

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 4th day of April 2022 at 6:30 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, Susan Karels, Mindy Rogers, Rhonda Preller. Members Absent: Ryan Waterfall, Boyd VanVooren, Heidi Wellnitz Non-Members included: Dan Keyes.

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 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 Determine if there is one particular route, we should focus our efforts on first (i.e., safe routes for kids, connecting parks, path around outskirts of town, etc.

- Eric Pulling began the discussion by asking the committee to say what they thought was the most important component to take into consideration when developing a bike/ped trails master plan.
- Mindy Rogers believes connecting parks should be a primary focus.
- Erek Holmquist likes the idea behind the development of a trail that skirts the boundary of the city for recreation purposes.
- Dan Keyes believes safety should be the primary focus.
- Mindy Rogers identified safety related issues associated with area of 7th Ave and Jefferson Drive as it relates the exiting of vehicles onto the street from the west parking lot exit of the high school.
- A general discuss was held about ways to improve bike ped safety in this area, which included a possible realignment of the west parking lot exit.
- Rhonda Preller has questions about the future development of Hurley Park. Both Dan Keyes and Eric Pulling provided the committee with an update.

4.2 Identify and discuss trail development options

- Susan Karels had questions about what she sees as increased bike/ped traffic on 12th Ave.
- Rhonda Preller agreed that bike/ped trails should be established to provide safe routes for kids and believes there is a need for a trail along the front of the hospital.
- Susan Karels has questions about current street projects and asked if there was flexibility to include improvements for bike/ped safety. This was a much-discussed topic, as the committee strongly felt that it was important to take advantage of any immediate opportunities that could improve bike/ped safety sooner than later.
- There was discussion about a possible route and how it might work for the area around 1st Street, E Park Ave and 4th Ave.
- Mindy Rogers has questions and comments about road project adjacent to Twin Valley Tire and how that might change things.

- Erik Holmquist informed the committee that he has physically surveyed a possible route from Farley Park using Diggs Ave.
- Eric Pulling suggested a possible route that would use 479th Street, W. 12th Street, through a field to come out on 150th Street.
- Dan Keyes agreed to speak with the City Administrator about the current road projects and see if there was any flexibility for possible change.
- Mindy Rogers provided an excellent sample of the city's flexibility by citing parking issues at Jack and Jill Park.
- Eric Pulling believes any trail project along 479th Street may have to be planned along the south side of the street when it meets existing residential housing.
- Erik Holmquist spoke to a possible route from Diggs Ave that would enable persons to travel by path from Hwy 15 through Diggs, E Bell, N Lloyd over to Flynn Park.
- Once a majority of the possible trail routes were discussed, the committee used a highlighter and marked the routes on a large planning map.
- After the trail routes were identified on paper, a discussion was held as to the next steps.
- It was determined that the next step was to obtain a consensus by the full committee that the proposed routes were to move forward in the planning process and to obtain any last feedback from the committee membership.

4.3 Determine best meeting time and set up recurring monthly meetings.

- Eric Pulling asked the members in attendance, if the 3rd Mondays of every month worked for them to have a regular meeting schedule.
- Consensus was received by the committee to hold meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month with the next scheduled meeting set for Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm

5. Next Scheduled Meeting

- Monday, May 16, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

6. Adjournment

- 7:45 p.m.

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

Brian Sandvig, Park & Recreation Board President: _____

Dan Keyes, Park & Recreation Manager: _____