



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual

Approved: March 22, 2022

Call to Order

Chair Justin Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

- Members present: Kristen Andrews, Becky Lippmann, Justin Peterson, and Mark Siddall
- Members absent: Ann Ketter, and Terry Virnig
- Staff present: Transportation Systems Analyst Ron Irish and PW Contracting Coordinator Paul Jacobson
- Others present: Hasso Herring joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of January 25, 2022, Minutes

7:02 p.m.

Becky Lippman made the motion to approve the January 25, 2022, minutes as presented and Mark Siddall seconded; motion carried.

Business from the Staff

7:03 p.m.

Ron Irish reported that the City has been approached by an electric scooter company. They will be presenting at Council meeting next week.

Scheduled Business

7:03 p.m.

- Bicycle Boulevards – Discussion centered on 38th Avenue, 12th Avenue, 39th Avenue, and Third Avenue from the Main Street roundabout to downtown. Bike lanes are good on Geary Street from Salem Avenue to Queen Avenue. First and Second Avenues would be good bike lane connectors.

Irish asked the commissioners what they thought were good ideas for promoting these. Farmers' Market was suggested. When Covid restrictions lift.

First and Second from Main to Geary, 38th Avenue in south Albany both have potential. Irish asked what the commission thought were good ideas for promoting these. When Covid restrictions lift, Farmers' Market would be a good place to get feedback do surveys, etc. One suggestion was a bike tour from Farmers Market east to Main Street then north to Water Avenue; generating interest by a show and tell. A letter to First and Second Avenue neighborhoods would be a good thing in preparation for a Farmers' Market event. Lippmann volunteered to host a table.

Action Item: Irish will contact Farmers' Market to find a date and report at the next Commission meeting.

River Rhythms would be another way to reach the community.

- Safe Routes to School Project Update – There are two projects currently in the design/construction phase. Periwinkle path extension in the Queen Avenue/Geary Street intersection. Construction is scheduled for this summer. There is an upgrade to that intersection in the plans; working toward an unbroken path.

Second project – 34th Avenue/Geary Street sidewalk infill. Sidewalk construction will require right-of-way acquisition, and that could delay construction. It is possible construction could possibly happen by next summer.

Action Item: Irish will send an email to the commissioners with a link to the ODOT Safe Routes to School interactive map.

Another round of grants is coming. Irish talked about what kinds of projects and locations score the best for the grant proposals. Part one of the application is due March 18. Elementary schools with a high percentage of low-income students are a priority since they score better on the grant application. Staff thinks the most viability is a sidewalk infill project on Geary Street from Grand Prairie Road to Queen Avenue.

Business from the Commission

8:22 p.m.

Siddall reported that the Highway 20 path project is moving along. Irish suggested a status update at a future meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

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Paul Jacobson
Public Works Contracting Coordinator

Ronald G. Irish
Transportation Systems Analyst