. The existing sidewalk does not meet ADA requirements. The Commission discussed the requirements for both a pedestrian connection and sidewalks along the property line. The Committee stated there is currently a sidewalk gap on the east side of Rebecca Street between West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and West Clifton Avenue. The Committee discussed requiring the gap be completed in lieu of a sidewalk required along Briar Cliff University's property.

Drent left the meeting at 4:58 and turned the meeting over to the Vice-Chair.

Olorundami (Begnoche) moved to require a crossing from the pedestrian connection across Rebecca Street and to fill the sidewalk gap on the east side of Rebecca Street between West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and West Clifton Avenue. Motion carried. (5-0)

The second site plan is a proposed addition to the church on the property located at 4107 Floyd Boulevard. The site plan was reviewed during the October Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. A revised site plan was submitted with a sidewalk along Cleveland Street. A sidewalk on 46<sup>th</sup> Street and a crossing parallel to Floyd Boulevard was not included. The Committee discussed the site plan and maintained their stance that the additional sidewalk connections would be required.

The third site plan is another single-family residence located at 1407 Rustin Street Street. The site plan shows a new sidewalk being constructed.

The fourth site plan is an industrial development located at 5701 Al Haynes Drive. The property is in an industrial park with no sidewalk connections in the vicinity. The Committee agreed that no sidewalk would be required.

The final site plan is on 3901 Green Avenue. The site plan has been reviewed during the October Committee meeting and was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The sidewalk along Green Avenue was added as required by the Committee and a pedestrian connection was included.

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

DeSmidt stated there is an empty lot on Deer Shadow Trail that is not improved and has no sidewalk along the frontage. Madsen stated the 5-year requirement for new subdivisions to add a sidewalk would not apply since the development was approved prior to the requirements being added to the Municipal Code. Madsen pulled deedholder information and the adjacent homeowner had purchased the empty lot after constructing their home. An improvement on the property, such as a building addition or garage, would trigger the sidewalk requirement. DeSmidt asked if Staff could review if a property sale could trigger a sidewalk being installed. Madsen stated Staff would research if that would be legal, and any regulatory change would take a Municipal Code amendment.

DeSmidt stated he attended the Volunteer Appreciation Social in the Orpheum Theater. The Social was very well done, and Drent was nominated for volunteer of the year. DeSmidt encouraged the members to attend next year.

**7. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Begnoche motioned, Olorundami seconded, and with a 5-0 vote the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held December 20, 2023 in the Seaboard Triumph Foods 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