

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from May 8, 2018
Health Dept. Building – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

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

Guests: Jamie Granquist.

Staff Present: J.J. Yost, Mark Lutjeharms, Sara Hartzell, Lynn Johnson, Mike Heyl, Kellee Van Bruggen, 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: Minutes motioned and approved by all of the committee.

Staff Reports: Sara reports that a small group of representatives from GPTN along with J.J. and Sara are getting together tomorrow to look at alternatives regarding the side path at Murdock.

There was a site visit last week where the entire area was walked. It was noted that there have been some back yards which have been built or used what is City property. The hope is there will be as little as possible to be disturbed while working with neighbors. Some trees will be cut. These trees are volunteer trees. Mark Canney will assist on what type of trees can replace where possible and tree plan will be put in place before visiting with residents.

A topographic survey is being performed on the Densmore Park connector area. Changes may be noticed on the Murdock Trail east of 84th Street. Lancaster Event Center is working on camp grounds for a rodeo. This will back up to the Murdock. Lancaster Event Center is putting together emergency evacuation access. This will possibly affect access to neighborhoods which haven't had access to the trails before.

Mark reported there will be some disruption around 48th & Highway 2. New traffic signal lights are being replaced. This will include some side-walk work.

Old Business: Kellee discussed how the On-Street Bicycle plan has been progressing. Great turn-out on the 30th with staff and the advisory committee attending. Morning was an informational session on different types of on-street facilities. The afternoon session gave more detailed information and broke out into groups for recommendations for some real life situations. Open house on May 1 had 45 people signed in. Surveys were given and staying open until May 21st. Another survey will be given down the line to assess how the changes were made. Sara discussed how helpful the sessions were. It broke down exactly what needs to take place to make things happen. People realized it is easier said than done to have certain changes made. Sara also stated it would be worth everyone's time to attend the open house at the Center of People in Need from 5-7 to review the results along with how the process works.

New Business: Sara shared her research regarding temporary signs to be placed along the trail. Many committee members had an opinion as to what they liked or didn't care for and why. Low cost was discussed and the majority of the members discussed the top priority as to what the signs would be

trying to communicate. Jordan reminded the committee that the signs should try to be positive as opposed to just “trail rules”. Susan felt the “Stay Right” while on the trail was one of the most important. Jordan reminded the group that this is temporary and the signs should be swapped out, potentially have operation staff change around when mowing so the signs would be noticed and read. Sara suggested committee members take note on the feedback from the public. The group decided on five sign messages that tied in together and present to the group. Committee would like to get sign out ASAP as a test run for future full campaign to be developed. Rock Island south of South Street is a high traffic area where the signs could be placed as a test run. Sara will work with Parks staff to get some idea for presentation to GPTN. Its possible GPTN may want to help find someone or fund a campaign design.

Jamie discussed BikeShare. Averaging about 100 rides per day. Exceeding expectations. Jamie stated our April month beat the whole first year in Omaha, possibly due to Lincoln having a better trail system. Quick-Tripper seems to be the most popular. Jamie will be approaching businesses to promote. More docking stations are needed already. A wide variety of people are utilizing the BikeShare which is great. Hope to be branching out soon.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:57 a.m.