

RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
August 18, 2014

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Kent Huston (Vice Chair); Eric Sandine (Village of Lithopolis); Bob Clark (Economic Development); Jeremiah Upp (FCEO); James Mako (RPC); Greg Bachman (FCEO); Ann Probasco (FAFC); Peggy Portier (SRTS); and Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director)

Kent Huston called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

1. Approval of July 21, 2014 meeting notes.

Greg Bachman made a motion to approve the July 21, 2014 meeting notes. Jeremiah Upp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Chairman's Report

Mr. Huston wanted to let everyone know that Mr. Weiss was unable to attend. Mr. Huston will be chairing for Ira.

3. Reviewed Proposed Developments:

The first development to be reviewed was regarding the Springcreek Storage One final plat regarding sidewalks for the development. It is located on the southeast corner of Refugee and Milnor roads. After the last meeting, Ms. Mattei told the developer that the ATC wanted curb ramps on the corner. The ATC also wanted refuge ramps to be provided on both sides of Refugee and Milnor Roads. The developer responded by wanting to know where in the ADA law does it say that the refuge ramps have to be provided. Mr. Upp and his office did some more research and there is nothing in the law that says that they have to be put in but there is a case law that resulted in the City of Columbus putting refuge ramps in.

Ms. Mattei said that in our case we have a ditch sections that are the receiving side. In Columbus they had curb and gutter sections. Mr. May spoke with Columbus, and they said that in our situation they did not believe that refuge ramps were necessary.

Mr. Huston commented that he knows the City of Columbus has set the stage for ADA curb ramps. So if Columbus doesn't think refuge ramps are needed, he would tend to agree with their interpretation.

Mr. Upp said that there was nothing they could do to make them put the ramps in.

Mr. Upp also said that he wanted to go on record saying that if there was no law requiring the developer to put the ramps in then he was not going to force the issue.

Ms. Mattei said the developer is willing to put the ramps in on his property which is required. The ATC agreed with only requiring the curb ramps on the applicant's property with no refuge ramps on the receiving sides at this time.

Ms. Mattei moved on to the second agenda item regarding the Dollar General. The Dollar General is located on the north side of Pleasantville across from the Marathon station on State Route 188. Ms. Mattei said that on the south side of the property are railroad tracks between the proposed development and the Pleasantville corporation limit. Sidewalks were part of the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program on High Street and it would be nice to be able to connect into them.

Ms. Mattei said there is also a 77' strip of land between the proposed Dollar General and the railroad. It will be a part of the remainder parcel. It also has an AEP easement on it. We can require the entire frontage of both the Dollar General Parcel and the remainder parcel to have sidewalk. However, they are only required to construct the sidewalk when the site develops. So as proposed, there would be a 77-foot gap between the sidewalk and the railroad until such time the remainder parcel develops.

There was discussion about where the sidewalks stop and crossing the railroad tracks. The ATC decided that sidewalks should be required for the entire frontage of both parcels. Dollar General will be required to construct the sidewalk along its frontage and we would encourage them to develop the 77-foot piece between the railroad and Dollar General site to eliminate the potential gap.

Mr. Huston moved the discussion along to Meadowmoore.

Ms. Mattei said that this was a preliminary plan extension. These typically don't require action by this Committee, but she recently received an e-mail from Brian Bosch, ODOT District 5, regarding the sidewalks for this subdivision. So she decided to put it on the agenda. She said Mr. Bosch was questioning why the sidewalks are shown between the SR 204 right-of-way and the first intersecting road. He didn't see a need for this piece of sidewalk since there is nothing to connect to on SR 204.

Ms. Mattei said she disagrees with this comment and that she believes the sidewalk should extend up to the SR 204 right-of-way.

Mr. Bachman said given the demand for bikeways and sidewalks in this area, he could potentially see one being developed in the future along SR 204 by others.

For these reasons, the ATC decided that the sidewalks should be maintained in the plans up to SR 204.

Ms. Mattei asked Mr. Huston if they wanted to go on to Winding Creek.

Mr. Huston said absolutely.

Ms. Mattei said this is an extension of the final plat approval for Winding Creek Section 5.2. The owner intends to farm this area, but wants to maintain his rights to develop it in the future. There are walking plans that are proposed through the reserve area of Winding Creek. She thinks Winding Creek actually has a good example of active transportation through the subdivision. She doesn't see the need for anything additional.

There was general discussion about this subdivision and then ultimately the ATC decided that no additional sidewalks/walking paths would be needed.

4. Other Comments:

Mr. Huston asked if any of the other members had anything to discuss.

Mr. Upp said he has received the final report for the Coonpath Road and it has been submitted to ODOT for funding. The goal is to improve safety along Coonpath Road between Election House and 158.

Ms. Mattei said the only other announcement she had, and they had probably already read about it in the paper, was that they have received the \$300,000 grant for Carroll. She reminded the Committee of the projects that would be constructed with this grant, including sidewalk along High Street.

Ms. Mattei said that was all she had to report.

Mr. Bachman said Grace Church on the west side of Refugee has paved their driveway but that he didn't see any sidewalks yet.

Ms. Mattei said that she received an email today and it was going to be constructed next week.

Mr. Huston thanked everyone for coming.

Next meeting will be September 15th at 2:30 p.m.