

Active Living Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 17th, 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, Chris Rolling

Staff: Todd Pfitzer, Dennis Bryers, Stephen Osberg

Guests: Keith Backsen, John Cavanaugh, Deborah Ward, Kent McNeill, Todd Saylor

Notes:

1. Approval of March Notes
 - a. Andy motion, Chris second, unanimous approval
2. Complete Streets Update – Osberg
 - a. The next Complete Streets Stakeholder Meeting will be held on June 22nd at the CEC at UNO. This time will conflict with the scheduled June ALAC meeting, so it is recommended that ALAC members attend the Stakeholder Group meeting rather than holding a June meeting.
 - b. A public meeting for Complete Streets will be held at the Pella at Blackstone on June 23rd.
3. Guerilla Bicycle Facilities on 63rd Street – Osberg/Turner
 - a. There was significant discussion on the plungers glued to the bike lane markings on 63rd St north of Shirley. The plungers were installed without permission in an attempt to demonstrate effectiveness of protected bicycle facilities. They were removed within hours due to lack of conformity with any standards and, more importantly, out of a concern for safety.
 - b. City staff and ALAC members expressed frustration with the guerilla methods employed. They agreed that discussion around the issue of finding more effective bicycle facilities was important, but felt this was the wrong approach.

- c. A guest suggested that there is a perception of lack of communication with the public on issues such as protected bike lanes and wondered if there would be a way for ALAC to more proactively address/discuss these issues.
 - d. Flexible delineators have been examined in the past, but Public Works is concerned about their impact on snow removal operations as well as their general durability. **ALAC requested a cost estimate for protected bicycle facilities.**
 - e. City staff suggested that a discussion about protected bike lanes might have been more helpful earlier in the process of trying to address speeding and safety problems on 63rd St. The city is willing to mock up solutions (or initiate pilot projects) at times.
 - f. A guest suggested that there might be an opportunity to use the incident to promote ALAC as a channel to open these types of discussions with the city.
4. Mountain Bike Tourism [3:30] – Turner/Guests
- a. Guests presented the idea of a bike park at Tranquility Park along with bike park elements along the trail system in Omaha. The project was warmly received.
 - b. To make the project possible, the Parks Department would need to revise the Master Plan for Tranquility Park. There are currently other ideas for how to use the space. It was agreed that the guests would arrange a meeting with the Director of Parks Recreation and Public Property to discuss further.
 - c. **ALAC will draft a letter of support.** Targeting Brook Bench with the Mayor copied.
5. Adjourn
- a. Ben motion, Tom second, unanimous approval at 4:40 PM