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Hi all -

Here are the meeting notes from the May 30th meeting:

Committee for Safe Bicycle and Pedestrian Transport Meeting

Monday, May 30th, 2025 8:30am

Attendees: Mayor Koons, Carrie Schloss, Suzanne Maloney, Rich Washington, John Wahl, John Buda, Mara Thrush, Rich Smith

Agenda:

Report from Rich Washington

What we heard at the May 19th meeting with Bell Residents

Committee transition

Rich Washington report back:

- ODOT got back to Rich that it is ok to use NOACA funds for a 5ft path!
- Gravel might not be ADA compliant - takes time to completely compact
- Pedestrian path not a bike path due to 5ft width
- Identified Alignment opportunity on north side of Bell for a 5ft path between Gurney and SRPark- the following are shared by Rich and observations from the group
 - 0.5 mile path or 2600 feet
 - 5ft pavement - grading and clearing 5 and 10 ft wide,
 - minimal grading/clearing through someones yard
 - Stay within the power poles and within right of way
 - Likely weaving between poles and catch basins
 - Path would be on other side of the ditch (road -> ditch -> path)
 - Ditch is a nice protection for walkers
 - May be some places where it will cover up ditches

- This would all be within the right of way (ROW)
- Guard rail on north side of park and wetland delineation
- Rough estimate is 80k for materials, + grading _ clearing _ 130k all in, 13000sq ft of path - gurney to cross walk
- May also need mitigation, plus CT fees etc may get more expensive
- Seems like 800k will cover it
- Over the bridge and creek will extend the headwall and fill some if able
- Walkers would be behind guard rail
- Near term bridgework is needed perhaps it can help.
- Some small retaining walls - tall curb - minimize tree pruning as well
- 1100 bell - clear back to right of way
- Street side of poles from alderwood and then inside of waverly but there is a fence that would make it tight and a sewer drain
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- Right of Way QandA
 - Within the right of way is city land but residents maintain the ROW land
 - ROW is 60ft from the center line of the road
 - Power poles are usually on the property lines
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Not a side walk - because sidewalks are maintained and we don't want to put any financial burden on the residents

What about between daisy and chagrin?

We still need to connect all the way to spring drive to connect into 100's of houses - if we do that on the south side through the park we will need a second crosswalk at spring drive

Update from May 19th meeting

3 households came (out of 10 houses)

2 from across the park

1 from the park to gurney

2 houses have kids one family allows biking on bell, stories of near miss accidents on cars, want paths for safety, one family walks bikes to nearby neighborhoods for riding, wont walk/bike on Bell, its not safe - also would like to see paths

One household was police chief in orange village when they did trails - saw the safety benefits got the walkers and joggers off the road,

Both households across the park - think the alignment should switch to the south side of teh road and go through the park rather than worry about cars backing out

All supportive of the path project in general

Handed out 3 paper surveys w just a few questions - haven't gotten any back

Suggestion to mail the surveys out to the residents who didn't come to better understand their perspectives in design

How do we move forward

- Need Council approval -
- Report to council on June 9th these findings - that 5ft path is acceptable for NOACA funds according to ODOT due to vague wording and likely will be within the 800k budget

- Would like to get approval by September because tree clearing needs to happen between oct and march 1 so start work in the winter

There is a fear that the funding may go away - so we need to move quickly on this - want approval and start this fall

If one resident strongly objects - does it crash it for the whole community?

Suggestion to put a sign/plaque in the park - to show the vision and full master plan of trails? Can we do that?

Mayor suggests 306 to sunridge - easiest for the second phase?

Suggestion to connect Chagrin Lakes to Sugar Bush and cross at Gurney as recommended by committee for phase 1 - need a bridge or storm drain - that would connect 100+ homes to school and park

Can we use NOACA funds for lit crosswalks? Alderwood crosswalk \$32,000 - funding for crosswalks; we'll need to find out if that is just construction design fees and permits

Can we apply for funding on a yearly basis - lets get the first step - work on commission grant writers. CT has grant writing department.

CT - look at what section is next

1. Detail on this segment - preliminary next step
2. Broaden to full plan

Does this bid as a whole project or separate -e.g. tree removal vs pavement - or all at once?

5ft pathway - look to see what the official name is so its not a sidewalk - trail

How did pepper pike do this?

This will be further from the road then the lander rd sidewalk

Committee transition:

We are looking for someone to replace Kelly, email Carrie if interested. John Wahl expressed interest. We will ask council to take Kelly off committee and will soon find someone to replace

Notes - if someone is interested in leadership know by june 15 someone new by July

Mayor update: Council passed a motion to hold a bike ride - Park pavilion - alderwood - turn around at sorelwood and come back - then the icecream truck would be there with free icecream - promote the park, get people through crosswalk -

Display about paths - next 5 years of trails - a big poster next to the icecream truck

Newsletter coming out next week -anything to add?

For the sign suggestion in the park:

Question about what do we need to do - - contact your council representative -

Is this an awareness thing or a call to action?

Here is what the survey found? - SR is interested in trails

Map is the key thing

Yellow highlight on certain spots - yellow line - gurney from alderwood - spring to park

Diff colors for diff phases

Next steps:

Carrie will go to council on 9th and report out on May 19th meeting and findings from Rich

Rich will do a detailed design for the first segment (Gurney to Alderwood)

Rich will also finish the full trails sketch for all of SR connectivity for future phases

Rich will present both at the next committee meeting on June 27th at 8:30