



MINUTES

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

**Monday, January 4th 3:00 PM
College Station City Hall
Second Floor Conference Room
1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas, 77840**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Blanche Brick, James Batenhorst, Brandon Boatcallie, Jon Denton, Phillip Lasley, Robert Lightfoot

STAFF PRESENT: Greenways Program Manager Venessa Garza, Director of Planning and Development Lance Simms, Council Member John Nichols, Board Secretary Amber Johnson

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

Chairman Brick called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Hear Visitors

There were no visitors present to address the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting Absences:

- Scott Shafer ~ January 4, 2016

Board Member Lightfoot motioned to approve the absence request from January 4, 2016. The motion was seconded by Board Member Batenhorst and was approved (5-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting Minutes.

Board Member Boatcallie advised the board of an error on the second page of the meeting minutes from December 7, 2015.

Board Member Batenhorst motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 7, 2015. The motion was seconded by Board Member Boatcallie and was approved (5-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Presentation and discussion regarding an update on the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan Chapter 6 – Thoroughfare Plan and the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan.

Greenways Program Manager Garza presented updates to this item. Ms. Garza provided an update to this item that was presented to the board in October and was approved by City Council on December 10, 2015 with the recommendation that was made by the board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a recommendation on the Capital Improvements Program – Sidewalk Projects and Priorities.

Greenways Program Manager Garza presented this item to the board. Sidewalk projects and priorities are reviewed every year for submission in the annual Capital Improvement Program

process as unfunded projects for consideration. Staff is requesting a review to update the prioritized list based on projects that have been funded and citizen requests made through the ADA Transition Plan that was recently completed.

The list consists of the following:

1. Tarrow Street – University Drive to Bryan City Limits (ADA request)
2. Southwest Parkway gaps (ADA request)
3. Munson Avenue gaps (ADA request)
4. George Bush Drive East – Dominik Drive to University Oaks Blvd.
5. Dexter Drive – Winding Road to Gabbard Park (Southside Neighborhood Plan)
6. Dexter Drive - Gabbard Park to Llano Place (South Knoll Neighborhood Plan)
7. Harvey Road – gaps from Texas Avenue to SH 6
8. Scarlett O’Hara Drive – University Oaks Blvd. to Harvey Road
9. Georgia Street – Holleman Drive to Nevada Street
10. Park Place – Timber Street to Texas Avenue
11. University Oaks Blvd. – Olympia Way to Stallings Drive

The list includes sidewalks that exist in two neighborhood plans as referenced above.

Other sidewalk projects to be submitted are grouped by Neighborhood Plan. The City currently has four neighborhood plans that have been adopted and include sidewalk projects. These sidewalk projects by plan include:

Central College Station NP:

Southwood Drive – Valley View Drive to Todd Trail
Todd Trail – Southwood Drive to Rio Grande Blvd.
Todd Trail – Longmire Drive to Brothers Blvd.

Eastgate NP:

Foster Avenue – Lincoln Avenue to George Bush Drive East
Walton Drive – Foster Avenue to Francis Drive
Puryear Drive North – Walton Drive to James Parkway
Nunn Street – Lincoln Avenue to Walton Drive
Puryear Drive South – Kyle Avenue to Dominik Drive

Southside NP:

Glade Reconstruction – Park Place to Hollemen Drive
Dexter Drive – Winding Road to Gabbard Park

South Knoll NP:

Dexter Drive – Gabbard Park to Llano Place
Caudill Street – Holleman Drive to Gunsmith Street
Haines Drive – Gabbard Park to Langford Street

Board Member Lasley joined the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Chairman Brick asked if the sidewalks on University Drive are going to be addressed by this program.

Ms. Garza stated that is a Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) project where they are widening the sidewalk to provide bicycle and pedestrian connectivity.

Chairman Brick asked about the Wellborn Road sidewalk that is proposed.

Ms. Garza stated that it is funded it has just been a slow moving project.

Chairman Brick asked if there were going to be new sidewalks at the Century Square project on University Drive.

Ms. Garza stated that there will be sidewalks and we have requested that they be widened but we are unclear if that will occur.

Director of Planning and Development Simms stated that the widening of the sidewalks has been requested but are not required to comply as it is under TAMU's jurisdiction.

Board Member Batenhorst asked about the Timber and Park Place area that was identified by the Capital Improvements Program committee as a priority.

Ms. Garza stated that that project has been funded.

Board Member Lasley asked if it would be cheaper if the two proposed Dexter Drive projects were completed simultaneously.

Ms. Garza stated that it would be more cost effective if done together and that they had been broken out into two projects on the list as they are a part of two separate neighborhood plans but not on the unfunded project sheet that will be submitted.

Board Member Denton asked if there are plans to fix Munson Avenue.

Ms. Garza stated that there is a project already underway for the rehabilitation of Munson Avenue.

Board Member Denton asked if the sidewalks would be changed as the roadways are changing.

Board Member Boatcallie stated that an 8 foot sidewalk is being added.

Board Member Phil Lasley motioned to recommend approval of the Capital Improvements Program – Sidewalk Projects and Priorities list.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Robert Lightfoot and was approved (6-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Presentation and discussion regarding BPG Subcommittee Updates.

Greenways Program Manager Garza presented updates on this item. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Audits Subcommittee has finalized their list of important factors to assess when in the field and the City has been broken up for each board member to evaluate the bike lanes and bike routes within their section.

The Performance Measures Subcommittee list of outputs and outcomes is being finalized and both groups should have their tasks completed by March.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Presentation and discussion regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.

- January 7, 2016 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- January 21, 2016 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- February 1, 2016 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Possible action and discussion on future agenda items – A Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board Member may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.

Board Member Lightfoot stated that the sidewalk on Harvey Mitchell Parkway from State Highway 6 to Texas Ave is in need of repairs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Blanche Brick, Chairman

ATTEST:



Amber Johnson, Board Secretary