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On May 13, 2019, the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. in the Simms Municipal Building, 808 S. Buchanan St., Room 203, for the Regular Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Joe Chris Rodriguez	Yes	25	13
Tim Ingalls	Yes	25	23
Ed Commons	Yes	24	23
Steve Rogers	Yes	22	16
Howard Smith	Yes	18	17
Angela Harney	Yes	5	4
Joe MacInnis	No	5	2
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
David Szmagalski (Ex Officio)	Yes	25	24

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

Kyle Schniederjan	Director of Capital Projects & Development Engineering
Michael Padilla	Transportation Superintendent
Courtney White	Assistant City Attorney
Cody Balzen	MPO Senior Planner
Andrew Freeman	Director of Planning and Development Services
Judy Alexander	Recording Secretary, Traffic Engineering

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Committee Chairman Ingalls called the scheduled regular meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:07 a.m.

ITEM 2: Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Member Commons made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019, meeting. Committee Member Harney seconded the motion, and motion carried 6:0.

ITEM 3: Update on Downtown issues including parking implementation and future one-way road implementation.

Andrew Freeman, Director of Planning and Development Services, gave a presentation on the Downtown Parking Management. He reported that on-street paid parking had been discussed in the 2008 Downtown Strategic Action Plan, followed by specific 2019 and 2013 parking studies. The studies,

in conjunction with the downtown catalyst projects, recommended that downtown paid parking be implemented around the City's parking garage. He said a three-month soft implementation began on March 4, and a full implementation will begin on June 4, providing a 90-day grace period for citizens to get accustomed to the paid parking. He reported the paid parking zones are generally between Johnson St. and Taylor St. between S.E. 3rd Ave. and S.E. 10th Ave. He cited the benefits of paid parking in the downtown area, as well as how the revenue will be used. He stated the City chose to contract with ParkMobile, which is a no up-front cost cloud-based metering system. Citizens will be directed to pay via a phone with an app using the signage posted on each block or by calling a toll free phone number. The paid parking zone is a three-block radius around the city's parking garage containing approximately 900 paid spaces. Outside the zone, there will remain 1200+ free parking spaces. The cost is \$.75 per hour plus a .25 cent per session transaction fee, with a maximum time limit of three hours. Enforcement by parking enforcement officers will be on Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Violators will be assessed a \$25.00 fine that increases in cost if payment is late. Towing of the vehicle is also possible for tickets being left unpaid. He noted that citizens with a handicap, disabled veteran, or other qualifying placard are exempt from being charged. Some goals of the program are to maintain as much on-street parking as possible, generate revenue for the municipality to assist in the development of maintenance of off-street parking areas and other streetscape improvements in the downtown area, and promote short term, high turnover parking. At some point, parking meters or pay station kiosks may be considered where most of the redevelopment activity is expected to take place.

Michael Padilla, Transportation Superintendent, reported that a 2013 Downtown Amarillo, Inc. study addressed changing downtown one-way streets to two-way streets. The estimated cost of the project at that time was \$2,000,000. He stated the project would be considered a Capital Improvement Project, but it has not been approved. He stated the only downtown streets that were changed to two-way traffic were portions of S.E. 7th Ave. and S.E. 8th Ave. to facilitate the City and Xcel parking garages.

ITEM 4: Receive an update on the 9th St. Trails.

Mr. Schniederjan reported that the 9th St. Trails is a city-owned property just north of the Medical Center Park. He said the property is allocated to the Drainage Utility Department since it facilitates storm drainage from the park. He said the property trails were once heavily used for recreational purposes, but the trails had lost favor when the Children's Home property further to the west was available. He stated the Children's Home property has since been sold, and it is no longer available for public recreational use. Mr. Schniederjan introduced Chris Podzemny, who is a member of the Palo Duro Corp of Engineers. Mr. Podzemny stated the Palo Duro Corp of Engineers is a volunteer group comprised of hikers, bikers, trail masters, and equestrians who build and maintain outdoor recreational activities. He said they purchase their equipment and supplies through Six Pack Outdoors, which is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization. Mr. Podzemny said they are presently involved in recreational properties owned by the State of Texas: Palo Duro Canyon and Caprock Canyon, the City of Canyon, the City of Dalhart, as well as others. He said they are interested in the 9th St. Trails and they are seeking authority to make improvements to the property, including fence repair, replacement of signs, and widening the trails. Mr. Schniederjan said city staff is onboard with the project, and they are presently addressing the matter.

ITEM 5: Review of the City of Amarillo Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan.

Mr. Schniederjan asked the committee for their input on the update of the City of Amarillo Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan. He stated funding opportunities for the Hike and Bike Plan Master Plan include the Park Department Master Plan and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

ITEM 6: Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date.

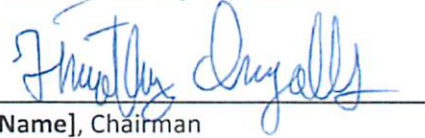
Members agreed to schedule the next meeting date on June 17th. Members suggested an agenda item to discuss and identify the future goals of the committee.

ITEM 7: Public Forum.

There was no comment from the public.

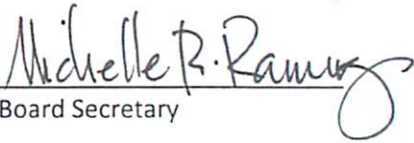
ITEM 8: Adjournment.

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Ingalls adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.



[Name], Chairman

ATTEST:



[Name], Board Secretary