

Pedestrian Advisory Committee

April 22, 2021 3:00 p.m.

Webex

Attendance: Jedidiah Remnitz, Chrissy Meyer, Ryan Groeneweg, Zach Deboer, Wes Phillips, Jeff Schmitt

Topics: Draft Pedestrian Plan

Old business:

Pedestrian Policies – Jeff Schmitt

During March we reviewed the “Existing” and “New” Policies. Similar to last month; Goals and Objectives remain the same, but if there are additions, deletions or amendments to the priorities please communicate them.

- ❖ In addition, in future meetings / discussions we will need to prioritize the policies like in the 2015 Bicycle Plan into Very High / High / Moderate to assist us as we move forward.

Maintenance / Repair

Ped / Bicycle Improvements

Jedidiah sent in a crosswalk out along Veterans Parkway (and 23rd). Wes gave us some design considerations for it – it was constructed under previous standards; and would be reviewed against what is currently being considered.

Koni has sent in some pedestrian issues. We will review.

During this Spring / Summer and during construction season; remember to communicate with us pedestrian issues that you see. Thank you.

New business:

The draft - Pedestrian Plan – was sent out to the Advisory Committee members for their initial review and comments. We went over it during the meeting; for general thoughts and comments. Please communicate other questions, comments or concerns.

Jeff sent out the March 25 meeting notes (just before this April 22 meeting) but after the editing of the draft pedestrian plan. The comments from March will be included as we update the draft plan.

Jeff reviewed the pedestrian plan. The document is an update to the 2006; and subsequently has become a larger document – with information from 2006, as well as more information since that time. Would it be more appropriate to have two documents – a 2006 plan and an amendment to the 2006 plan? What about the Appendix ?

Zach said it was good. It still works and is beneficial. Chrissy concurred; but suggested that we consider the Goals and Objectives be combined [New and Existing] with fonts / colors. So that they are all in one and easier to understand. Zach agreed. In regards to the Appendix, Chrissy asked if the information was on web now? And therefore could be hyperlinked. We said we could do both; for those that want the link and those that one everything in one document.

Ryan asked who the plan was intended for – who’s the audience? Jeff’s thought is that it is intended for citizens [advisory committee]. There isn’t a big draw for most people to go out and read plans, but yet the information is available. So the comments should be made to consider that audience.

Jedidiah appreciates Appendix G is included; but would like it to be amended to be more localized.

The US DOT policies that have been included in the Plan need to be reviewed and let us know if amendments should be made.

Zach – current comments: p. 4 under implementation – parking minimums / maximums

Future studies – lanes that could be reduces 4 to 3

Speed studies to narrow [hard data]

Detours – signage; policies / expectations during construction

p. 11 Fatalities – longer time period (than just the last year)

Prioritize – goals, create a hierarchy

“Parklet” ordinance – to take over parking spaces

Pictures – parking lane lines; 17th and Phillips; Main Ave. Diet

More permanent committee

Ryan – Accessibility with content documents on web

Made information available to city staff

Greg – submitted comments to staff directly

All Saints – Heath Hoftiezer [Zachary] postponed

Sidewalk inventory - Jeff Schmitt

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 27, 2021