

## Meeting Notes – KFNA Pedestrian-Bike- Safety Subcommittee 01-11-2020

12 attendees: Chris D, Sarah, Will, Jacob R, Dave H, Joe C, Scott B, Alex, Aaron, Chris, Frances W. Cynthia C (recording)

1. Whittier – Lyndale Bikeway – Chris shared highlights of the presentation at the board meeting on 01-08-2020 as well as photos showing potential changes to the bike paths on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and Blaisdell.
2. Committee – Sarah reviewed past meeting where we identified our vision, mission, and issues, how we will work, communication, education, as well as skills, knowledge and experience members bring to the group.
3. Communication – Alex volunteered to address the issue of how this group will communicate amongst ourselves. He will create a proposal to share with the group at our next meeting (Google Groups vs. Nextdoor or SLACK or other group communication tool).
4. Map of ongoing projects – Chris shared a helpful map of the Kingfield neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods with color-coding to indicate the ongoing projects.
  - a. Grand Avenue reconstruction – Widening the road to add a bike lane is not feasible, since the city owns 2.5 feet into everyone’s front yard past the sidewalk and on Grand that would require rebuilding retaining walls on too many properties. Chicanes are being considered for traffic calming.
  - b. Pleasant Ave as a bikeway from 40<sup>th</sup> Street south. This could provide a safe route to school to Page and Washburn, while continuing north to Lyndale School.
  - c. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue will get a mill & overlay in 2020. This committee could recommend changing the bike lane to 7 days per week (reach out to neighbors who live on the blocks affected to propose no parking in bike lane on Saturday and Sunday).
  - d. Lyndale/Whittier Bikeway – There is some discussion to make changes on Blaisdell OR 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue but not both. ?? Another suggestion is the timing of traffic lights along 1<sup>st</sup> and Blaisdell to support bikes instead of cars. The pictures shared included an idea for pedestrian safety at corners with additional bollard and paint to mark pedestrian crossing of bike path.
  - e. 40<sup>th</sup> Street Bike/Pedestrian Bridge over 35W – The bridge is complete but the path from the road to the bridge is still unfinished.
  - f. Painting streets – there is a program that allows neighborhoods to propose painting streets and we can use that program to paint streets to educate about parking prohibition at alley access ways, driveways, 30ft back from the stop signs, different color to indicate bus stops.
  - g. Pedestrian crossing danger zones – identified on map, could be focus of our efforts for pedestrian safety.

5. City Streets vs. County Roads – Lyndale Ave and 46<sup>th</sup> St are County Roads (Marion Greene is our representative as County Commissioner) while Grand Avenue and Nicollet Avenue are City Roads/Streets.
6. Nice Ride is proposing adding hubs since we have only one at Butter Bakery. The new hubs may go in at 46<sup>th</sup> and Grand, and at MLK Park at 42<sup>nd</sup> St. These would be a combo of E-bikes and green bikes. There is also a proposal for a bike corral at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Nicollet.
7. Winter accessibility/maintenance – there is an existing program to help those who need it. How do we tap into that program to support efforts in Kingfield?
8. Speed limit – State law has changed that allows the city to change the speed limit. How do we design roadways so people will drive slower? If a road is designed for a 40 mph speed limit, cars will drive that fast despite implementing a lower speed limit. One suggestion – add signs “Stop for pedestrians in crosswalk – It is the law” [The Minnesota Crosswalk Law: Key Elements](#)
9. Our committee’s priorities: How do we prioritize? How do we take on advocacy? We need to narrow our focus to get a victory. Sarah will send out a list of projects, and members of this committee can vote for their top 3 priorities to which they are willing to devote energy and leadership to bring these projects forward.