Active Living Advisory Committee
Wednesday, March 15th, 2017
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Planning Central Conference Room, 11th Floor
1819 Farnam Street

Present:
Voting Members: Mark Stursma, Tom Everson, Ben Turner, Andy Wessel

Staff: Cassie Paben, Derek Miller, Todd Pfitzer, Dennis Bryers, Stephen Osberg

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Notes:

1. Approval of February Notes [Tim-Tom]
   a. Ben motion, Tom second, unanimous approval

2. Consideration of Michelle Bandur’s Resignation – All
   a. Resignation finalized.
   b. Recommendations from the committee are encouraged

3. Active Living Advisory Committee Applicants Update – Preston
   a. Three applications submitted so far
   b. Value of diverse members noted, both in expertise and demographics

4. Complete Streets Update – Osberg
   a. Stakeholder and Public Meetings postponed. New dates TBD

5. Communication Strategy – Miller
   a. Preston and Miller will meet to strategize outreach around the committee.
   It’s not anticipated that the committee members will do direct outreach on
   a large scale, but certain improvements could be made.
   b. All website material has been consolidated on the Mayor’s website instead
      of being split between Planning Department and Mayor’s Office websites.
   c. There was general discussion of when it is appropriate for the committee to
      comment publicly on actions. Recommendations to the Mayor are the
      preferred communication strategy for most situations.
d. The question was raised of whether ALAC should better define when it will comment on issues to the public. The committee agreed that better publicly defining the role of the committee would be beneficial.

6. Discussion of Scope of Active Living for ALAC to Consider – All
   a. Is the group missing key initiatives that it could use to help guide City decisions? Is the focus too reactive and not proactive enough?
   b. The idea of suggesting items to include in a report received favorable consideration. What would a progress report look like?
   c. Are there active living topics related to recreation that the group could consider?
   d. It was suggested that ALAC could provide guidance to neighborhood associations in developing projects for the Mayor’s Grant Program, or the group could encourage the Mayor to offer or prioritize grants specifically promoting Active Living. Or a component of supporting active living could be added as a criterion in the application.
   e. It was noted that the challenge of finding Active Living projects for the grants is that you can’t do significant infrastructure for $5,000. However, there are other resources for funds that could be used to match Mayor’s Grants.
   f. Material would need to reach the Mayor by the fall to get in the 2018 grant cycle.
   g. In the future, ALAC will talk about best practices. One per month. Will look at what the city is current and not currently doing.
      i. Active transportation
      ii. Tourism, mountain bike park
      iii. Traffic calming
      iv. Performance measures

7. South 24th Street Update – Miller/Osberg
a. The project is a federally funded 4-to-3 lane road diet with the addition of bike lanes and curb extensions. The reconfiguration of lanes is expected/intended to improve safety of people driving.

b. The multimodal safety project has restarted, and a group has started to meet to inform the public engagement process for the project.


d. The transition to 23rd St at J is of interest to the group. [Future meeting topic.]

8. Set April Agenda – All

a. Brainstorm best practices for a specific active living component. Traffic calming. [Send out current traffic calming policy.] Or, brainstorm all the best practices topics for future discussion.

b. Re-examine metrics, or include as a future category.

9. Adjourn

a. Turner motion, Tom second, unanimous approval at 4:13 PM