Active Mobility Commission Minutes
December 16, 2025

Call to Order
Julie White called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Quorum
Members Present: Julie White, Jeremy Claeys, Lisa Raleigh, Janice Rausch
Staff Present: Russell Cate

Old Business
Russell Cate gave the following updates from the town:

1. Resolution of Support for the crosswalks on E State Street and Flat Creek Road.
   We included letter of support from the AMC and they approved both. Once it is signed, I will send it over to Randy Tritt and Anna Henderson at DOT.

2. Discussion of Possible Items for Yearly Report
   Will be on the February Agenda under communications – Wesley already has a placeholder set.

3. Updates about Relevant Projects
   EB5547 – bus shelter is in production – should take about 5 weeks – will have a bike rack. Meeting with DOT tomorrow morning about placement – Public Works will pour the pad – we would like AMC to have a ribbon cutting once it's installed. No other updates on the project – have a call tomorrow with the consultant and Jennifer will send out an update after that.

   Dog Park – back open as of last week

   Floodbench Project – on track – looking as if construction could start as early as July – will be completed by the end of December

   Feasibility and Master Plan for Donated Properties – still on hold for time being.

   Ridgecrest Connector – did not receive funding from Buncombe County Open Space funds – looking for additional options to fund project.

   Golf Course – Front Nine – bridge repair is out to bid – expect to pave once it is warm enough and asphalt plant opens back up

4. Updates on Veteran's Park Bridge – damage assessment and method of repair will be sent to FEMA in mid-January, but maybe earlier

New Business

Positive Communications: Jeremy suggested that we publicize what we are doing well and accomplishing. Methods to do this included posting on social media, commenting at council meetings, and submitting items to the monthly newsletter the town puts out. Celina is now in charge of that. Jeremy offered to work on this.

Dedication of bus shelter: Commission members agreed that it was the bus shelter was not really relevant to the commission since it dealt with transit and not active mobility. Additionally we had no involvement in the design or placement of the stop. While we appreciate having the opportunity to being a part of a positive project in town, we do not feel we are the appropriate group.

Items for Yearly Report: This will be on the February council agenda under Communications. We decided that we would present short, mid and long term goals. Short term goals would include safety issues such as the crosswalks on the I-40 ramps, lack of pedestrian access along parts of Sutton Avenue, and the importance of Lake Tomahawk Greenway for safe pedestrian access. Mid term goals would include the bride across the Swannanoa River to access Veteran's Park, making the "social" path part of the Flat Creek Greenway permanent, and completion of EB5547. Long term goals include the completion of the Fonta Flora Trails through town.

Julie will write up and distribute what was discussed to the commission for review. The suggestion will be finalized at our January meeting.

Adjournment
Julie adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by Julie White