

# Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2023

Committee Members Present: John Repke, Jim DeHerrera, Mary Behrendt, Giuseppe Caltabiano, Riley Polumbus, Doug Reed

City Staff Present: Carla Belski, Craig Workman, Maria Butts, Karin Hilding

Public Present: Bruce Boody, Jedd Sankar-Gorton, Mike Fitzgerald, John Phelps, Casey Malmquist

- A. The meeting was called to order 8:33 a.m.
- B. Agenda for the March meeting had no edits. Jim moved to approve, and Giuseppe seconded. Passed unanimously.
- C. Giuseppe moved to approve the February 6, 2022, minutes. Jim seconded. Passed unanimously.
- D. Public Comment: No comments.
- E. New Business: None.
- F. Old Business
  - a. River Bend Condos: No easement updates. Craig reported that staff is recommending TD&H for the engineering and surveying contract. There may be a need to give a 15-day notice to the HOA for surveyors to be on the property to complete the survey. There was discussion regarding options for funding sources for the project including resort tax and the general fund. Craig noted that funds from the delayed viaduct improvement project could be re-allocated to River Bend. Craig also said that with the overhaul of impact fees, there could be some funds there for shared use paths. John P suggested that approaching city council regarding budgeting for this project would be beneficial. Doug moved to recommend that Giuseppe present to council that they prioritize Riverbend project in the FY24 budget. Seconded by Riley. Passed unanimously. Doug also noted that he would put this project on the Resort Tax Committee agenda on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Malmquist Easement: Karin reported that the Conservation District has been notified that we are moving forward with Riverbend which may help the Malmquist permit process.
  - c. Viaduct Improvements: MDT has let the city know that they will not allow steel rails or lighting to be attached to the viaduct structure. Craig reported they will present alternative concepts at the council work session this evening. Jersey barriers may be the only option. Riley suggested painting barriers to make them more attractive. Maria noted that landscaping and lighting on either side of the viaduct would help bring people to the north side.

- d. Safe Routes to Schools: Karin reported on the Transportation Alternatives Grant that she is currently applying for to improve issues around the high and grade school area. The proposal will add a drop off option on the east side of Memorial Park along Fir Ave and shared use paths that make it easy for students to walk to school from that drop off location. Angled parking will also be added along south side of Memorial Park and west side of Pine Ave. There will also be improvements at 6<sup>th</sup> Street including the addition of sidewalks and a raised crosswalk at 6<sup>th</sup> and Pine and 7<sup>th</sup> and Ashar Avenue. The project application will be reviewed by the Park Board in March and is due in April. Karin requested a letter of support. Jim moved to have Mary write a letter, seconded by Giuseppe. Approved. Karin will bring a project map to the next meeting.
  - e. Paths Needing FWP Approval: No updates.
  - f. Ongoing Project List: Karin shared a draft spreadsheet with a list of bike ped projects. Staff will work on improving this list and will share before the next meeting.
- G. Parks and Recreation Comments: No comments.
  - H. Public Works Comments: No comments.
  - I. Committee Comments: No comments.
  - J. Due to the Parks and Recreation Conference happening the first week of April, the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2023.
  - K. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.