

**In attendance:**

J. Blackwood, Alderman R. Grosch, J. Vitale, R. Ford and G. Pascucci.

**Also Present:**

Deputy Clerk A. Hurd, City Engineer J. Weigel and City Planner N. Fuchs.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Blackwood called the meeting to order at 4:32pm and requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Revisions to the 2019 Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Mr. Blackwood stated RA Smith had updated the plan with the Committee's suggestions for seven or nine projects. Mr. Weigel stated they also referenced more current codes and updated some estimates.

Mr. Blackwood referred to page 37, which includes the recommendations. He suggested going thru the recommendations to see if anyone had any comments, since this is what will move forward for near-term projects.

The first project was E. Fieldhack Drive to the Lake Country Trail. There are a number of permitting issues with the DNR for this project. The estimated costs are listed as \$22,000, but Mr. Blackwood assumed that was just for construction, and any design, easement and permitting costs would be much higher than that. Mr. Blackwood felt getting it next to Meadowbrook Road would be more feasible.

The second project would be the east side of Highway G from the Lake Country Trail up to the City/Village boundary. The firsts section would be from the trail up to East Fieldhack Drive. Mr. Blackwood referred to the project description and questioned if the County would allow a bi-directional bike path right next to a County highway from a safety standpoint.

The next piece is from Fieldhack Drive to Accent Court. This will probably be the easiest place in the City to put a bike path as there is plenty of right-of-way, not a lot of trees, and all of the utilities are off to the right-of-way line. The path would continue onto Highway SS and then to Galilee Church.

The next path would be from Northview Road just west of the Waukesha bypass to South Park. There is a short connection and a few gaps in the area. This path seems pretty straight forward and would be a fairly low cost, minus a few trees and utility impacts.

There would be a pedestrian crossing at Highway 164 and Ridgeview Parkway across from Avondale. There have been requests over the years by residents to have a cross walk put in with push buttons. Mr. Weigel noted that he has talked to the state highway about putting in a signal infrastructure, and he was

advised that it can be done, but they would need to find out who would pay for it and do the work. If the state would agree to chip in for it, the City could have this instituted easily.

The next piece is from Watertown Road from the City/Village limits at Forest Grove Drive to east of GE. This is the heaviest traveled bike path, and has a few more issues than the Highway G project. There are some issues with getting the railroad tracks over the crossing, and that will most likely be half of the project cost. There would need to be some discussions with the Village as to where we would terminate the path, and whether it would be terminated right at Forest Grove or if they would want to get a connection up to Hickory Street.

The first recreational crossing would be at Nettesheim Park and Highway SS. There is not great sight distance on Oak Street so they would not want to put a crossing in there. The alternate could be to look at Arlington and Front Street, which is a straight stretch of road.

The other recreational crossing would be on Highway G across from Galilee Church. There is sufficient sight distance for it to be installed. Both of these crossings would be a good place to have the rapid rectangular flashing beacons to bring a little more attention to it.

#### 4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Committee's Recommendation on Prioritizing Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

Mr. Blackwood stated now that we have an updated plan, the Committee should prioritize which are the most important. Discussion took place regarding some of the details of the proposed projects.

Mr. Weigel noted \$350,000 was put in this year's budget currently under the Green Road and Spice Creek connection. The funds are available upon Council approval to reprogram on a priority list.

Mr. Blackwood clarified that the following six projects would be made as recommendations for prioritizing:

#1 the connection between the Lake Country Trail and Fieldhack Drive, whether it's along Highway G or its own connection;

#2 the recreational trail crossing of Highway G at Galilee Lutheran Church or Petersen Drive;

#3 the short sidewalk connection on Northview Road;

#4 Highway M from Highway 164 west of Forest Grove;

#5 Springdale Road from Green Road south to either Kathryn Court or Burningwood Lane; and

#6 Highway 164 and the Ridgeview Crossing.

Mr. Weigel suggested mentioning that some of the smaller projects might be recommended to be moved in as the budget and permitting process allows.

**A motion was made and seconded (R. Grosch, G. Pascucci) to make the Bike & Pedestrian Project a priority as listed above.** Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

5. Discussion to Select the Next Meeting Date and Possible Items To Go On The Upcoming Agenda

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30pm.

6. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

7. Adjournment

**A motion was made and seconded (R. Grosch, G. Pascucci) to adjourn the meeting at 5:41pm.**

Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ami Hurd  
Deputy Clerk