

Active Living Advisory Committee (ALAC)

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Planning Central Conference Room, 11th Floor

1819 Farnam Street

Present

Voting Members: Mark Stursma, Ben Turner, Andy Wessel, Tameshia Harris, Chris Rolling, Jason Rose

City Reps: Carrie Murphy, Kevin Carder, Dennis Bryers, Todd Pfitzer

Visitors: Lee Myers

Notes:

1. Approval of December Notes (Voting Item)
 - a. Andy motion; Tameshia second; unanimously approved
2. Vision Zero Update
 - a. Discussed Task Force's recommendation for timeline for reaching zero.
 - b. Thought was to use MAPA modeling to set ambitious but realistic timeline with interim/mid-point goals
 - c. Have a working group to put together document with recommendations to Mayor
 - d. ALAC members will be invited to presentation to Mayor
 - e. Recommendations will be preliminary, not yet public at that point and there will be follow-up work based on Mayor's feedback
3. By- Laws Discussion and Officer Elections
 - a. Change time in the by-laws to be "at least monthly" and strike second sentence describing date and time
 - i. Andy motion; Chris second; approved unanimously
 - b. Change to reflect that City staff members "serve as advisors to the committee" and strike Human Resources from list of City representatives
 - i. Andy motion; Ben Second; approved unanimously
 - c. Officers
 - i. Chris (Vice Chair) will be moving in May
 - ii. Mayor's website has a feature on their Boards and Commissions page that posts openings and also advertises those openings on social media
 - iii. Next month agenda: develop description for what ALAC is looking for.

- iv. Chris's expertise has been valuable; would be good to find a candidate with a similar active transportation planning/engineering background.
 - d. Officer Elections
 - i. Ben nominates Mark Stursma for Chair; Tameshia second; unanimously approved
 - ii. Andy nominates Ben Turner for Vice Chair; Jason second; unanimously approved
 - e. Ben nominates Mark Stursma for Chair; Tameshia second; unanimously approved
 - f. Andy nominates Ben Turner for Vice Chair; Jason second; unanimously approved
 - g. Adjourned at 4:34 PM
- 4. Recommendation on Greater Design Flexibility for Municipal Streets
 - a. Mayor sent letter to ALAC stating her position is to defer to Public Works engineering judgement on this issue
 - b. Intent of ALAC's recommendation was to have Class 1 cities be able to be able to use own engineering judgement rather than be subject to State min. on urban streets.
 - c. Andy and Ben: Some of the disagreement stems from differences in research cited (looking at crash frequency vs crash severity).
 - d. State could change the standard and there are some advocacy groups that are or will be pushing that.
 - e. Ben: We should thank the Mayor for all the time she spent on the issue and note that while ALAC as a whole is not entirely in agreement with the conclusions Public Works drew from the research, it respects the decision.
 - f. Dennis: Role of this committee is to make recommendations to the Mayor and the City. That's what ALAC did, and it's up to City to decide to move forward with the recommendation or not.
 - g. Mark: Recommend writing thank you to Mayor for her consideration.
- 5. Active Living Events – tabled to next meeting
 - a. Mark will reach out to Alan to recommend drafting a recommendation prior to next meeting
 - b. If recommending funding change in the budget, need to get recommendation in by about March.
- 6. Ideas / Recommendations for New Board Member
 - a. Besides engineering knowledge/background, what are some skillsets?
 - b. Millennial Advisory Group would like to encourage more millennials to be involved in City Boards and Commissions.
- 7. February Agenda

- a. Bike Omaha Wayfinding Project – Courtney Brewer and Sarah Sjolie (Live Well Omaha)
 - b. MAPA Close the Gap Plan & TDM – Mike Helgerson
 - c. Vision Zero Update
 - d. ALAC Member Replacement Discussion
 - e. Active Living Events
 - f. ALAC Goals and Priorities
8. Adjourned 4:08pm