Fairhope Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/5/2023

Committee Member Attendees: Gary Gover; Jack Graves; Bill Hall; Morgan Russell; Chris Knight;

Committee Member Absentees: Jay Robinson; Rosalie Stromme; Katie Bolton; Mike Walker; Chris Riley; City Representative

Guests in Attendance: James Watkins, Fairhope Times;

Dione Heusel, Baldwin County Trail Blazers

Citizens: Bryan Flowers; Carl Couret

Meeting called to order at 4:02pm.

Motion carried to approve 6/6/2023 minutes.

<u>Request for Two Additional Bike Racks</u>-Johnnie Prewitt and Katie Bolton were not at the meeting so this item was deferred to the next meeting.

<u>Twin Beach & Boothe Pedestrian Crossing Light Request</u>-The Traffic Safety Control Committee reviewed our recommendation that pedestrian crossing signals be set up at Twin Beach and Boothe Rds and Twin Beach Rd and Summer Lake St and recommended a Safety/Corridor Study to determine appropriate solutions as well as jurisdictional responsibility.

Mobile Street at American Legion/Elks Club Crossing-Chris Riley will formerly request via memo to the Traffic Safety Control Committee that a Traffic Study be conducted by the Police Department regarding this situation between Gambino's and American Legion.-Chris was not at the meeting but passed on to Bill Hall that he is working on the request.

<u>Status of SHARRO markings installation on S. Mobile St between Fels & Pier Sts</u>-No update as there was no City Representative in attendance.

ETA for new Bike Racks and Bicycle Repair Station for Pier St- No update as there was no City Representative in attendance.

<u>Update on Blue Island & Fairwood Blvd Sidewalks Projects</u>- No update as there was no City Representative in attendance.

<u>Update on Triangle Property development project</u>-Bill Hall relayed Katie Bolton's update that the project had the City Council's approval to move to phase one-planning.

***Action Item: Bill Hall to ask Katie Bolton to determine who the Point of Contact/Project Manager is for the Triangle Property. Katie will invite that individual to the next Committee Meeting for an project status update.

***Action Item: Bill Hall to forward the City's update on the Triangle Property to Bryan Flowers.

<u>Baldwin County Connectivity Plan Update</u>-No update from Dione Huesel as the MSO had not addressed the plan. She said that some cities are looking at the routing of the connectivity routes. Morgan Russell volunteered to be the Committee contact for updates from Dione.

<u>BCTB Bike to School Workshops</u>-Bill Hall stated that the League of American Bicyclists process for certifying Instructors takes a minimum of 90 days to set up a class. We are less than 90 days from the start of school so the only solution is to hire a League Certified Instructor to teach the classes this year. This will give us a year to identify individuals who would attend a Certification class locally. The minimum number of attendees for the certification class is 8. The School Resource officers would be ideal individuals to get certified so they could run the Bike to School Workshops every year at the beginning of the school year.

***Action Item: Bill Hall will get the list of local LCIs to Dione Huesel. Dione will locate funding to pay the class stipend and expenses.

<u>Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) grant application</u>-Gary Gover provided an update on the Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan grant program. The SS4A program will provide \$5-\$6 billion in grants over the next 5 years. It's goal is to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our nations roadways. The City Council approved the submission of the FY23 grant application. Nicole Love, Grant Coordinator, is working on the application. Gary suggested that the committee provide a letter of support of the application.

***Action Item: Bill Hall to write and submit a letter of support to Nicole before the July 10, 2023 application deadline.

New Business:

Bryan Flowers was recently appointed to the City Parking Committee. He will attend the P&B Committee meetings whenever possible to coordinate the two committee's goals.

Next scheduled meeting: August 1, 2023 at 4pm in the Library's Second Floor Boardroom.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41pm. Respectfully submitted, Bill Hall, Acting Secretary