

Accessibility and Advocacy Committee Meeting

Friday, April 12, 2024, 12:00 – 1:00

Athens City Building, First Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Attending: Ally Hughes, Davey McNelly, Dianne Bouvier, Annah Korpi, Lisa Simpson, Rob Delach, Stephanie Hunter, Dan Schoonover, Margaret Hutzal

Quorum was met.

Ally opened the meeting at 12:00pm.

Stephanie moved to approve the March 8, 2024, committee meeting minutes. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

The committee quickly reviewed the last meeting's discussion with Saleh. Ally will send an email thanking Saleh for coming to our last meeting adding bullet points of what the committee is recommending on current projects.

Rob was pleased to hear the city was thinking of restructuring a roundabout for pedestrian safety near Kershaw Greene. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of a walking bridge and would not recommend it due to people typically choosing to go the shortest route and avoid the longer (albeit safer) access.

It was mentioned that one of the commissioners is discussing how to make bus stops safer at Kershaw Greene.

Annah reminded the committee that we should incorporate a “notes” page into the excel spreadsheet. The committee also agreed that we want the spreadsheet to be openly available on the Commission’s website.

The Committee discussed that the bikeway at Stimson Avenue Bridge will be closed for 2-3 months, also making pedestrian safety an issue. A bike and accessible pedestrian detour will be needed. The committee is suggesting the city invest in some accessible ramps to more easily cross graveled detours, etc. It is illegal not to have accessible pathways during construction.

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It was suggested the committee write an email stating “We assume you are creating an alternative pedestrian safety route and as a committee, we would like to see it.”

It was also noted that the City used carryover from street funds to do repair work on Lincoln Avenue sidewalks replacing broken curbs. It was noted that the curb corners have no ramp, and it was only fragment sidewalk repair.

The Committee spent the rest of the meeting finalizing plans for the Walk, Talk and Roll Event.

Lisa moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00pm. Rob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.