

## **Establishment of Active Living Advisory Committee**

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide a forum for community collaboration and input to the tri-cities of Scottsbluff, Gering, and Terrytown: Public Works, Parks and Recreation Departments, Law Enforcement, other city staff, and Elected Officials about “active living” community development and design principles. Active living is a way of life and a community culture that integrates physical activity into daily routines through transportation, recreation, and neighborhood choices that support walking, biking, active play, and healthy options for all abilities and ages. The committee supports the tri-city’s ongoing efforts to improve sidewalks and intersections, calm traffic, and expand the network of bike routes and walking trails and stands ready to serve as a resource and liaison among all groups seeking input and diversified group representation.

### **POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Scottsbluff, Gering, and Terrytown communities to seek community input into policies and projects that support healthy and active behaviors and lifestyles. To that end, this Active Living Advisory Committee is commissioned by the tri-cities to provide community input and recommendations as to City development and design that promote active living.

### **SELECTION AND TERM OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Committee will consist of members representing broad segments of the community with expertise and interest in active living community design, public health, health care, and multi-modal transportation, including biking, walking, and transit. Geographically diversified community representatives will be appointed by each of the three city councils for a total of eight—an ideal makeup of three from Scottsbluff, three from Gering, and two from Terrytown, with the allowance that this combination may not always be possible. A representative from City Planning, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, or Law Enforcement shall serve on the Committee. The Committee shall establish such bylaws, rules, procedures, terms, offices, and reporting as are necessary for the Committee to serve the function identified.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

The Active Living Advisory Committee shall be effective on the signing of this resolution.

### **OVERSIGHT:**

- The City Planning Departments will have responsibility for oversight and support of this committee with Panhandle Public Health District charged with the overall coordination of the meetings and meeting minutes. Meeting minutes will be provided to each of the city councils reporting continuous committee progress.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings: Monthly, dates and times to be determined by the group

**Responsibilities Include:**

- Active Living Advisory Committee members are appointed by city council members from Scottsbluff, Gering, and Terrytown communities to serve as advocates and advisors to the tri-cities on projects and programs that help citizens safely incorporate physical activity into their daily routines.
- The committee is charged with:
  - Moving the Action Planning work product strategies to fruition:
    - Safe Active Transportation on All Travel Ways
    - Creating Collaborative Community Ownership
    - Complete Streets: Planning for a Safer, More Connected, Healthier Community
    - Seeking Funding Opportunities
  - Assisting city staff with public education and outreach activities that promote active transportation and an active lifestyle
  - Supporting wellness and health promotion in workplaces, schools, and other institutions
  - Assisting city staff with outreach to specific user groups, such as seniors, teens, the physically disabled, vulnerable and diverse populations to encourage an active lifestyle