

Active Mobility Commission Minutes
March 19, 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, Michelle Knight

Staff Present: Russell Cate, Jennifer Tipton

III. Public Comment

- a. Debbie Norman asked the Commission for support in making senior citizen accessible access to Lakeview Center during peak service times from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Monday - Friday. The Commission has agreed to look at access to Lakeview Center before the April meeting and discuss options. A letter will then be written to the Town Council with the suggestions and the Commission's support at coming up with solutions.

IV. Agenda - review and modify

The agenda was reviewed and adopted by consensus.

V. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and adopted by consensus.

VI. Old Business

- a. Fonta Flora Trail Meeting
Julie White and Julia Weatherford attended a meeting with a Fonta Flora Trail representative, and a NC state trail representative in February. The meeting gave the town of Black Mountain an understanding of what regulations must be met to designate local trails as state, what funding is available based on designations, and understanding where Ridgecrest is in the process of building out the Fonta Flora Trail. This information will be used when planning new bike/pedestrian trail systems through Black Mountain and when updating existing bike/pedestrian trail systems.
- b. Lighting in Tunnel under 1-40
Black Mountain Greenways and Trails Committee has paid the down payment to a DOT approved firm to conduct a feasibility study and design a lighting system for the bike/pedestrian tunnel under 1-40 at Veterans Park. Lisa Raleigh requested that the town maintenance department puts together a scraping schedule to rid the tunnel of sand and debris to further assist access.
- c. Feasibility Study of Ventures Property
Julie White is representing this Commission and attended the first planning meeting with Equinox and other town representatives on March 18th. The

planning team identified the following priorities: defining a vision and goals, scheduling field work days, and creating focus groups. Ideally, the planning team wants input from town citizens to drive the use of the property.

d. **Town Grants**

The town of Black Mountain is currently applying for two grants: the NCDOT multi mobile grant to create a comprehensive bike/pedestrian town plan and the Open Space Grant for construction of the Ridgecrest Connector Trail on Old 70.

VII. New Business

No new business

VIII. Discussion

No discussion

IX. Adjournment

Julie White adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.