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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
June 22, 2023

Planning Commission Chairman Gary Poole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission and audience joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present and seated were Commissioners Richard Foerster, Roxy Colette, Ruth Ann Nelson, Erik Frandsen, Eliana Burke and Nick Metz.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: 7:01 P.M. – A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN AS A PART OF THE TOWN OF PARKER TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Applicant:	Town of Parker
Location:	Townwide
Department:	Community Development, Jeremiah Fettig

STAFF PRESENTATION

Jeremiah Fettig, Associate Planner, presented the staff report proposing a resolution to adopt the Bike and pedestrian Master Plan as a part of the Town of Parker Transportation Master Plan. Mr. Fettig concluded with the determinations in the staff report that the Planning Commission recommend Town Council adopt the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan as a Part of the Parker Transportation Master Plan.

Commissioner discussion with staff:
None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Additional Commissioner discussion with staff:

- Commissioner Rich Foerster said Denver recently had passed a resolution to lower speed limits by 5 miles per hour (MPH), said he notices in Parker that many vehicles travel at 10 to 20 MPH over the speed limit, that a similar lowering of the speed limit in Parker might make it safer for bicyclists; *(staff said there is no specific recommendation to lower speed limits but the Town does monitor data that relates to bike or pedestrian impacts or collisions, and gathering information from high traffic intersections will allow the Town to mitigate or slow traffic with recommended improvements found in the report).*
- Commissioner Eliana Burke appreciates the Town's efforts to completing this update, she likes what she heard such as multimodal, the report seems to be comprehensive, and that safety is the number one concern.
- Commissioner Ruth Ann Nelson asked if any one area was added to the report based on public comment; *(staff said comments concerning missing trail connections that were received from this plans mapping tool influenced the Open Space Trails and Greenways Master Plan).*

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: 7:17 P.M. – A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN AS A PART OF THE TOWN OF PARKER TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

PLANNING COMMISION DISCUSSION

- Commissioner Eliana Burke said she is in favor of the proposal.
- Commissioner Rich Foerster thanked Mary Munekata and Jeremiah Fettig for their efforts on the project, and community outreach and will be recommending approval.
- Commissioner Roxy Colette said that Jeremiah Fettig and Mary Munekata have done a tremendous job on the project including the vision statement, the approach of safety first, that it will improve the character of the Town with positive impacts and is will recommend approval.
- Commissioner Ruth Ann Nelson said this is tremendous improvement over the previous 2005 document considering the amount detail that has been added including pictures of traffic calming measures.
- Commissioner Erik Frandsen agrees with his fellow commissioners, thanked staff for their efforts, that it is great document and is in favor.
- Commissioner Nick Metz agreed with his fellow commissioners and thanked staff for all their hard work.
- Commissioner Gary Poole thanked Jeremiah Fettig and Mary Munekata for the work they have put into this thorough piece of work.

Commissioner Rich Foerster moved the Planning Commission recommend Town Council adopt the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan as a Part of the Parker Transportation Master Plan. Commissioner Ruth Ann Nelson seconded; a vote was taken and was passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS

- Chair Gary Poole thanked Commissioner Rich Foerster and Kim Rodell for their years of service on the Planning Commission, that they have been valuable members, he has enjoyed working with them and wished them the best of luck in the future.

- Commissioner Rich Foerster said he has served on the Planning Commission for the past seven years, has learned a lot, that he has enjoyed his experience and that he hopes more citizens will apply.

- Chair Gary Poole asked staff if there will be New Commissioner Orientation on June 29*: (staff said yes and that all current commissioners are invited to attend as well at 5:30 pm).*

STAFF ITEMS

Mary Munekata on behalf of staff and the Town recognized Rich Foerster's dedicated seven years of service to the Planning Commission, that he will be missed and presented him with a plaque.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Erik Frandsen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Eliana Burke seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Jeff Miller
Recording Secretary

Gary Poole
Chair