

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 13, 2022
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the regular work session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Stallard, Smith, Mulvihill, de Leon, O'Donnell

ABSENT: Councilmember Page (excused)

Staff present: Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR Manager

WORK SESSION:

1) Review and Discussion on Draft Long Range Pedestrian Connectivity Plan

Public Works Director Hanis noted wanting to review with Council this long-range pedestrian connectivity plan. He noted this is still in draft form and reminded everyone that as we move forward in the future it will be a living document as conditions change.

Below are highlights/topics of the discussion and review.

- **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND** – Mr. Hanis noted the overall goal of the documents is to set the stage for a comprehensive pedestrian network in the city. He touched on areas where there are deficiencies and asked how we get there. He stated that when building the plan they looked at what we have and where the gaps are in the city, where do people live and how do we get people from home to where they want to go, and identify barriers to pedestrian routes. He noted this plan is the first attempt at putting a plan together showing the direction the city wants to go.
 - **Planning Consistency** –
 - This area talks about Comprehensive Plan and building a walkable community.
 - Other agencies – Align with goals and policies of other agencies as identified in the document
 - Parks and Recreation Element
- **2. PLANNING PARAMETERS**

- Overcoming pedestrian deterrents to walking such as traffic, path encroachment, indirect route, bad walking surface, bicycles, trail side or sidewalk aesthetics
- Crosswalks and being lighted
- Opportunity for funding options for ADA on accessibility.
- Mitigating efforts on deterrents to walking, traffic such as path encroachment, indirect route, sweeping, bicycles, route selection
- Destinations
- Barriers
- **3. ROUTE DEVELOPMENT**
 - Links around Lake Sawyer
 - East West Connection on the north end of Lake Sawyer
 - Links between the King County Regional Trail and Pipeline Road
 - Links through the City Ginder Creek Property
 - Links from Pipeline Road to Roberts Drive
 - Links from historic downtown to Ten Trails and Black Diamond Lake
 - Link from Lawson Hills to the Springs Railroad grade
- **4. NEXT STEPS**
 - Rough Project Scoping
 - Project Prioritization
- Review of map showing Existing Conditions pedestrian facilities
- Review of map showing Generations and Destinations
- Review of map showing Pedestrian Barriers and Opportunities
- Review of map showing Major Pedestrian Network
- Discussion on opportunities for 288th
- Partnering with King County and Maple Valley on connectivity
- Discussion on lighting for these routes
- Discussion on parking and facilities
- Plan clearly defines mission and purpose
- What are those generators and gave the example of safe route to schools, neighborhood to neighborhood, neighborhood to public amenities and parks
- Look at unsafe conditions and make those a priority
- Environmental impacts and opportunity to improve the environments to fix natural barriers
- Opportunity to maximize our ability to enjoy our natural environment
- Differentiate from pedestrian and bike routes
- Plan is a community plan with needs lots of input.
- Funding sources and priorities and phasing being integrated.
- ADA, lighting and balancing that out.
- Experiences on pedestrian routes and what are our points of interest in the city.
- First responder access needs to be addressed
- Opportunities to rest, and how to handle garbage and trash, maintain to a certain standard
- Budgeting is important to make sure we have adequate funding for maintenance.

- Review of projects on six-year TIP related to this plan.
- Getting input from bike clubs
- Make sure this plan is integrated in the Comprehensive Plan

Director Davis noted looking at this plan as it was created and being excited about it and having big dreams. She stated that she will be working closely with Director Hanis on this.

Councilmembers asked for public comments.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

John Olson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Knut Syversen, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Director Hanis addressed next steps moving forward. He noted the getting the plan ready in a more formal stage, start developing what the areas of big concern are, get feedback from citizens and others, what are the funding opportunities and how to pay for it. He noted this will be a drawn-out process and it might not happen this year but gives us a good baseline for how we move forward.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

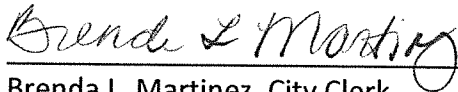
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** by Councilmember O'Donnell. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol Benson, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk