

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from February 13, 2018
Health Dept. Building – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

Members Present: Gary Bentrup, Barb Fraser, Mary Amen, Elaine Hammer, Delrae Hirschman, Jordan Messerer, Dalyce Ronnau, Luke Pitts, Roy Rivera, Michael Wylie, Susan Larson-Rodenburg,

Guests: Jamie Granquist and Chris St. Pierre, visitors.

Staff Present: Mark Lutjeharms, Public Works and Utilities; J.J. Yost, Sara Hartzell, Michele Jordan, Parks and Recreation; Mike Heyl, Lincoln and Lancaster County Health Dept.; Kellee Van Bruggen, Paul Barnes, Lincoln and Lancaster County Planning Dept.; Jocelyn Golden, City Attorney

Call to Order

Chair Jordan Messerer called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m., followed by announcement recognizing regulations of the Open Meetings Act as posted on the wall and introduction of everyone present at meeting.

Minutes:

Motion for approval by Larson Rodenburg, seconded by Fraser, unanimous approval.

Staff Reports: Hartzell reported the next two years will be a big move forward of projects happening and being completed.

Beal-Slough Trail: Contract for engineering in process right now. Will go before Council as NDOT requires a resolution.

Stonebridge Trail: At right-of-way acquisition stage. Hoping construction this season. Will loop from 14th to Fallbrook.

Murdock Trail: Contract that has been signed by the Mayor. Kick-Off meeting set up next week. As of now time line is to start construction late summer to early fall.

Wilderness South Bridge: Snyder Associates is engineering firm hired. At the scope phase but contracts should be signed quickly.

Jamaica North to Rock Island connector bridge will connect Rock Island to Wilderness Park. Olsson Associates assisting. At same point in process as with Wilderness South Bridge.

JEO will be working at Wilderness working on some low water crossings. Slope regrading and erosion control along with Horse Bridge near Yankee Hill is a cable bridge needs reinforcement.

Penny Bridge going out for bids, replacing wood steps with concrete steps.

84th & Old Cheney: Continue to work on right-of-way with the golf course. Hampton has been great to work with. Golf Course more channeling.

Hammer brought up renaming for the purpose of fund-raising for Jamaica North-Rock Island to Rock-Island-Jamaica North. Extension of Rock Island Trail. Hartzell agreed it would be good to come up with a different name for the bridge that is less of a mouthful.

Mark Lutjeharms discussed the ability for the pedestrian traffic signal to rest at the crosswalk. Have been able to accomplish at a majority of the crossings. RRFB flashing beacon device will not be able to be used due to patent infringement. The devices already installed are allowed to stay. Working with legal on the installation of the rest of the devices that have been acquired. Starting a school zone study in hope of updating and refresh standards and practices with school zone areas.

Old Business:

Van Bruggen stated she has been working getting contracts going with FHU. Been given go ahead to start working on On-Street Bicycle Facilities Plan project. Looking for 2 PBAC member to sit on the Bicycle Facility Advisory Committee. Time commitment minimal. Luke Pitts and Roy Rivera offered to represent PBAC.

Introduction of Jamie Granquist by Van Bruggen with Bike Share. Discussion of basic bike branding, how to ride classes being offered along with how the Bike Share system works. Discussed no bicycles on sidewalks downtown due to City Ordinance. How to purchase, pricing, etc. discussed.

Granquist discussed in further detail where and how BikeShare will work and benefit Lincoln including branding of BikeShare. BikeShare is starting with 100 bikes with 19 stations. Information on each kiosk will show map and directional information. BikeShare will be available for ½ hour one-way trip, 72 hour rentals, annual, along with other options.

New Business:

Jocelyn Golden, City Attorney for Parks and Recreation reviewed committee training and rules with anything involving the City. Roll call vote for motions. E-mails involving City business is considered a public record, even if email is on private email address.

Paul Barnes from City Planning discussed the Downtown Master Plan. Discussed acknowledging all the success from 2012 downtown improvements. Major project goal is to have Lincoln's downtown be an Urban Neighborhood. Project involves the Planning Department and Downtown Lincoln Association working together. Being coordinated with other projects that are currently underway such as parking strategy, Bicycle Facilities Plan, and State Campus plan. Would like to have an adopted plan approved by the City Council by the end of 2018.

J.J. Yost asked the committee their thoughts regarding a Bocce Ball field located at Union Plaza. PBAC likes the idea of Bocce Ball and other games in parks. However, there are major concerns with Bocce Ball at Union Plaza, such as safety, aesthetics and maintenance issues. Suggested alternative, Trago Park. This is a motion by Bentrup, seconded by Fraser, and unanimously passed.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.