

Sidewalk, Bike, and Trail Committee Meeting

May 20, 2020 at 2:30 PM

MEMBERS

Kathy Adams
Ann Reuter

Kurt Brinkman
Rachel Christian Gulley

Labraunya Horton
Rick Smith

Adrian Kelley
Jody Vance

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joy Pine

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS

Paul Corder
Regina Santana

Seth Harrison
Kristen Rice

Kathleen Vail
Dillan Jackson

Matt Schenk
Jeff Baines

CALL TO ORDER

1. Request by Staff to hold a remote meeting because the health of the public requires it

A motion was made by Jody Vance and seconded by Rick Smith for approval.

Roll call vote:

Kathy Adams	Yes
Kurt Brinkman	Yes
Labraunya Horton	Yes
Adrian Kelley	Yes
Rick Smith	Yes
Jody Vance	Yes

Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Chairman

Kathy Adams nominated Rick Smith. Rick Smith declined the nomination. Rick Smith nominated Kurt Brinkman for Chairman, seconded by Kathy Adams.

Roll call vote:

Kathy Adams	Yes
Kurt Brinkman	Yes
Labraunya Horton	Yes
Adrian Kelley	Yes
Rick Smith	Yes
Jody Vance	Yes

Motion carried 6-0. Kurt Brinkman is Chairman.

2. Vice Chairman

Kurt Brinkman nominated Kathy Adams for Vice Chairman, seconded by Rick Smith.

Roll call vote:

Kathy Adams	Yes
Kurt Brinkman	Yes
Labraunya Horton	Yes
Adrian Kelley	Yes
Rick Smith	Yes
Jody Vance	Yes

Motion carried 6-0. Kathy Adams is Vice Chairman.

3. Secretary

Kathy Adams nominated Staff for Secretary; Kurt Brinkman seconded. Staff is Secretary.

Roll call vote:

Kathy Adams	Yes
Kurt Brinkman	Yes
Labraunya Horton	Yes
Adrian Kelley	Yes
Rick Smith	Yes
Jody Vance	Yes

Motion carried 6-0. Staff is Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Director Paul Corder welcomed everyone and thanked them for volunteering to be on the committee.

2. Purposes and Duties

PowerPoint presentation (the list that is on the committee's homepage of the City's website).

3. SWOT Analysis

A SWOT Analysis was performed. The results follow:

SWOT ANALYSIS

S	STRENGTHS
1	Fairly good trail connections
2	Downtown/square sidewalks
3	Recreational facilities good start
4	Good trail system
5	We need improvements
6	New curb ramps, need to fix in old neighborhoods
7	Trail is lovely to walk
8	Knowing that we need to take action
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W	WEAKNESSES
1	Trails have poor connectivity
2	Connectivity to parks and more areas served than others
3	Sidewalks are in poor condition/tree roots/holes
4	Difficult to stay out of streets
5	Wheelchair accessibility lacking
6	Lack of plans for sidewalks
7	Difficult with light poles in middle of sidewalks
8	Scary pushing wheelchair
9	Lack of and condition of existing sidewalks
10	Lack of bike trails

O	OPPORTUNITIES
1	Create master plan based on lack of areas
2	Connect neighborhoods to areas, increase walkability
3	Pedestrian friendly area
4	Increase shoulder width and sidewalks
5	Sidewalks expand out from schools
6	Work with County and link with their plans
7	Look for grants for sidewalks
8	Parks and development connections
9	Repaving with reinforced edges, Move ditches over
10	Not concerned with bikes lanes
11	Promote sidewalks as transportation

T	THREATS
1	Traffic, floods, Congestion
2	Safety issues
3	Funding for construction/ maintain sidewalks
4	Prioritize sidewalks with developers
5	Obstructions/new cut driveways too high
6	New technologies
7	Prioritize sidewalks
8	ROW widths are limited
9	Letting sidewalks deteriorate
10	Driveways too short and they park on sidewalks
11	Not preparing for electric bikes, scooters, wheelchairs

1. Current and Future Sidewalk Projects

Engineering Director Regina Santana thanked everyone for accepting nominations and donating their time to make everything on our pedestrian transportation network better. It is a time commitment and we appreciate it. The GIS Department created the 2020 Pedestrian and Transportation Proposed Improvement map which was discussed. Our existing sidewalks are in need of dire need of repair. Traffic Engineer Kristen Rice and Engineer Dillan Jackson will talk about the projects. Additionally, TDOT is doing a project to close up a loop. (The presentation used the 2020 Pedestrian and Transport Proposed Improvements Map which is also located on the website.)

Engineer Dillan Jackson said that they are currently working on 2018-2019 and discussed the following:

15. SIDEWALK INSTALL - EAST SIDE ONLY (CITY FUNDED)

Installed a new section on W Adams from S Maple to Hobbs Avenue. They need one ADA ramp to be finished.

