

Active Mobility Commission Minutes

August 15th, 2023

I. Call to Order

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

II. Quorum

Members Present: Kyle Cole, Julie White, Michelle Knight, Julia Weatherford, Lisa Raleigh, Kristie Bergna

Staff Present: Russell Cate, Jennifer Tipton

III. Public Comment

Public Comment will also be permitted after each discussion

IV. Agenda – review and modify

The agenda was reviewed, amended, and accepted.

V. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the June meeting were adopted by consensus.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

a. Welcome to new Commission Member

Julia introduced Kristie Bergna who was affirmed by the town council as the newest member of the commission.

b. Election of Officers

The following officers were nominated and unanimously approved by the group:

Chair – Julie White

Vice Chair – Kyle Cole

Secretary – Kristie Bergna

c. Report on Council Meeting

Julie White gave a brief recap of the council meeting on Monday night as it concerned the proposed changes to the Active Mobility Ordinance. Council members received a staff report about the proposed changes as a part of their agenda packet. Staff was not in agreement about the proposed changes and there was a discussion with the council about those proposals and how needs of both the staff and commission could be met.

There seemed to be agreement that the proposed change regarding of how the commission could bring issues/suggestions to council. There was not agreement on the proposal of how the commission would be involved in the planning of new projects relating to active mobility. After discussion it was decided that the commission would work on revising the language on that proposed change and work with town staff to have a the new wording ready to present to council.

d. Discussion regarding revision of the proposal for changes to the Active Mobility Ordinance

The commission had a discussion regarding the intent and wording of this issue. The intent of this was for the commission to have an opportunity to look at proposed projects early in the development before the projects were present to an engineer for design. The commission recognized that this does add an extra layer in the process of project development and do not want to make this an onerous process. It could involve a brief meeting with planning staff to discuss the project and any suggestions they may have. Alternately input could consist of a brief written statement including concrete suggestions.

There was also a discussion of how this process might have applied to the recent Bicycle Boulevard Project.

The commission decided that Julie White would write up a proposal to send to staff and council. It would include some background information about why we think this is important and the wording of the proposed changes. She will send out the write up to commission members for review and then will it on to Josh Harrold and council. The intent is to work with staff to craft language which is agreeable to all before presenting the language to council. We realize that this step, though intended, was not completed before presenting the current language to council.

VIII. Discussion
None.

IX. Adjournment
Julia adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.