

Fairhope Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/5/2022

Committee Member Attendees: Gary Gover; Rosalie Stromme; Bill Hall; Chris Knight; Chris Riley; Michelle Melton

Committee Member Absentees: John Kavanagh; Katie Bolton

Guests in attendance: Vincent George; Chris Ambron; Hunter Simmons; James Watkins of the Fairhope Times; Jack Graves

City Councilman representative: None were in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 4:03pm by Bill Hall.

Motion carried to approve 3/8/2022 minutes.

Administrative Items: Jack Graves expressed his interest in becoming a Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee member after his Application for Appointment was submitted to the City of Fairhope. Motion carried to approve the appointment of Jack Graves.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee Input for city projects:

- a) Working Waterfront Project – Chris Knight attended the Work Session in March 2022 for this project and reports that approximately 90% of the proposed project is restoration with some additional features to include a bathroom and a funicular.
- b) Complete Streets Project – Hunter Simmons reviewed the Complete Streets Resolution and suggested some minor changes to verbiage may be appropriate for final submission to the Comprehensive Plan Team consultants.

*****Action Item:** Bill Hall, Gary Gover and Hunter Simmons work together to prepare final draft.

Sidewalk Improvements: *****Action Item:** Chris Riley will begin the process of expanding sidewalk repainting to the Fairhope Furniture Consignment store on North Section and at the Fels Avenue/South Section area near Rambo's Auto Service.

ARCGIS Field Maps Application: Hunter Simmons, Vincent George and Chris Ambron provided committee member training on the Field Maps application. Each committee member was provided a group Username and group Password to access this application while out in the field. City of Fairhope needs committee member assistance in crosschecking mapped sidewalks

with those that physically exist to determine any mapping gaps. The gray lines in the application are the sidewalks that are known to exist. The Blue dots on the map are bike racks that physically exist; the Yellow dots on the map are proposed bike rack locations.

*****Action Item:** Committee members will physically examine areas of the city and indicate in RED those sidewalks which exist but which are not indicated on the Field Map Software. Also, while out in the field, notate in the Application those sidewalks that need some major type of repair (i.e. handicap ramp missing/damages, major trip hazards, etc.); best recommendation is to notate location on the mapping software ('put a pin on the location') and then upload a photo of the area of concern. Michelle Melton has volunteered to crosscheck the sidewalk inventory near the Fairhope West elementary school.

New Business:

1. Free Downtown Shuttle service is available Monday-Friday 10-2pm to alleviate some of the parking issues in the Central Business District. Riders may call 251-850-6348 to reach driver for pick-up.
2. De La Mare handicap parking space is targeted for April 2022 to be available.
3. Sign which announces that Fairhope Avenue is closed at Church Street currently blocks the entire sidewalk and forces pedestrians to walk out into Fairhope Avenue around the sign.

*****Action Item:** Bill hall to initiate a 311 repair fix for relocating this temporary sign.

Next scheduled meeting: May 3, 2022 at 4pm in the Giddens Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Stromme, Secretary