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City of Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission Meeting September 20, 2023

Members Present: Elke Boyd, Sam Phillips, Frank Schmidt, Tommy Fieser, Meg Ross, Janet Godon.

Members Absent: Carol Elliott, Jackson Hotaling.

Also present: Tim Teddy (Community Development) on behalf of Mitch Skov; Krista Shouse-

Jones.

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 Sam Phillips. Minutes of the July 19, 2023, meeting were approved on a Motion by Frank Schmidt and a Second by Tommy Feiser.

Staff/Commission Reports:

A. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS:

- a. **Parks and Recreation**: Janet Godon reported that the Parks Department is seeking a "Reconnecting Communities" grant for the "Stadium to East Campus Connector" to the Hinkson Creek Trail.
- b. **Vision Zero**: Krista Shouse-Jones provided comparative data on serious injury and fatal traffic accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists occurring in 2022 and YTD 2023. Ms. Shouse-Jones also reported about Safe Streets grants and that she has provided MODOT with information about serious injuries and fatalities near the I-70 and US 63 interchange.
- c. **Planning**: Tim Teddy reported that there is a vacancy for someone with knowledge about pedestrian issues on the Bike-Ped Commission.
- d. Commission IP Meetings: None.

B. Board Correspondence. None.

New Business:

a. Discussion about electing a Vice Chair was tabled by consensus.

Old Business:

US Highway 63 and I-70 Interchange: Frank Schmidt submitted a MOTION, seconded by Sam Phillips. The motion, approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission authorized Chair Boyd to send a letter on behalf of the Commission to the City Council, Mayor and City Manager. The approved letter would express disappointment that bike/pedestrian connectivity across all sides and in all directions is, to-date, not listed as a goal on the RFQ, despite previous submissions by this Commission. The approved letter would also request that the City demand input for those issues during the RFP process and demand an emphasis on bike/pedestrian connectivity.

Other: Tommy Feiser moved that the Commission's next meeting be rescheduled to **Tuesday**, October 17, 2023. After a Second by Meg Ross, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM upon a Motion by Frank Schmidt and a Second by Sam Phillips. The next meeting of the Commission is Tuesday October 17, 2023.