11. SIDEWALK TO BE REPAIRED - N TARVER AVE (BOTH SIDES) CITY FUNDED

Currently in the process of obtaining easements for rehabbing the sidewalks because they need to be 5ft wide for ADA compliance.

22. CMAQ PROJECT - HWY 231 & SHORT ST (INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS)

Doing ADA ramp improvements and connecting a sidewalk gap.

14. ADA CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENT (2018/2019 SIDEWALK PROJECT)

At the intersection of S Hatton and W Spring Street putting in ADA Improvements where Cumberland University installed their new entrance.

MISCELLANEOUS

Additional small repairs along W Main.

Traffic Engineer Kristen Rice discussed the following projects that involve sidewalk repairs:

18. MULTI MODAL GRANT - PROPOSED SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS

19. MULTI MODAL GRANT - SIDEWALK INSTALL (EAST SIDE ONLY)

20. MULTI MODAL GRANT - ADA IMPROVEMENTS AS NEEDED

These grants are the N 231 sidewalk project on the east side between Forrest Avenue and N Castle Heights/Oakdale Drive. The two projects are highly competitive grants that the City won from TDOT's Active Transportation Grant for the design and the construction and we are very excited about winning them. Additionally, there will be pedestrian improvements at those signals.

10. SIDEWALK TO BE REPAIRED - GREENLAWN DR (BOTH SIDES)

11. SIDEWALK TO BE REPAIRED - N TARVER AVE (BOTH SIDES) CITY FUNDED

13. SIDEWALK TO BE REPAIRED - N HATTON AVE (BOTH SIDES)

16. SIDEWALK TO BE REPAIRED - UNIVERSITY AVE (NORTH SIDE ONLY)

24. SIDEWALK TO BE REPAIRED - N COLLEGE ST (EAST SIDE ONLY)

25. SIDEWALK TO BE REPAIRED - E MARKET ST (NORTH SIDE ONLY)

26. SIDEWALK TO BE REPAIRED - C.L. MANIER ST (NORTH SIDE ONLY)

This is a 3R Sidewalk Project and the first time we used our money on sidewalks. It is for repair, restoration, or resurfacing existing right-of-way. (All projects are shown in orange on the map.)

22. CMAQ PROJECT - HWY 231 & SHORT ST (INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS)

Congestion, Mitigation, and Air Quality (CMAQ) which is a signal equipment and signal timing project which has included ADA and PROWAG improvements at all those intersections. The limits of that project are W Main Street from the Bypass to the Square and from the Square, south to Maddox Simpson. This has about 22 traffic signals on it.

3. CMAQ PROJECT - W MAIN ST & HARTMANN DR

4. CMAQ PROJECT - W MAIN ST & WEST END HEIGHTS

6. CMAQ PROJECT - W MAIN ST & CLEARVIEW DR

7. CMAQ PROJECT - W MAIN ST & OAK ST

8. CMAQ PROJECT - W MAIN ST & OAK HILL DR

The projects vary to become ADA compliant.

1. TDOT SIDEWALK GAP PROJECT - NORTH SIDE W MAIN ST

2. TDOT SIDEWALK GAP PROJECT - SOUTH SIDE W MAIN ST

This a TDOT Project and they are managing it. This area is from the Goody's parking lot to the Bypass intersection. They are also receiving full pedestrian signals at those intersections. There are a lot of state routes in our city and we feel that those are great opportunities.

Regina Santana said that those projects cover the existing projects and engineering has some thoughts on some projects the City needs like Castle Heights to N Greenwood. discussed the following:

Cedar City trail has two parts and the new trail system connects three schools.

3. Bike Lane

We have one true bike lane in front of Winfree School on Leeville Pike. There are signs on Highway 70/Lebanon Pike which is designated by the State as a bike route.

4. Scout Your Route Walking Summary

This project was a walking inventory art project from originated from six locations and traveled to the Square. This project used volunteers who took pictures and give us feedback and comments. The presentation includes pictures and the art project from that walkability study.

Paul Corder said that all the information presented, transportation map, sidewalk maps, and the PowerPoint will be on the website. Pay attention to the sidewalks. Pay attention to the trails. Bring ideas. The meetings for the committee could be monthly or quarterly.

Every member preferred to have a monthly meeting. Monthly meeting will be scheduled.

DISCUSSION

Ann Reuter asked if they have a sunshine law.

Paul Corder explained the Sunshine Law. It was noted that they could walk around the neighborhoods as a workshop.

COMMENTS

Kathy Adams – Address the crosswalks.

Kurt Brinkman- Mentioned his wife is Ward 6 City Councilor.

Rick Smith- Should have done this committee a long time ago and is happy to be a part of it.

Jody Vance- Thanked the City for starting this committee.

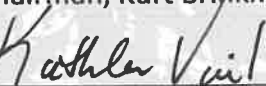
ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jody Vance and seconded by Rick Smith to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.



Chairman, Kurt Brinkman

1-18-2020
Date



Recording Secretary, Kathleen Vail

1/18/2020
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