

CITY OF MILBANK
BICYCLE PEDESTIAN TRAILS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the City of Milbank, Parks and Recreation Board – Bicycle Pedestrian Trails Committee was held on the 24th day of January 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at Unity Health and Fitness located at 904 E 4th Avenue Milbank, South Dakota. Present for the meeting were Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Members: Eric Pulling, Erek Holmquist, Ryan Waterfall Boyd VanVooren. Non-Members included: Dan Keyes.

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval and Adoption of Agenda

- The agenda was approved and adopted with no changes.

3. Public Participation Non-Agenda Items

- None

4. Information/Discussion

4.1 Education and Outreach: Propose est. communications with established B.P.T. Group

Dan Keyes provided an overview of reasons why the committee might consider establishing some form of direct communications with an established municipal bike pedestrian committee. Such communications could provide the Milbank committee with information which could help the committee avoid early setbacks and pitfalls associated with community wide planning. Dan has reached out to the City of Sioux Falls, SD and has received an offer of assistance as an information resource from a City Planner who has been working on the development of bike-ped trails in Sioux Falls for over 20 years and leads the City's citizen-based bike-ped committee.

The committee supported the idea of meeting and or discussing bike ped trails planning with an experienced agency but thought that perhaps it was still a bit early in the planning process. Dan Keyes agreed to respond to the City of Sioux Falls, Planning Office and let them know the committee appreciates their offer as a resource and will take them up on this offer at some point in the near future.

4.2 Review a revised city trails map and discuss trail development options.

Eric Pulling brought a table-top sized revised version of the existing trails map for the city to the meeting as a primary tool for the development of potential trail sections. The map will serve the committee as an excellent planning document with only minor amendments. Eric agreed to revise the map to reflect the minor changes.

A general discussion was held in regard to the development of trails and what the goals and priorities were going to be in the planning process. The consensus was to develop a trail network plan where pedestrians and bicyclist could travel from areas of primary interest such as parks and schools with minimal concern of vehicular interaction.

The committee proceeded to analyze the map in an effort to determine destination point priorities and possible trail routes for connection. After some discussion of how Farley Park was going to be developed, this park soon became the primary focus as a top destination point with the collective thought that immediate attention should be given to this area as substantial cost savings could be realized if a plan could be put together and included in the current construction. As such, two possible trails routes were discussed with one proposed trail route connecting Flynn Park to Farley Park. The Flynn to Farley Trail segment included questions about the pending Diggs Ave Street Project and whether or not the project could be amended to include an adjacent off-road trail section along the length of the project. Dan Keyes agreed to talk about this possibility with the City

Administrator. Additional proposals included connecting Pribyl Park to the Flynn Nature trail via 12th Avenue heading east to Flynn Dr as one option and a second option would be from Adams Dr. and Jefferson Dr. to possibly south of the proposed future practice football fields. Other proposals included a proposed circumventive trail route to begin at the schools and go around the edge of the south side of town and include 479th street, W 12th Ave.-150th St and back to the north to Farley Park without using Highway 15. The Committee agreed to explore the proposed routes on their own prior to the next bike ped trails meeting and return with specific details of how the routes could be developed.

5 Next Scheduled Meeting

- Monday, February 21, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

6. Adjournment

- 6:57 p.m.

Minutes completed and submitted by: Dan Keyes, Park and Recreation Manager

Brian Sandvig, Park & Recreation Board President: _____

Dan Keyes, Park & Recreation Manager: _____