

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from October 11, 2011
Lincoln Parks and Recreation – 2740 “A” Street

Members Present: Parks Coble, Barb Fraser, Gary Bentrup, Rick Dockhorn, Elaine Hammer, Delrae Hirschman, Albert Maxey, Dalyce Ronnau, Bill Spielman, Neal Thomas, Bill Wehrbein.

Staff Present: Terry Genrich, David Cary, Harry Kroos, Lynn Johnson, J.J. Yost

Others Present: Al Wickman, Bob Boyce, Damon Hershey.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. followed by recognition of the Open Meeting Act.

Approval of minutes: There was a correction to the September 13 minutes to include the identification of the Mopac Trail crossing at 33rd being the location of the traffic count that took place to determine if that crossing merits a signal. Neal Thomas moved and Dalyce Ronnau seconded to approve the August 9, 2011 minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Discussion took place regarding the Mopac Trail crossing of 33rd and it was determined to ask Randy Hoskins to the next meeting to discuss. The painting of the “G” Street sharrow will also be discussed at that meeting.

The Dietrich Trail was reopened following a temporary closure during the month of September. The Billy Wolff/AV Connector Trail and 56th to 58th Street Trail projects are being closed. The Stonebridge Trail and Pioneers Park Trail projects have been submitted on time.

The contractor is beginning to design the Bison Trail bridge.

A more direct connection is going to be completed connecting the Dietrich Trail with Holdrege Street since bicyclists have worn a path at this location. Just north of this section is a piece that eventually needs to be replaced. It was constructed from two 4 feet wide sections similar to the 56th to 58th on the Billy Wolff. Also need to look at replacing some 6 feet wide trail on the Dietrich between 27th Street and Fleming Fields.

David Cary updated the LPlan 2040. Planning is in the process of getting it approved. There are some amendments going through, none of which impact the Transportation part of the plan. Some of the details of the plan will not be a part of the final document. There will be a joint public hearing next Tuesday evening with final approval in November. This is a public meeting at which people can come to the next weeks hearing.

The subcommittee of the Planning Dept. Study met to begin brainstorming on what the important things need to be a part of that study.

Sign committee put together a list of signs that we felt were important for each trail. Individuals rode those routes to see if they are correct or if some needed to be added or deleted. A list will

be made of those signs and hopefully can be installed next spring. The colors will be determined by a group of individuals from the committee. They colors are standard colors that are available.

There was discussion regarding the naming of the Antelope Valley trail the Billy Wolff to make it simpler to follow, sign, and can now say you can take the Billy Wolff Trail from Hwy. 2 to UNL and the Devaney Center. This will also avoid any confusion in the future.

A motion was made by Elaine Hammer and seconded by Neal Thomas to name what was previously called the Antelope Valley trail, the Billy Wolff Trail. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of the Bicycle Friendly Application. This is still moving forward. Mike Heyl is taking the lead. Mike has some good ideas of how to organize the application. One issue to deal with is the Bicycle Coordinator and the fact that Lincoln shares this position. We need to make it positive. Not sure if we will go for the one the first part of next year or wait for another year.

David gave an update of the meetings held regarding the Downtown Master Plan. The concept of the protected bikeway was discussed. We are waiting on the engineering form that is a sub-consultant to Crandall Rambula is going to look at this and get a report of how this can be implements and address the issues involved. Once we get that report, the update of the plan can be completed. DLA seems to be supportive of this new concept. We will look at posting the presentation at a site that folks can find and download since it is a large file to email out.

Mike Heyl is also going to send in the application for Walk Friendly Community Application since they are asking for much of the same information. This is promoted through the Pedestrian/Bicycle Information Center (PBIC).

There was a reminder about the public meeting scheduled for the No. 14th Street improvements and the roundabout that is going to be taking place in the very near future. This project includes a trail on the west side along with underpasses for the trail along Superior and going north on 14th to Humphrey. Harry said that a huge portion of the project is currently under contract for construction. There was discussion with the design of the underpasses and making sure there is adequate light.

Health Dept. is considering the initiative to extend the prohibition of smoking to outdoor recreation areas. Lynn wondered if there would be support to include not allowing smoking along the trails. There didn't seem to be a lot of support for this.