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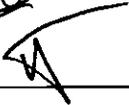
RE: Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission Report: Potential removal of the Cunningham Road extension from the City's Major Roadway Plan

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YES

NO



Other Info.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting of August 20, 2008, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission discussed the issue of the possible removal of the Cunningham Road extension from the City's Major Roadway Plan. The Council had passed a motion at their August 4, 2008 meeting to refer the request to remove the Cunningham Road extension to the Commission, along with the Planning & Zoning Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission, for their review and recommendations. Staff will prepare a report for the Planning & Zoning Commission's consideration, and the Commission will hold a public hearing on the issue at their October 23 meeting and forward their recommendation to the Council.

Cunningham Road is a major collector street on both the City and the CATSO Major Roadway Plan. The street currently runs from Chapel Hill Road to a point just north of Bray Avenue. The Plan shows an extension of the roadway from its current terminus north to Rollins Road.

Construction of the extension would necessitate using a corridor through the City's Bonnie View Park property. A short portion of the roadway directly north of its current terminus would pass through Audubon Society property. The recommended alternative for the development of Bonnie View Park does not include the Cunningham Road extension.

The Commission's general consensus was that further street access to Bonnie View Park was not necessary, but that additional sidewalk and/or trail access would be desirable. Construction of a pedway or trail along the corridor of the Cunningham Road extension was viewed as an acceptable alternative.

After discussion, the Commission passed the following motion:

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission has no objection to the Cunningham Road extension being removed from the Major Roadway Plan. The Commission recommends preserving north-south bicycle/pedestrian connectivity through the park, as well as access to Fairview School.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Acceptance of the report.

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 20, 2008**

Members Present: Chris Walthall, Greg Ahrens, Dennis Knudson (P&R representative), Pat McDonald, Dale Swoboda, Bob Hibbs, David Heise, Steve Kullman, Frederick Schmidt, Blake Segafredo, Ann Peters (P & Z)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mitch Skov (Staff), Richard Stone (Staff), Ian Thomas (PedNet)

1. Call to order – 7:02pm

2. Approval of June 2008 minutes

Minutes handed out and reviewed. Approved after a motion by Schmidt, seconded by Walthall.

3. Review of the agenda

New item added—discussion of Cunningham Rd. extension. This was discussed first, ahead of Staff reports.

AA. Cunningham Rd. extension

Skov explained the process underway, and the details of the original plan for extending Cunningham Rd. thru the Russell family property, as well as the Audubon Society property, to connect with Rollins Rd and provide access from the south to Bonnie View Park. It has been proposed to remove the extension from the city's Major Roadway Plan. Much discussion---common thread was summarized by Kullman, saying that access to the park via sidewalk or path was sufficient and that a road was not needed. Motion was made by Kullman and seconded by Heise that the commission state as follows: "The Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission has no objection to the

Cunningham Extension being removed from the Major Roadway Plan. The Commission recommends preserving north-south bicycle/pedestrian connectivity through the park, as well as access to Fairview School.” Motion passed.

4. Staff/Commission reports

A. Staff/Council Reports

i. Staff reports/information – Skov

Request made for Commission members to notify Skov or Heise if unable to attend the monthly meeting. This will allow them to cancel the meeting if we won't have a quorum.

ii. GetAbout Columbia project report –

*Walthall reported progress on the South Garth proposal from the recent meeting. Suggestions to move the access point further east met with some favorable response.

*David passed along information from the GetAbout executive committee meeting he attended. He noted that the Bluffdale extension was taken off the priority list for now. The way-finding budget was cut in half by the Council. Also, the executive committee wants the Council to pursue another round of funding.

5. Old Business

A. **Sidewalk Plan update** – There are concerns about repairs, and the Commission felt that we should be more proactive. We don't want to make this just a snow-removal issue. Kullman and Heise will compose a draft of a proposed ordinance based on our recommendations.

B. **Discussion of major routes for wayfinding signage-GetAbout**
We won't pursue at this point.

6. New Business

- A. **Outcome/summary of Pednet Board meeting on July 2 to address public reaction to GetAbout project -- Walthall**
*This meeting was preparation for the upcoming City Council meeting.
*Mention was made of a recent newspaper article that had an inappropriate title.
*Mention was made that the GetAbout website should have meeting notices posted in a more timely fashion—currently they are much too late.
- B. **Connection to pedway on Chapel Hill -- Kullman** - General discussion of the fact that the pedway and sidewalk on Chapel Hill don't continue going west. The south side of the intersection is just muddy, and there is a curb on the north side. This will likely be a problem until the Scott Blvd. project is finished. In the meantime, there needs to be a temporary connection. A motion was made by Kullman, seconded by Schmidt, that the Commission state the following: "The Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission recommends that Council direct staff to provide temporary connections of pedestrian facilities at Chapel Hill & Scott, in order to make them ADA compliant." Motion passed.
- C. **New "Maps" feature of GetAbout project** – Discussion about what is currently on the "Maps" section of the website. Since the maps shown so far appear to be driving maps only, it was felt that this would be misleading and potentially hazardous to cyclists.
- D. **Safety, Utility & Policies on pedways---** General, brief discussion of the need for consistent standards for safety of pedways, intersections and side paths. Markings, banners and signage were discussed as possibilities. In the future, it was suggested we work on recommendations for safety on pedways.
- E. **Parking of scooters in bicycle racks - Walthall-** Not discussed
- F. **Foliage obstructing sidewalks/bike lanes----**Swoboda - Not discussed

7. Announcements

- A. Interested parties meeting on the Green Meadows to Rock Bridge pedway on Thursday, Aug. 28th, from 5:30-8:00 at Gentry Middle School.**
- B. Planning & Zoning will be looking at an overlay for the new high school -- Peters suggests they get input from Bike/Ped on ideas for access via bike lanes or trails. (The city NE area plan includes the new high school site.)**
- C. Peters has received feedback saying that Bike/Walk/Wheel week seems to focus only on bikes.**
- D. Mention of nice bike lanes around Stephens Park, but no pedestrian crosswalks yet---that has been designed, and is happening when the project for that intersection is underway.**
- E. Feedback on a P&Z issue for the meeting on the 21st==>3 driveways vs. 1 larger combined driveway.**

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by McDonald, seconded by Segafredo--
passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Minutes prepared by Pat McDonald