

DRAFT MINUTES
City of Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission Meeting
November 15, 2023

Members Present: Elke Boyd, Sam Phillips, Frank Schmidt, Tommy Fieser, Carol Elliott, Detlef Ritter, Janet Godon.

Members Absent: Jackson Hotaling, Meg Ross.

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

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 Detlef Ritter. Minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting were approved on a Motion by Carol Elliott and a Second by Frank Schmidt.

Staff/Commission Reports:

A. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS:

- a. **Parks and Recreation:** Janet Godon reported that the Parks Department is preparing for surface improvements on the Hinkson Creek Trail and the MKT Trail. Bear Creek Trail improvements are complete.
- 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. Both serious injuries and fatalities have increased. Ms. Shouse-Jones also dated the Commission on efforts to obtain Safe Streets grants.
- c. **Planning:** No report.
- d. **Public Works:** Ted Curtis reported on an effort to place more bike racks in the downtown area, but noted that the responsibility for maintaining the bike racks has not been clear. Curtis also explained that at a future BPC meeting, he will describe a project related to a downtown bike path hub. Finally, Mr. Curtis offered information about bike and pedestrian access and use of the proposed Forum Blvd. widening project.
 - i. ** During this discussion, Frank Schmidt submitted a motion to authorize Carol Elliott to send a letter to City Officials encouraging the inclusion of protected bike/pedestrian lanes in the area of the proposed improvements. After a Second by Tommy Fieser, the motion passed.
- e. **Commission IP Meetings:** Sam Phillips will attend an IP Meeting for a proposed roundabout at Fairview/Chapel Hill on December 14. The Commission members agreed to try to attend IP meetings in the following wards, respectively:
Ward 1: Jackson; Ward 2: Carol & Elke; Ward 3: Tommy; Ward 4: Sam; Ward 5: Frank; Ward 6: Detlef.
- f. **Board Correspondence:** The Commission asked staff to report on the COLT RR bridge over Route B.

New Business:

1. **ELECTION:** Frank Schmidt nominated Carol Elliott to serve as Vice Chair of the Commission. Sam Phillips seconded. No other persons were nominated. Carol Elliott announced her willingness to serve. She was elected by a unanimous vote.
2. **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT** Carol Elliott and Frank Schmidt discussed their attendance at this meeting, held recently in Jefferson City.
3. **ROUTE B SAFETY AUDIT:** Krista Shouse-Jones described and provided the completed Route B Report. The Report was attached to the Agenda for this October 17, 2023 meeting.

Old Business:

US Highway 63 and I-70 Interchange: Carol Elliott and Elke Boyd reported on their meeting with MODOT Staff about this project; they noted that they have been invited to future meetings – probably in March 2024.

New Business: Sam Phillips submitted a motion to forego the scheduled meeting on December 20, 2024. Elke Boyd seconded the motion. The motion did not attain a majority and failed.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM upon a Motion by Carol Elliott and a Second by Frank Schmidt.

The next meeting of the Commission is Tuesday December 20, 2023.

Minutes prepared by Sam Phillips, Secretary.