



Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	June 24, 2026
Agenda Item:	Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Future Structure and Administration of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission.
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BACKGROUND

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The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee has experienced limited participation since its formation. The committee was originally composed of one citizen member and one City Council representative. On June 3, 2026, the citizen member resigned from the committee, leaving the committee without sufficient membership to establish a quorum and conduct business. Despite ongoing recruitment efforts, vacancies have remained unfilled due to limited public interest.

As a result, staff is requesting discussion regarding the future structure of bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts within the City. Staff recommends dissolving the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and assigning its responsibilities to existing City committees. Bicycle and pedestrian matters occurring within parks, trails, and recreational facilities would be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, while matters involving public streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way, and transportation infrastructure would be reviewed by the Department of Public Works Committee.

Staff recognizes that bicycle and pedestrian planning remains an important component of the City's transportation network, neighborhood livability, and overall quality of life. The proposed restructuring is intended to maintain focus on these issues while utilizing existing committees with active membership and subject-matter oversight responsibilities.

Both committees would provide updates to one another regarding bicycle and pedestrian initiatives and work collaboratively on any proposed ordinance amendments, policy changes, and future updates to the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This approach would allow the City to continue addressing bicycle and pedestrian issues through existing committees with established membership and meeting structures.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends dissolution of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and reassignment of its responsibilities to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Department of Public Works Committee as outlined in this memorandum.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED
(If none, state N/A)
