

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from February 10, 2015
Lincoln Parks and Recreation – 2740 “A” Street

Members Present: Rick Dockhorn, Barb Fraser, Elaine Hammer, Marynelle Greene, Delrae Hirschman, Jordan Messerer, Dalyce Ronnau, Bill Spielman, Bill Wehrbein, Michael Wylie.

Staff Present: Mike Heyl, Lynn Johnson, Kellee Van Bruggen, Jason Stille, Terry Genrich.

Others Present: Pam Manske, Luke Pitts

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m., followed by announcement recognizing regulations of the Open Meetings Act as posted by the door.

Minutes:

Approval of January 13, 2015 minutes: Motion to approve with a couple of corrections noted was made by Elaine Hammer and seconded by Rick Dockhorn. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

- Wilderness Park bridge truss has been set in place. The contractor needs some final cleanup but they should be able to complete in the next few weeks.
- Jamaica North Trail has not been finalized by the contractor and won't be until later this spring due to the weather stopping construction.
- We received approval to start the process of hiring a firm to do the PE for the Pioneers Park Trail Phase III,
- We will be notifying the public that we will be removing several trees along the section of the BW Trail that will be impacted by construction. We are hoping to get this project under construction by late spring.

Old Business

The “N” Street project is moving forward. Completion date for the entire section is in October. Information on the project is posted on the Bike Lincoln website. Planning is working on an education component of how to use the Protected Bikeway. There was discussion of doing a demonstration project during Streets Alive.

Planning is applying for CMAQ funds to do 15 stations and 100 bikes as part of a Bike Share Project. They are working with Omaha who is also applying for the same funds. There is no

due date for the application. UNL students voted on a resolution to support the application. It takes one employee to operate the system with assistance on maintenance. Omaha has a system in place and is looking at expanding.

Legislation update - LB 38 and LB 39 are both stalled. LB 95 made it through committee and to the floor but it hasn't been scheduled for debate. LB 95 is the e-bike legislation. Jordan said he received a call from Mary last night and LB641 is receiving testimony today regarding bikes and wheelchairs to have the same status as a pedestrian in the crosswalk. Nebraska has a weaker standard of what triggers someone in a crosswalk. California's trigger is you need to make eye contact. In Nebraska, you actually have to step in the crosswalk. Proving eye contact is hard to prove. The trigger varies across the country. There is confusion in our local Police Dept. about it as well. Big concern is the speed at which a bicyclist approaches and crosses the crosswalk.

Complete Streets has continued bike routes. The committee has decided to spend \$10,000 on new Bike Route signage. It is a start and we hope to build on it. Looking at installing approximately 100 signs on select routes that would include (1) - "J" Street to "G" Street and west to 8th street, (2) - 14th Street, 8th Street, (3) - Idylwild connecting the Mopac Trail with east campus, and (4) - Sheridan Blvd. to Lake Street west to 8th. There will be public outreach regarding this project.

Mike Heyl stated they shot their first set of videos using funds from a recent grant that will be aired on Channel 10. They plan on shooting more videos on bike education classes. Health is contacting the 6 schools that had Bike to School last year and trying to build on that.

Lincoln had a Safe Routes to School Education non infrastructure grant and was wondering the status of that. Not sure if the change in funding has impacted that program.

Jordan was following up on a press package that was being worked on as a result of the series of bike accidents last year. There was a video put together by law enforcement regarding safety as a result of that. The city's website has a good website addressing a lot of the education components we keep talking about. We need to drive people to that website.

Kellee gave an update on an infield assessment program on bicycle/pedestrian safety that Anthony Fox from FHWA requested each state to conduct. Omaha and Lincoln have been selected in Nebraska. Omaha is doing it along one of their bus transit line and Lincoln has picked 27th Street between "A" Street and Holdrege. This was selected from a result of high frequency bicycle/pedestrian accidents along this corridor. Will look at crossings and other issues of why this is happening. Challenge is there are no funds right now. There might be more opportunities for safety funds that could be used to reduce the areas of conflict.