

# City of Columbia, Missouri

## **Meeting Minutes**

## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission**

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:00 PM

**Regular Meeting** 

Conference Room 1B City Hall 701 E. Broadway Columbia, Missouri

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

### **II. INTRODUCTIONS**

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

Hotaling.

Members Absent: None.

Also present: Mitch Skov, Krista Shouse-Jones, Tim Teddy, Ted

Curtis, Ben Ross, Seth Christensen.

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on a Motion by Sam Phillips and a Second by Frank Schmidt. By consensus, the commission agreed to initially hear and discuss: (a) Tim Teddy's report about Capital Improvement Projects; (b) the Forum Blvd. project design; and (c) a public request for consideration of adding a sidewalk on Mills Drive to the Sidewalk Master Plan.

## IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Attachments: DRAFT BPC Meeting Minutes 1-7-24.docx

Minutes of the January meeting, as amended, were approved on a Motion by Frank Schmidt and seconded by Tommy Fieser.

## V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Vision Zero Report

Krista Shouse-Jones provided comparative data on serious injury and fatal traffic accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists occurring

YTD in 2024 relative to 2023. The Commission learned that MODOT has \$1 million in annual funding available to address vulnerable user needs in the Central District. The FY 2026 and FY 2027 funding is allocated for Columbia.

#### B. Parks & Recreation Report

Janet Godon reported that the Parks Department is hoping to replace Bridge Number 9 and repair Bridge Number 10 on the MKT Trail.

C. Planning Staff Report

No report.

D. Commissioner IP Meeting Reports

Frank Schmidt and Carol Elliott plan to attend IP meetings concerning Spencer Avenue and Hanover Blvd and Tommy Fieser regarding St. Charles Road.

E. Commission Correspondence

None.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Request to add Mills Drive to Sidewalk Master Plan

Seth Christensen asked the Commission to consider supporting improved and safe sidewalks along Mills Drive from Forum Blvd to Highridge Drive, but at least to Highridge Circle. Planning staff agreed to offer cost estimates.

B. Red Light Cameras

Frank Schmidt asked that Vision Zero and the Commission plan to discuss Red Light cameras at the March 2024 meeting.

C. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Sales Tax 10-year renewal

Tim Teddy discussed plans for asking the public to consider approval of a renewal of the Transportation Sales Tax and to consider priorities. Mitch Skov agreed to provide a list of potential projects. Elke Boyd asked the Commission to review and consider priorities. Frank Schmidt asked that the Commission plan to discuss this item at the March 2024

meeting.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. MoDOT Improve I-70 Update (award, layout, future meetings)

The Commission reviewed the Missouri Highway Transportation Commission presentation of the recently approved design concept. Carol Elliott and Elke Boyd will attend a related MODOT meeting on March 1.

### B. Forum Boulevard Reconstruction Project

Attachments: FORUM PrelimDesign StripMap Segments1-6.pdf

Proposed Forum Blvd changes.pdf

Ben Ross (Engineering Surveys and Services) discussed possible approaches to address bicyclist and pedestrian safety on Forum Blvd, as other improvements are made. The Commission, Mr. Ross and Ted Curtis discussed several ideas. The topic was tabled for further discussion.

#### **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

### X. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 20, 2024

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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