

Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2020

Committee Members Present: Richard Hildner, John Phelps, Mike Fitzgerald, Doug Reed, Jim DeHerrera, Hunter Homes.

City Staff Present: Carla Belski, Karin Hilding.

Also present: Bruce Boody, Greg Gunderson.

- A. The meeting was called to order 8:32 AM.
- B. The Agenda for the meeting was approved as presented.
- C. Hunter moved and Mike seconded to approve the October 7, 2019 meeting notes. The minutes were passed unanimously.
- D. Public Comment: None.
- E. New Business: None.
- F. Old Business
 - a. Riverbend Condo Easement: The hillside with the switchback alternative on south side of condos near the stairs has been surveyed. Multiple switchbacks will be needed after analyzing the topo. The application with FWP is on hold while we continue to analyze the options. Karin will send Craig's map of the path switchbacks out to the committee via email.
 - b. Malmquist Easement: A legal description for the sewer easement has been drafted. John has a draft of the easement which has been review and approved by Angie. The only thing needed is Exhibit A, which shows the location of the trail. The exact location will be dependent upon where the trail goes through the River Bend Condo property. There is a 20-foot easement along the northern boundary of River Bend between the two properties the City owns which may be utilized to make the trail connection between the two properties.
 - c. Les Schwab Easement: The corporate business is up for sale so that may indicate why there has been a lack of communication from their headquarters. Craig will try and reach out again.
 - d. Duck Inn: We are close to finalizing this easement but are having problems getting in touch with the owners. Karin/Craig will follow up.
 - e. Trail View Subdivision: The path in the subdivision is complete. The connection along Voerman is being designed on the north side of the road with a mid-block crossing and pedestrian activated signals. Plan is to build this path and the connection on Shady River Lane this spring. Once drafted, Karin will provide the plans to the Creekwood Homeowners Association.

- f. Safe Routes to Schools: Public Works received couple recommendations from a traffic consultant regarding a review of uncontrolled intersections in the neighborhoods west of the high school. Karin thinks that more sign recommendations are needed and has sent the consultant a map of intersections she would like him to look at more closely.
- G. Parks and Recreation Comments: A year long Urban Study Plan of downtown Whitefish is currently happening. The focus areas are vehicle, pedestrian, and bike mobility on Hwy 93 through downtown. The first public meeting should take place in February and it would be great to have members of the Bike Ped Committee participate.
- H. Public Works Comments: The contract for engineering the underpass is going before City Council on 1/6/2020. Construction of the project needs to be under contract by July 15th to meet TIF deadlines.
- I. Committee Comments: The high school representative position on the Bike Ped Advisory Committee needs to be re-evaluated. Carla will add it to the agenda in March.
- J. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020. There will be no February meeting.
- K. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.