

Active Mobility Commission Minutes

June 20th, 2023

I. Call to Order

Julia Weatherford called the meeting to order at 6:00.

II. Quorum

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

Staff Present: Josh Harrold, Jennifer Tipton

Council Members Present: Alice Berry, Archie Pertiller

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 May meeting were adopted by consensus.

VI. Old Business

Discussion of how Commission works with council

There was a rather lengthy discussion around the role of the commission and how the commission can be effective and valuable to the council. The current ordinance defining the role of the commission was used as background for the discussion.

The council members present affirmed their desire to hear from the commission and to get their input on bike and ped projects. The way the current ordinance is written the commission can only work on things on which the council has asked for input. There was language stating the the commission could bring issues to the council, but a procedure for doing so was not described.

There was also discussion about the flow of communication between the planning department, the council, and the commission. Commission members expressed concern with the way projects were presented to the council without any input from the commission. The way the current ordinance is written there is no provision for that flow of communication to happen.

The following recommendations were made to the committee:

The commission should draft an addition to the ordinance laying out the procedure for how the commission can ask the council for permission to investigate an issue. Such a request would include a brief description of the issue and its importance to the town.

The council would then decide whether or not they wanted the commission to further explore the issue.

The commission should draft an addition to the ordinance stating that the planning department should notify the commission when they begin the planning of a project which affects bicycling and/or walking. Their input should be used in the planning of that project.

Members of the commission will draft these additions and get them to the chair of the commission for review. The final recommendations will be sent to the town administrator by the end of the day on Wednesday, June 27th for inclusion on the next council agenda.

VII. New Business

Membership

Julia thanked Cindy Costen for her work on the commission. Cindy has served two terms on the commission and will be going off of the commission following this meeting.

Jennifer shared that there are now 2 openings on the commission.

VIII. Discussion

None

IX. Adjournment

Julia adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.