

## **Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Minutes from March 14, 2017

Health Dept. Building – 3131 O Street

**Members Present:** Gary Bentrup, Rick Dockhorn, Barb Fraser, Marynelle Greene, Elaine Hammer, Delrae Hirschman, Jordan Messerer, Dalyce Ronnau, Michael Wylie, Susan Larson Rodenburg

**Staff Present:** Kellee Van Bruggen, Lynn Johnson, JJ Yost, Mike Heyl, Sara Hartzell, Mark Lutjeharms

**Guest:** Jessica Height

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 a.m., followed by announcement recognizing regulations of the Open Meetings Act as posted by the door.

### **Minutes:**

*Approval of December 13, 2016 minutes: Friendly amendment to minutes to add the need to coordinate with various utilities that may be using trails to access easements and sometime removing trail segments and replacing as part of projects. Moved by Larson Rodenburg, seconded by Ronneau.*

### **Staff Reports:**

- Jamaica North Trail project is substantially complete with some grading items to take care of after the weather warms up. Currently working to get all of the documentation for final billing. Those who have been on the trail have identified some problems with roughness. Seems there are some lengths that don't have enough limestone on them. City might want to consider using a profilograph, a machine that measures smoothness. May need to consider adding some major maintenance of Jamaica to our 10 year plan.
- Has recently been some discussion between the Lower Platte South NRD and the City on some trail segments that are in areas where annexation is imminent. The NRD board had this on their last agenda for discussion, but there was not a lot of discussion. They also went through a subcommittee process to review the concept. That committee talked about the need to let the original donors know about the agreement, and concerns about the City's ability to maintain the trail to the same standards. One of the pieces to the discussion is that as developer bring projects forward there are opportunities for increasing safety and utility of trails that could be achieved through development negotiation processes. Would like to have a subcommittee of the PBAC that could review the agreement and talk about any suggestions or concerns regarding this concept. Larson Rodenburg, Ronneau, Hammer, Greene, and Bentrup volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Hartzell will set a meeting.
- Van Bruggen had an update on Bike Share. Had a demonstration that went well. Buy America requirements are going to require some additional fundraising of about \$80,000 for the bicycles. Should be able to have at least 15 stations, maybe up to 17.
- Still have no additional information on the Land and Water Fund grant for the Murdock repaving.
- Health has begun to get the Bike to Work Week event moving.

### **Old Business:**

Further Discussion of Signalized Crossings

Lutjeharms gave a quick update of the Green Light Lincoln project. Concerns are for crosswalks where there is no walk signal. With the change in the crosswalk laws and the Green Light Lincoln looking for opportunities to make the system better for cyclists. In most cases the walk signal comes up with each rotation of the light. In some, it is only when a pedestrian pushes a button. Concern is for the areas where there is pedestrian actuated crossing and it is a common route for emergency response. The emergency response vehicles are equipped with a strobe that can change the light from a block or two away, which is sufficient for vehicle traffic, but would not provide enough time to clear a crosswalk. As the new system comes online there is the capacity to use GIS technology to change the lights from a distance of perhaps 5 blocks. However, outfitting the fleet with the hardware will be more difficult. It will cost about \$2M for emergency vehicles, not including busses if you want to give them preemption ability as well. Looking at all users, not just cars, but there is definitely a priority of providing for emergency response. PWU is trying to be more consistent – ped actuated at each crossing, adding tone for visually impaired. Probably less than half the intersections have the ability to respond to the emergency vehicles. Based mostly on the typical response routes used by emergency vehicles. With the new system every intersection could be controlled by the GIS device. Shared path crossings – would like to have the crosswalk signal at all of these. This would violate the City policy if it was on one of the emergency response routes. May want to continue working on this one. May need to have a future working group to keep discussions open.

## **New Business**

### Annual Complete Streets Report

Van Bruggen reviewed the Complete Streets Report for 2016. Major area of concentration were the ordinance changes to reflect the State changes. Addition of 4 permanent trail counters to the system this spring. Addition of bike route signage and bike racks. The Transit Development Plan was updated. Big Jump application by Planning. Upcoming projects include continuing to examine the plans for all transportation projects, looking for potential projects to increase connectivity, an update of the Pedestrian Bicycle Capital Plan with emphasis on on-street facilities, bike counter data program. LPD will be contacted to see what has been done to train officers about the new bike ordinances. Would like some information about the bike parking standards, and an update on the Wayfinding Signage.

Everyone was reminded about the Bike Walk Summit and the tours and some of the speakers that will be there.

Guest Jessica Height talked about her interest in signage to bring attention to cyclists, especially in rural areas. Need to bring attention to areas where there are lots of cyclists. Would need to work with both NDOR and County Engineer in rural areas. Changes to the standards would require a conversation at the federal level, but many of the signs mentioned are already available. There are some possibilities for signage not in the standards that have research to back them up and are approved as a “study” sign.

Adjourn 8:15