

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from April 10, 2018
Health Dept. Building – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

Members Present: Gary Bentrup, Parks Coble, Barb Fraser, Mary Amen, Elaine Hammer, Damon Hershey, Delrae Hirschman, Jordan Messerer, Dalyce Ronnau, Roy Rivera, Susan Larson Rodenburg.

Guests: Jamie Granquist, Chris St. Pierre.

Staff Present: J.J. Yost, Sara Hartzell, Lynn Johnson, Mike Heyl, Kellee Van Bruggen, Zach Becker, Michele Jordan.

Call to Order: Chair Jordan Messerer called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m., followed by announcement recognizing regulations of the Open Meetings Act as posted on the wall and roll taken.

Minutes:

Staff Reports: Sara reported updates on the Penny Bridges area. They are reworking drainage underneath some of the bridges including Sheridan Bridge and replacing pavement that was rough due to a previous project. There is also work being done on the concrete steps and a drainage pipe. Should be ready to start in June and finish around when school starts. Question was asked if the project should be one or broken into two pieces. Hartzell explained what each entailed. Per J.J. the difference being length of time trail would be out of commission. Zach Becker shared that there was also some work planned in the 33rd and Sheridan area that would necessitate using S 31st Street as a vehicle detour. The PBAC recommended the north end of the project be completed first and the south half second so the north would be complete before school starts, and the south would not have to put bikes and vehicles on a 31st St detour at the same time.

There was an annual update this year regarding the Wilderness Park Maintenance Plan. No large changes but several small projects along with pushing through three contracts regarding work that is going on.

A report should be ready for review next month regarding alternatives for the Murdock Trail. Will be looking for advice from the GPTN and Lincoln Track Club Leadership as how to separate the limestone path from the concrete path. Discussing coatings and other options. Have not heard any news regarding the work that will be done around the 14th & Old Cheney, Rock Island & Old Cheney. Sara will see if she can get an update.

Dalyce attended the 33rd & Cornhusker project meeting last week which is going well. Dalyce reported it was a good session with safety being the focus. Sara stated she had never seen a project which started out with a transportation issue then started looking at the whole neighborhood. The project covers a sub-area plan along with flood plain changes. Very comprehensive look at the whole area. Dalyce stated they are looking for people to answer some survey questions. Cards were passed out along with an online survey which can be found at <https://www.33rdcornhusker.com/survey/>. General questions as to what you would like to see happen on the project. The second week in May is a charrette for the subarea plan which will last for 3 days. Sara stated the last meeting had a lot of neighborhood people in attendance.

Old Business: Trail Kiosk with hand out sheets via Sara. Everything was put out for bid. A total of 3 kiosks are being made as of now. Approximately 7' tall and 30" across. The side view is about 8" thick. Locations are MoPac Trail at 84th Street, where Rock Island and Boosalis come together and the Salt Creek Trail near Haymarket Park. Sign panels are being fabricated right now. 21st & N Street will probably be the next Trail Kiosk installed. Jordan asked if there would be any distance to different areas. Sara confirmed there will be directional signs for destinations that are over 2 miles out. There are close to 30 Kiosk's when complete. Discussion on what types of places will be put on signs. Sara stated it will definitely be things that are permanent, will not move. Jordan suggested bringing back the committee. Sara asked for volunteers and is following up.

Per Sara the 98th Street discussions are no longer relevant. Investor backed out. As of now, the trail will stay where it is. J.J. did mention the downside is losing funding with the investor backing out so that paving will not be completed for some time.

Jessica discussed BikeLNK. Bikes started to be put out for use yesterday. All bikes should be out today. Website, app and memberships are live and working. UNL campus was first place bikes were dropped off. Launch has been changed to April 20th at 4 pm due to weather, same time and place.

Kelly discussed the website regarding getting comments regarding on street bike facilities. She shared there will be an Open House May 1st at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Will also have a booth downtown on Earth Day, April 28th.

Chris St. Pierre brought up the detour on North 27th Street bridge around Fairfield and is not happy. The detour is about 1 ½ miles long. He feel like no one will use the detour due to the distance and is concerned about safety. It was explained there are really no other options.

New Business:

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.