

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from March 8, 2016
Lincoln Parks and Recreation – 2740 “A” Street

Members Present: Gary Bentrup, Barb Fraser, Marynelle Greene, Elaine Hammer, Jordan Messerer, Dalyce Ronnau, Bill Spielman and Michael Wylie

Staff Present: Kellee Van Bruggen, JJ Yost, Sara Hartzell, Mike Heyl, Shane Dostal

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 a.m., followed by announcement recognizing regulations of the Open Meetings Act as posted by the door.

Minutes:

Approval of January 12, 2016 minutes: Moved by Spielman, seconded by Fraser.

Staff Reports:

Hartzell gave updates on trails projects.

Billy Wolff – Tunnel under 27th St. lighting will be addressed by LES. They are waiting for new fixtures to come in and will get those up as soon as they do.

Jamaica North – Engineering firm selected and going through negotiation of the contract. Still anticipate starting construction late spring or early summer.

Pioneers Park Phase III – Construction contractor selected and going through contract negotiation process. Anticipate an April start.

Dostal shared information about N Street. The consultant is coming back into town to check the sensor systems. 80 reflective flex tubes have been ordered and will be installed at intersection to stop cars from entering. Discussed using flashing yellow arrows at more of the left turning intersections. Discussed the long all-way red lights and how bikes think they should not continue in the intersection. If everyone knows that all directions have a red signal they may also feel like it's safe to run the light. A discussion of vehicle running red lights followed. There was a suggestion that People for Bikes and others with experience be contacted for further ideas on signaling.

Old Business:

Van Bruggen led a discussion of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The group felt first of all that things are moving in the right direction and there has been progress made over the last 5 years. The Pedestrian Bicycle Capital Plan was a big step forward. The Complete Streets Policy adoption was also very important and the multi-agency review that projects now get has resulted in improvements to ped and bike connectivity. Having an allocated budget, although still very small, has meant projects that might not have happened have moved forward. In recent focus group work being conducted for the update of the Long Range Transportation Plan, trail have emerged as having the highest percentage of “Love” designation in a “Love/Change” exercise where participants listed what they love about the transportation system and what they would like to change.

The Long Range Transportation Plan is continuing along with the Comp Plan process. Trail projects are being ranked for the first time with this update. A series of ranking questions has been developed to help prioritize projects. The questions and the list of projects will be brought to the PBAC in April to receive input.

The concept of trail sidepaths was discussed briefly. This may be something the City looks into further.

Bike Share project is waiting for Notice to Proceed from NDOR in the next couple of days. They have identified 15 stations with 3 alternates. The stations are all in public right of way and have to have a southern exposure because they rely upon solar power. Some other cities with bike share use a membership model with \$60 to \$80 membership for which you get the first 30 minutes of your ride for free and then pay an hourly rate after that. Many also have daily passes and pay as you go models.

LB 716 had a brief update. There have been some amendments which have limited the crosswalks to those that have a device. Will hopefully have a hearing and move forward in the next couple weeks.

New Business: Hartzell shared information about recent staff discussions on the 14th and Warlick interchange. Generally agreed that a simpler connection along Old Cheney to Jamaica would be better. The crossing of Old Cheney by the Rock Island needs more consideration. A grade separated crossing is really needed here. This project may increase traffic and speed of traffic on Old Cheney and make at grade crossing infeasible.

Van Bruggen shared the 2015 Complete Streets report with the group. This group is a requirement of the Complete Streets Policy and is sent to elected officials each year. There are currently three neighborhood trail connections that will be constructed in the next couple months. \$10,000 has been spent on bike route signage, \$30,000 on bike parking. Additional bike parking is being considered for N Street and an area in front of Bread and Cup. An additional \$100,000 is anticipated for the next 2 years.

Adjourned 8:15