DRAFT MINUTES

City of Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission Meeting May 15, 2024

Members Present: Elke Boyd, Sam Phillips, Frank Schmidt, Carol Elliott ,Tommy Fieser, McKenzie Ortiz.

Members Absent: Jackson Hotaling, Detlef Ritter, Janet Godon, Brad Mitchell.

Also present: Mitch Skov, David Kunz, Krista Shouse-Jones, Hunter Walterman (KOMU), Ted Curtis.

- The meeting was called to order by Elke Boyd (Chair) at 7:00 PM.
- The agenda was approved on a motion by Frank Schmidt and a second by McKenzie Ortiz.
- Minutes of the March 2024 meeting, as amended, were approved on a motion by Frank Schmidt and seconded by Tommy Feiser.

Staff/Commission Reports:

- a. Parks and Recreation: No report.
- b. **Vision Zero**: YTD 2024 fatalities exceed same time frame in 2023. YTD 2024 injuries are less than same period in 2023. Also, Krista Shouse-Jones reported that the City has submitted a grant application for Safe Streets for All.
- c. Planning: No report.
- d. **Public Works**: No report, except that Ted Curtis discussed the COLT RR line in NEW BUSINESS, below.
- e. **Commission IP Meetings**: McKenzie Ortiz and Jackson Hotaling attended a meeting discussing East Walnut..
- f. Board Correspondence: None.

New Business:

A. COLT RR Conversion:

Ted Curtis explained that several adjacent landowners prefer a greenway, but that City Utilities is hoping for a trail next to the existing tracks. Discussions will continue. Ted Curtis asked the Commission to consider taking a position.

B. Brown Station Road Sidewalk: Mitch Skov reported that citizens and the City Council have asked the Commission to consider adding a sidewalk on Brown Station Road to the Sidewalk Master Plan. Frank Schmidt submitted a MOTION to direct City staff to provide more detail about the project. Carol Elliott SECONDED. Motion approved by consensus.

Old Business

- 1. Forum Blvd: Removed from Agenda.
- **2. US Highway 63 and I-70 Interchange:** Frank Schmidt, Carol Elliott and McKenzie Ortiz attended a MODOT public meeting. Some described frustration with MODOT responses to the requests. Chair Boyd described similar impressions with MODOT discussions about this project. Krista Shouse-Jones explained that the City is seeking grants for sidewalks for Clark Lane. Carol Elliott reported seeing a well groomed private path on or near the MEM facility. She wondered whether that path might offer a route to the expected tunnel under US 63.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM, on a motion by Carol Elliott and a Second by Frank Schmidt.

*The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2024.