### **MINUTES**

# City of Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission Meeting January 17, 2024

Members Present: Elke Boyd, Sam Phillips, Frank Schmidt, Tommy Fieser, Detlef Ritter,

Janet Godon. Carol Elliott and Jackson Hotaling attended via ZOOM.

Members Absent: None.

**Also present:** Mitch Skov, Krista Shouse-Jones, David Kunz, Ted Curtis.

The meeting was called to order by Elke Boyd (Chair) at 7:05 PM.

The agenda was approved on a Motion by Detlef Ritter and a Second by Frank Schmidt. Minutes of the November 2023 meeting, as amended, were approved on a Motion by Frank Schmidt and seconded by Detlef Ritter.

## **Staff/Commission Reports:**

#### A. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS:

- a. **Parks and Recreation**: Janet Godon reported that the Parks Department is preparing to replace Bridge Numbers 2 and 9 on the MKT 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 2023. Both serious injuries and fatalities have increased. Ms. Shouse-Jones also explained that the City will receive a \$1,504,000 federal Safe Streets grant. The Commission learned that MODOT has agreed to resurface Route B. Finally, Mr. Skov and Ms. Shouse-Jones agreed to update the Commission as soon as more information is available concerning the City's resolution for "Livable Streets."
- c. Planning: No report.
- d. **Public Works**: Ted Curtis explained that he will offer ideas about bike and pedestrian access and use of the proposed Forum Blvd. widening project.
- e. **Commission IP Meetings**: Frank Schmidt and Sam Phillips attended an IP Meeting for a proposed roundabout at Fairview/Chapel Hill on December 14. Carol Elliott will attend an IP meeting concerning Spencer Avenue at the ARC.
- f. **Board Correspondence**: The Commission.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Mr. Skov will report on the status of the Sidewalk Use Ordinance.
- 2. Mr. Skov reported that the Commission has two vacancies that need filling.

# **Old Business:**

**US Highway 63 and I-70 Interchange:** The MODOT award for this project will likely be announced on February 14, 2024.

**Adjournment**: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM upon a motion by Tommy Fieser and a Second by Detlef Ritter.

The next meeting of the Commission is Wednesday, February 21, 2024.