Active Mobility Commission Minutes
May 19, 2026

I. Call to Order

Julie White called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Quorum

Members Present: Julie White, Karen Neal, Kristie Bergna, Kyle Cole, Jeremy Claeys, Janice Rausch, Lisa Raleigh
Staff Present: Jennifer Tipton, Russell Cate

III. Public Comment

a. No public comment during this time.

IV. Agenda – review and modify

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

V. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and adopted by consensus.

VI. Old Business

No old business to review.

VII. New Business

a. Presentation to Council

The presentation for the proposed trail connecting Ingles to the YMCA was pushed from the May Council meeting to the June 8th Council meeting. Jeremy has the presentation ready and asked if the project should be named and gave an example of Pedestrian Corridors. The commission liked that name. Jeremy also has drone footage to show at the Council meeting. It was suggested to continue looking at areas with existing infrastructure that could be used.

b. Updates from Town

Jennifer did not have current updates on the Veteran's Park Bridge or EB-5547. The floodbenching project behind Bi-Lo is expected to start in August and there will be a public meeting in late May. There are no updates on when the In-the-Oaks Trail will reopen. There is a stormwater project going on at the golf course. Once that is completed and the bridges are completed, the hope is to then open up the front nine holes. A new Public Works Director has been hired, and Town Manager interviews are expected the week of May 25th. There are three applicants this time.

c. GROW Trail Event – June 14th

The Black Mountain Greenways and Trails Committee has worked with the library to create new story boards to go around Lake Tomahawk. There will be a community celebration with kid's activities.

d. Updates and/or Concerns from Members

Julie spoke about structure and making sure members from the public don't take over and speak after the commission has had their discussion.

e. **Upcoming Openings on the Commission**
Kristie and Lisa will be rotating off but both are eligible to reapply for a second term. Kristie said she will be moving from the area in the next year and if there are other people who are interested in serving, she would like them to have that chance. Lisa said she will think about serving another term. Kyle Cole said that he thought he was rotating off and is ready to go due to more family obligations. Jennifer will get with Wesley and get the date for the deadline and will present any applicants to the commission for their review.

f. **Requested Meeting between Town Staff, Black Mountain Greenways and Trails Committee and Fonta Flora Trail Group**
Julia Weatherford has sent out a request to meet with everyone to check in and have an informational discussion. Jennifer will make sure the correct staff is notified and tried to get a date set for the meeting.

VIII. Discussion

The commission talked about having a pedestrian campaign to emphasize the importance of cars giving space to pedestrians and ways to be safer while walking.

Karen asked if bear information could be placed on the trash schedule. Also discussed was if anyone finds a product that works to help deter the bears from trash cans, can a link be placed on the website.

IX. Adjournment

Julie White adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.