

## Fairhope Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/2/2021

Committee Member Attendees: Gary Gover; Chris Knight; Rosalie Stromme; Bill Hall; Katie Bolton; Jason Small; Chris Riley ; Michelle Melton; John Kavanagh

Guests in attendance: Jessica Walker

City Councilman representative: Jay Robinson was not in attendance.

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Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Bill Hall.

Motion carried to approve 10/5/2021 minutes.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee Meeting room: Meeting place of Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee shall be designated as the Giddens Auditorium in the Library building henceforward.

### Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee Input for city projects:

- a) Working Waterfront Project -- Jessica Walker reported that the Waterfront Committee Team consists of the mayor and 2 city council members. The \$5.5 million project is moving forward for development of schematics in November 2021 covering placement of bulkheads, light fixtures, trash receptacles, ramps and benches. GMC Design Team must present alternate solutions for overall design with a deadline of 4-6 months for city to review.

Triangle Project – Grant has been approved for approximately \$1,000,000 to include natural paths, outdoor classroom, and pedestrian tunnel connecting northern section of property to the southern section. A Request for Proposal to qualified engineering firms will include a 24-month performance period. Katie Bolton reports that SAMBA chapter has offered support when needed. A local business, WoodBrew, has offered a sponsorship, such as benches, or whatever the project may need once it is identified.

- b) Complete Streets Project:  
**\*\*\*Action Item:** Gary Gover to draft a Complete Streets Project memo using as a template other Alabama localities such as Gulf Shores or other American cities such as Missoula, MT.\*\*\*

Full Comprehensive Land Use public forums: These community engagement meetings are being held with regularity over the next few months including a virtual online meeting in January 2022. Public comments may be communicated during in-person meetings or an online Survey with a deadline of 1/31/2022:

[https://www.surveylegend.com/survey/-MmOUxOdfhBMIS0z\\_FZA](https://www.surveylegend.com/survey/-MmOUxOdfhBMIS0z_FZA) .

Targeted deadline for community/public input is 1<sup>st</sup> week of March 2022.

Equality Avenue Sidewalk Improvement: Mayor Sherry Sullivan has redirected the Junior City Council to work on a creative crosswalk design on Bancroft Street linked to Coastal Alabama campus. The Equality Avenue access has not been completed but is now projected to be a traditional crosswalk.

Fels to Pier Sidewalk Expansion: Richard Johnson had not yet prepared an estimated cost for this expansion. However higher city priority is resolution of the Southlawn Place subdivision sidewalks at an approximate cost of \$400,000 as a result of a Department of Justice complaint.

E-Bikes: Gary Gover provided additional information about e-bike usage around the country and expressed concern about their impact on pedestrian safety. A suggestion was made to have maximum speed limit signs installed on the Jill Hall multi-use path since e-bikes have either a 20-mph or a 28-mph capability. E-bikes are currently considered in Alabama as a “motorcycle or motor-driven cycle” and their operation falls under Chapter 12 of Title 32 Alabama Motor Vehicles and Traffic.

Next scheduled meeting: December 7, 2021 at 4pm in the Giddens Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Stromme, Secretary