

Fairhope Pedestrian & Biking Committee - October 2023 meeting minutes - recorded by Chris Riley-Finalized Version Approved by Committee November 7, 2023

Attendees: members; Chris Riley, Rosalie Stromme, Gary Gover, Katie Bolton, Brian Flowers, Morgan Russell

City Employee: Richard Johnson

BCTrailBlazer: Dione Heusel

Resident: Marsha Gotlieb

Meeting start time - 4:04PM

Prior Meeting Minutes reviewed. Approved by Chris Riley, 2nd Katie Bolton.

Member discussion: Chris Knight will be leaving after the December 2023 meeting. Johnny Prewit has been approved by committee to replace Chris Knight.

City Employee discussion: Richard Johnson confirmed that he is our City Representative. Bill Hall will ask the Mayor to appoint Nicole Love to act as our city employee representative.

Mobile Street "sharrows" - Rosalie has been in contact with Richard Johnson regarding signage. Katie Bolton to work with Richard Johnson on signage verbiage, location and installation timeline. Katie will report back to committee.

New Sidewalk Projects - Richard Johnson discussed both the Blue Island and Fairwood Projects. Blue Island, 50% drawings submitted, sidewalk to be installed on the West Side and will be 6 feet in width. Spring 24' bid, Summer 24' install. Fairwood will have a center/ median 5 foot sidewalk. Per Richard Johnson there will be a tree assessment and heavy landscaping plan involved in the Fairwood project.

School Bicycle Workshops - it was determined that Katie and Dione are overlapping in efforts to move forward with this project. Before anything will be moving forward they will be in discussion with School Superintendent, Eddie Tyler to get his approval and support. Once that is gained the next step is to get the majority of school principals onboard and before moving to next steps. The Baldwin County Trail Blazers maybe able to fund. Katie and Dione will be working together moving forward and will brief committee as needed.

Bike Rack Installation - there are 9 total racks to be installed as soon as possible by Richard Johnson. He has the list. If any additional racks are needed, Katie's non profit can purchase additional racks.

Bike Repair Station - still at a TBD status per committee and City.

Fairhope Avenue Crosswalk - Richard Johnson discussed that intersection would be retrofitted to incorporate a new crossing button to protect pedestrians from the left turn arrow. This will be completed by the lighting of the trees in November.

Section Crosswalks - Brian will remind Richard Johnson to relight the two Section Street crossings by P.D. and Civic Center during the resurfacing project.

Walk & Roll to school annual day will be October 4th.

Triangle Project - Richard Johnson discussed that the Master Plan was complete. North Track, Fly Creek, trails and birding blind. On-site home to be renovated and turned into a Nature Center with classrooms. Timeline, next 4 years.

Baldwin County Connectivity Plan - Morgan and Dione working on but are having problems meeting and getting everyone together due to schedules.

Highways 104/181 crossing issue: Committee to send ALDOT a letter stressing the immediate need for a safe crossing at intersection. We can send the letter to Richard Johnson and he will get to the correct ALDOT member. Letter needs to be created and submitted to Richard as soon as possible.

Committee bylaws rewritten by Gary Gover to note that committee will be meeting every two months starting with the January 2024 meeting. This was submitted and approved by city council.

Next Meeting - November 7th

Meeting adjourn 5:02