

Active Living Advisory Committee (ALAC)

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Planning Central Conference Room, 11th Floor

1819 Farnam Street

Attendees: Mark Stursma, Pell Duvall, Tameshia Harris, Ben Turner, Tom Everson, Andy Wessel, Jason Rose

City Reps: Kevin Carder, Derek Miller, Todd Pfitzer, Dennis Bryers

Visitors: Lee Myers

Agenda:

1. Approval of March minutes (Voting Item)
 - a. Andy motion; Tom second; unanimously approved

2. Field Club and Woolworth Ave
 - a. Was an article in the World Herald a while back about the golf course wanting to vacate
 - b. No formal application
 - c. Was voted down by Council in 2002. Department recommendation was to deny vacation
 - d. Circumstances today likely would not support vacation
 - e. The street serves as an important pedestrian and bicycle route
 - f. No recommendation or action by ALAC necessary or desired at this point

3. ALAC Member Replacement Recommendations Discussion
 - a. Todd P. suggestions:
 - i. Mark Meisinger (FHU)
 - ii. Jake Weiss (HDR)
 - iii. Donny Cerwick (Burns & Mac)
 - b. Mark has a lot of experience with bicycle and pedestrian projects.
 - c. Possibly ALAC could invite to next weekend.
 - d. Ultimately up to Mayor to decide, but it would probably be helpful if ALAC made a recommendation
 - e. Mark: We could reach out to all three, and it could be that only one is interested. If multiple, are, could have further conversations with them
 - f. Are there additional candidates, particularly ones who increase the diversity of perspectives on the committee?
 - g. Could also ask Courtney Sokol (former HDR engineer) or Tara Kramer (HDR)
 - h. Todd: Can you send two to three sentence description of what committee is looking for, and then I can send it out to all the suggested candidates.
 - i. Andy: I can put together 2-3 sentence blurb of what committee is looking for
 - j. Ben and Jason: Smitta from SRF could be a good candidate

- k. Mayor's office page on boards and committees has the application form
- l. Email should also include what the time commitment should be.

4. Vision Zero

- a. Didn't meet in May
- b. Mayor is planning to recommend that the Vision Zero Coordinator position be funded for next year
- c. Discussion at June meeting focused on what the role of that position would be and what resources they would need to be successful
- d. Task Force feel the primary role of coordinator will be outreach and coordination, and mobilizing various departments and stakeholders
 - i. Looking at job descriptions from other communities, it seemed like smaller communities had more technical, engineering-focused job descriptions, while larger communities were more outreach and communication positions with support from existing technical staff
- e. Pell is working on half page job description recommendation that Task Force can refine at next month's meeting and then provide to the City as a recommendation for when HR creates job posting
- f. Planned press conference July 10th announcing the Vision Zero coordinator and launch of Vision Zero program
- g. It is likely that that event would conclude the work of the Task Force and future role of supporting and advising the Vision Zero Coordinator and City's Vision Zero effort would probably fall to the ALAC
- h. Todd: Position will be funded from Public Works budget – they think engineering tech I might be the correct classification
- i. Task Force consensus was generally that, even though the position would be funded by the Public Works budget, they felt it would be most effective if housed in the Mayor's office.
 - i. Todd, if it's housed in the Mayor's office, who is their supervisor?
- j. Next meeting, will need to discuss if there is need for an ongoing Vision Zero working group that involves additional stakeholders

5. ALAC Goals and Priorities Discussion

- a. Andy: Did a first draft of updating the Goals and Priorities sheet
- b. Updated Purpose statement to include mention of Vision Zero, Complete Streets
- c. Ben: ALAC has generally responded to issues by making ad hoc recommendations as issues arise, but it would be a good idea to develop goals and associated metrics that ALAC can recommend to the Mayor, and then base its recommendations on those stated goals. For example:
 - i. Setting 10% Active Commuting Goal (Walk/Bike/Transit)
 - ii. Setting 20% non-SOV Commuting Goal (Walk/Bike/Transit/Carpool + Rideshare)
- d. Ben: Would like to work on recommendations around these goals, consult with Mayor to see what goals she would be comfortable with.
- e. Andy: Specific percents are open to discussion, will take off the draft document to allow for those discussions
- f. Add "...for implementation opportunities" to the item about "Review Complete Streets Design Guide"

- g. "Support Increased Per Capita Funding for Transit"
 - i. Jason: Recent state legislation opens possibility for Metro to be a regional transit authority and can give Metro back its taxing authority
 - ii. Contiguous municipalities can vote to become part of regional authority (by 2/3 vote of their governing body)
 - iii. Could potentially allow Metro to broaden service area in the future
 - h. Derek: Would be good if ALAC provided input on the scooter pilot when that concludes
 - i. Andy: I can make changes discussed before next meeting
 - j. Ben: I recommend we set specific percentage goals before voting on final document
 - k. Andy: Don't think it's necessary to adopt, but it would be more formal and would provide justification for posting the goals and priorities publicly on the webpage
6. Demonstration / Pilot Projects
- a. Mark Stursma: Have been to planning conference sessions about pilot projects. There are a range of pilot projects that range from "guerilla" urbanism to formally implemented by government itself
 - b. Ones that are City-driven, temporary tests of a new street layout (for example protected bike lane pilot) seem to be most successful
 - c. One benefit is it allows people to visualize and experience a project, rather than just seeing it on a map or plan, and allows for testing and tweaks to the design before permanent infrastructure installed
 - i. Todd P: Haven't done pilot projects in the past; traffic maintenance staff are already maxed out in terms of workload right now.
7. Set July Agenda
- a. ALAC Goals and Priorities
 - b. Vision Zero
8. Adjourned 4:29pm