



Sidewalk Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 7, 2016

Meeting Location: Neil Combee Administration Building (Room 413)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Bill Beasley Polk County County Manager's Office
Jay Jarvis Polk County Roads and Drainage Division (absent with notice)

Members:

Bill Skelton Polk County Roads & Drainage Division
Joe Montoya Polk County Roads & Drainage Division (absent with notice)
Amy Gregory Polk County Roads & Drainage Division
Wade Allen Polk County Roads & Drainage Division
Jean Parlow Polk County TPO
Larry Hermes Polk County School Board
Sgt. Michael Bissett Polk County Sheriff's Office
John Hansen, chairman Commissioner Appointee District 1 (absent)
Rebecca Leng Commissioner Appointee District 2
Charlotte Thomas Commissioner Appointee District 3
Thomas Hines Commissioner Appointee District 4
Anthony Lawrence Commissioner Appointee District 5

Non-Member:

Myra Glisson Polk County Roads & Drainage Division

Community Guests:

Anally Hernandez

Other Guests:

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Thomas Hines called the meeting to order at 6:00.
Roll call was taken and Jay Jarvis, Joe Montoya, and John Hansen were absent.

2. Review and Approve Minutes

Minutes from the May 3, 2016 meeting were approved.

3. Bill Beasley's Address to the Committee

Bill Beasley spoke about the accident on CR 540 last month, in which a student was struck and killed while crossing the road. A factor might have been visibility due to a lack of street lighting. The board is asking the committee to expand its charge. They would like for the committee to address street lighting requests, and rank them, similarly like they do for sidewalks. Staff is considering criteria for street light sites. This new effort will start in July.

Wade Allen clarified that the street lights taken into consideration will be those on County maintained roads along a corridor, or at an intersection. Neighborhood street light requests are handled by the street lighting districts.

Anthony Lawrence asked if the County is responsible for school zones. Bill Beasley said the County works with schools to post beacons and school crossing notices. Wade Allen added that the SAC will only be considering street lighting.

4. Old Business

No old business was addressed.

5. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

6. Candidate Sidewalk List Review and Ranking

At the July meeting, Myra plans to provide a list of remaining ranked items from last year, and the ones from this year. On August 2nd, items will be finalized.

Carter Road runs south off CR 540A to SR 37. There are approximately 17 children that access Carter Road from Scott Lake Elementary. The principal is requesting a sidewalk for the west side to eliminate them having to cross the intersection to get to the sidewalk on the east side. Ranking is 125.

Winston Elementary is located on Swindell Road and North Galloway Road. There are six transit bus stops on Swindell Road. There is a section that will require an easement and there are issues with utilities. If constructed, there would be continuous sidewalk segments on both sides of the road that will connect to several transit bus stops. Ranking for this road is 130.

The principal for Bruce Wagner Elementary School on Yates Road is requesting a sidewalk. There is a sidewalk on the opposite side of the school from Blueberry Drive to Myrtle Hill Drive East, and a crossing was added.

Larry Hermes and Amy Gregory agreed they can follow-up at the next committee meeting with information on school crossing guard assignments for South Carter Road at Christina Boulevard. Larry will also look into the possibility of a pedestrian accident involving a child at Senate Street/Dairy Road. Additionally, he will check with Crystal Lake Elementary School to determine if sidewalk is needed on Pisgah Place; and, if not, where students walk in that area.

7. Open Forum and New Business

Due to the July 4th holiday, the July meeting will be held July 12th.

Myra Glisson gave an update of projects. Phase III of Old Dixie Highway is underway. Storm water pipes are being installed and the sidewalk construction will begin. Project is due to be complete before school starts.

Inwood Phase I is 75% complete. State funding for the multi-use path has been approved by the state.

Larry Hermes said a developer will install a sidewalk on the west side of Chestnut Road N to coincide with his project, and will consider a sidewalk on the east side.

Anthony Lawrence requested sidewalk consideration for Avenue Y NE due to heavy pedestrian traffic.

Anally Hernandez spoke on behalf of the Young American Dreamers group. They are appreciative of the sidewalk on Old Dixie Highway and the changes it has made regarding aesthetics and safety. They look forward to its completion.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:20

Abbreviations:

CIP-Community Investment Program

ROW-Right-of-Way

TPO-Transportation Planning Organization

SAC-Sidewalk Advisory Committee

FY-Fiscal Year

BoCC-Board of County Commissioners