

Active Mobility Commission Minutes

March 21, 2023

I. Call to Order

Julia Weatherford called the meeting to order at 6:02.

II. Quorum

Members Present: Cindy Costen, Kyle Cole, Julie White, Michelle Knight, Julia Weatherford

Staff Present: Russell Cate, Jennifer Tipton

III. Public Comment

Public Comment will also be permitted after each discussion.

None.

IV. Agenda – review and modify

The agenda was reviewed, amended, and accepted.

V. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were adopted by consensus.

VI. Old Business

Adopt-a-Trail Update

Julie reported that she and Julia had met with Clint Bowman from the Recreation and Parks Department regarding the Adopt – A Trail plan. Clint explained that the Rec and Parks Department already had a program for river cleanups along most of our trails and were able to expand the clean-ups to include some of the issues we had identified. We are welcome to suggest additional work needed to be done. Clint also said he could check with Public Works about edging the trails. Following this discussion it was decided that there as not a need at his time to develop a separate Adopt – a Trail program. Clint was shown tools that the Commission has stored and offered the use of them to Clint.

VII. New Business

Walkway along Tomahawk

Julia shared that the during public input for the new Recreation and Parks master plan there was quite a bit of interest in a walking path along Tomahawk Avenue, possibly following Tomahawk Creek. She was unsure of how to proceed with this. Jennifer suggested that we make a suggestion to council to see if they want to proceed with this. Michelle asked that we also suggest that a walking path from the parking lot to the pool along Laurel Circle Drive be considered. The commission was in agreement that we should pursue these things.

Review of Projects

1. Jennifer shared that Jessica is not asking for any new projects in the budget. She is not putting in a request for money for lower half of the path in Craigmont Park. She

wants the area to be cleaned up first and put it in next year's budget. There will be no engineering of the bridge yet. The town is addressing the problems on the current path. Funds for that will come from the Parks or maintenance budget.

2. The Bike Boulevard is coming along. The beacon and blinking lights have been ordered. The town is waiting for the encroachment agreement with NCDOT for the road markings and for an updated quote from the painters.

3. EB 5547 is moving forward slowly.

Review of Applicants

We had two applicants to review. Both candidates seemed well qualified. Following discussion, Michelle made a motion that we recommend Lisa Raleigh to the council to fill the vacancy on the commission. Cindy seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

VIII. Discussion

1. The Commission commended Julia for her fine presentation from the Commission to the Council at their last meeting.

2. Julie noted that the information on the website about the roles of the Active Mobility Commission was incorrect as it referenced the roles of the former Greenway Commission. Jennifer said she would work to make sure the needed changes were made.

3. Julie asked if anyone town staff had attended a meeting with Buncombe County Staff about the available bond money. Josh Henderson attended the meeting. The town is getting ready to do a Master Plan for the Hemphill and Ventures properties. This could help with any town application for those funds.

IX. Adjournment

Julia adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.