

DRAFT MINUTES
City of Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission Meeting
January 18, 2023

Members Present: Elke Boyd, Sam Phillips, Carol Elliott, Hannah Larrick, Frank Schmidt, Tommy Fieser, Janet Godon, Jackson Hotaling.

Members Absent: Carly Brown, Robert Schmidt.

Also present: Mitch Skov (Staff Liaison to Commission), Brad Kelley, Krista Shouse-Jones, Tim Teddy. Also, a reporter for Columbia Missourian attended.

The meeting was called to order by Elke Boyd (Chair) at 7:00 PM.

(By consensus, the Agenda was revised to allow Jackson Hotaling to discuss a Pedestrian Plaza late in the meeting) Later, the Commission decided to table that topic until February. With that revision, the Agenda was approved on a Motion by Carol Elliott and a Second by Jackson Hotaling.

Minutes of the November 2022 meeting were approved on a Motion by Frank Schmidt and a Second by Sam Phillips. The Commission did not meet in December 2022.

Staff/Commission Reports:

A. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS:

- a. **Parks and Recreation:** Janet Godon reported that she will be asking the Commission to support a grant application for new bridges on the MKT Trail.
- b. **Vision Zero:** Krista Shouse-Jones provided an updated report about local traffic accidents, including those involving pedestrian and bicyclists.
- c. **Planning:** Brad Kelly and Mitch Skov reported that the Council approved the Sidewalk Master Plan but that a Councilman had asked the Commission to consider adding Ballenger Lane to the Plan.
- d. **Commission IP Meetings:** Discussion about IP meetings for Northland Drive, High Ridge, Garth, Sexton and Russell.

B. Board Correspondence. None.

New Business

City Council Suggested Sidewalk Master Plan Addition for Ballenger Lane :

Mitch Skov provided background relating to landscape, neighborhood, street designation, cost estimate from 2007, with an estimated updated cost analysis using standard inflation calculation (3% annually), and scoring changes.

Commissioners asked several questions of staff, eliciting these responses:

- Ted Curtis noted that a shoulder addition to Ballenger Lane improved the road significantly.
- Ted Curtis indicated in his view, that Ballenger Lane sidewalks had lower priority than other projects on the list.

- Janet Godon suggested reconsideration of public attractions in the area and to consider whether future development of Northeast part of the area might require developers to include sidewalks. Tim Teddy noted that the inclusion of streets on the Sidewalk Master Plan weighs against developers' future requests for waivers from those requirements.
- Brad Kelley mentioned the possibility of adding sidewalks on only one side of the street.
- Several attendees discussed the possibility, effectiveness and risks to cyclists of rumble strips.
- Krista Shouse-Jones asked the Commission to consider equitable use of resources and pointed out that the Ballenger Lane area is underserved with public resources.

Frank Schmidt submitted a motion to (A) add Ballenger Lane to the Sidewalk Master Plan; and (B) ask City staff to obtain an updated cost estimate for a pedway on one side of Ballenger Lane from roundabout to roundabout. Carol Elliott provided a Second. After discussion, the motion passed. Hannah Larrick opposed the motion, explaining the anticipated cost of the project relative to many other high priority projects on the list.

Old Business

Carol Elliott and Janet Godon reported on their work to submit a renewal application for the Bicycle Friendly Community designation.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM upon motion by Frank Schmidt and a Second by Sam Phillips. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2023.

Minutes prepared by Sam Phillips, Secretary.