

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS
APRIL 6, 2021, 12:00 P.M.
ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Debra Anthony
Erin Fletcher
Darrell Pulliam
Deborah McGeorge
Leah Gagnon
John Robb

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Director of Parks and Recreation Kim Vogel
Jess Frasher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Reno Cecora

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 2, 2021 – On motion of McGeorge, seconded by Pulliam, the minutes of the March 2, 2021, Active Transportation Advisory Board meeting were approved as submitted. Motion carried. Absent: Cecora.

ANNUAL REPORT – Pulliam reviewed the content of the report that he had drafted, and discussed that minutes from the meetings held in 2020 were not posted on the City's website, and asked if he would be able to obtain them. Pulliam further reviewed the content of the report and asked if anyone had any suggested additions. McGeorge suggested that a trail project that had been completed in the spring of 2020 be added to the report. Pulliam stated that he will email the report to Vogel to distribute to Board members.

WALK AUDIT – Pulliam discussed issues with sidewalks that he and Robb observed in their walk audits and cited debris, poor conditions and locations that lacked a sidewalk completely. Pulliam discussed Broadway North of PSU, near the Jolly Fox and stated that paved sidewalks are present throughout, but they are not in ideal condition. Pulliam discussed a portion of Quincy near the University, and said that crosswalk markings are needed. Pulliam also stated that the crosswalk lines at the intersection of 4th and Broadway need repainted due to the high amount of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in this area.

McGeorge performed a walk audit for Broadway, from 14th Street to 23rd Street, and stated that this portion of Broadway contains a mix of different conditions, with some portions of sidewalk in decent condition, and some in disrepair. McGeorge stated that there are sidewalks along the whole portion, but some of them are still paved with brick. McGeorge asked if the Dairy Queen being built on North Broadway will be putting in a new sidewalk, and asked if there are any more areas where she needs to perform a walk audit. Vogel informed the Board that the Dairy Queen will be installing new sidewalk.

Pulliam stated that he took pictures of areas where he had concerns. Anthony discussed that she also took pictures of areas of concern. Fletcher stated that she has also taken pictures of her areas of concern, and that some of the areas she walked

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lacked a sidewalk completely and that there were trails in the grass due to heavy pedestrian traffic. Pulliam asked about areas that have not yet been audited. Vogel mentioned that the Board may be able to meet in person next month. Pulliam expressed an interest in prioritizing the areas where walk audits need to be completed. Gagnon expressed interest in creating a form of community outreach, and using the walk audits as a tool to engage the public.

QUADRANT REPORT – Pulliam repeated his concern regarding the crosswalk markings at the intersection of 4th and Broadway. McGeorge expressed concern regarding the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, and cited instances where she observed people riding bikes on the left side of road, a woman walking with a stroller on Rouse where there is no sidewalk, and people riding on Bird scooters on Broadway two on a scooter.

PREFERRED BIKE ROUTE – Vogel discussed that she has been in communication with the traffic department, and that they have reviewed areas where signage could be a concern. Vogel discussed changes that had been suggested based on her review of the map with the traffic department. McGeorge asked if the sharrows will be in the middle of the lane, due to her concern that sharrows on the side of a lane give drivers the impression that cyclists are not entitled to a full lane of traffic. Vogel stated that the sharrows will be in the middle of the lane.

SOUTH MEDICAL DISTRICT CONNECTOR TRAIL – Vogel stated that she does not yet have a map for this project, and that it has not yet been bid.

WALNUT STREET FROM MEMORIAL DRIVE TO 20TH – Vogel expressed concern for this area and suggested that this be added to the priority list. It was discussed that a walk audit of this area will need to be completed.

TREATS AND TRAILS – Fletcher discussed Treats and Trails, and stated that she is interested in an event that would promote usage of trails for connectivity, and discussed the possibility of utilizing the Watco trail. Fletcher suggested seeking vendors to donate healthy products to participants.

OTHER ITEMS –

- Gagnon asked if the Board hosted a community outreach event in the past.
- McGeorge suggested the possibility of creating a public service announcement regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety.

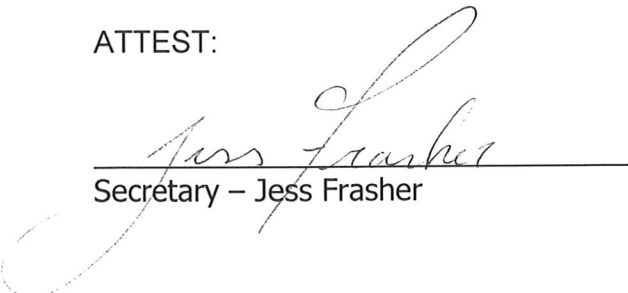
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ADJOURNMENT – With there being no further business, on motion of Fletcher, seconded by Pulliam, the Active Transportation Advisory Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m. Motion carried. Absent: Cecora.



Chairperson – Debra Anthony

ATTEST:


Secretary – Jess Frasher