

Active Mobility Commission Minutes
February 20, 2024

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, Kristie Bergna, Lisa Raleigh
Staff Present: Russell Cate, Jennifer Tipton

III. Public Comment

- a. No public comment

IV. Agenda - review and modify

The agenda was reviewed and adopted by consensus.

V. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed, one sentence in public comments was deemed inaccurate and stricken, minutes were then adopted by consensus.

VI. Old Business

- a. Report from Black Mountain Greenways and Trails Committee
 1. The Committee will be paying for an engineering feasibility study regarding lighting the DOT barrel connecting Veterans' Park and the community gardens using a DOT approved contractor. After the study, the project will undergo an approximately six week DOT approval process. Upon approval, the project will be brought to the Town Council for approval to use town funding to move forward with installation. The Town Council has indicated that they would be receptive to this, and that project funding is in the town's capital improvement plan (CIP). The Committee also looked into the terms of understanding with DOT in regards to cleaning the barrel and learned that the town is allowed to remove sediment to keep the pathway clear.
 2. The Committee met with an Ingles Representative to discuss an easement so the town can install a bike/pedestrian bridge over the creek at Riverwalk Park for access to the Ventures property. The Ingles Representative agreed to this, and the town's lawyers and Ingle's lawyers are working on a memorandum of understanding to move forward.
- b. Fonta Flora Trail

Julie White and Julia Weatherford will attend a meeting on Thursday 2/22/24 with Fonta Flora representatives to ensure that Black Mountain representatives understand the scope of receiving Fonta Flora trail designation. This will assist with future path planning through the town.

- c. Report on Valentine Greenway Challenge
Julie White thanked the volunteers for their support at the race. The Greenways and Trails Committee is waiting on the final fundraised figure for Committee use.
- d. Feasibility Study of Ventures Property
Equinox is in the process of doing a feasibility study of the Ventures property, which will include a Steering Committee. This Commission will have representation on the Committee and anyone interested in being the representation will contact Julie White.

VII. New Business

- a. Ridgecrest Connector Open Space Bond
The town is applying for an open space bond to help pay for the Ridgecrest connector multi use trail and requested a letter of support from this Commission. Julia Weatherford motioned for a letter of support to be created, Kyle Cole seconded, and the motion passed by consensus.

VIII. Discussion

No discussion

IX. Adjournment

Julie White adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.