

Active Mobility Commission Minutes

December 19, 2023

I. Call to Order

Julie White called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Quorum

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

Staff Present: Russell Cate, Jennifer Tipton

III. Public Comment

- a. Mayor Mike Sobol presented information on the Fonta Flora trail and it's movement into Buncombe County. Mayor Sobol asked for support by keeping the Fonta Flora trail as part of the discussion at the Active Mobility Commission.

IV. Agenda - review and modify

The agenda was reviewed, amended, and adopted by consensus.

V. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the October meeting were adopted by consensus.

VI. Old Business

- a. Report to Council for the coming year
Julie White will orally present the report to the Town Council at the January meeting and will have hard copies available for all Council members. The report was reviewed, amended, and adopted by consensus.

VII. New Business

- a. Ridgecrest Connector Trail Feasibility Input
Alexandria McIntyre and John Moore presented the preliminary project information from Kimley Horn. This information is from GIS only and has not been presented to the Town Council yet. The goal of the project is to safely connect the community of Ridgecrest to Black Mountain starting at the Primary School traveling along the north side of Old Highway 70 to the eastern town limit. From the Primary School to Flat Creek Road Kimley Horn will be able to make a typical section by removing the sidewalk and putting in a multi use path (MUP) with a planting strip between 0' - 5' between the path and road. Due to constraints along the pathway from Flat Creek to the eastern town limits they are looking at using both vertical and horizontal distance to meet NC DOT safety standards. This will be a 1.5' monolithic curb which will have openings for stormwater flow and a 10.5' MUP. Lisa Raleigh requested that Kimley Horn consider how the path will provide a safe crossing for cyclists at town limits to

move to the correct side of travel on the South side of the road where the path ends. Julia Weatherford requested that Kimley Horn look at making safe crossings at the school at the start of the trail, specifically keeping in mind the heavy traffic during school drop off and pick up hours.

VIII. Discussion

- a. Black Mountain Greenway Valentine Run
Scheduled for February 10th and the Greenway Commission is looking for volunteers to work 1-3 hour shifts. Kyle Cole and Kristie Bergna are tentatively signed up as volunteers.

IX. Adjournment

Julie White adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.