Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from June 12, 2018
Health Dept. Building – 3131 ‘O’ Street, Suite 300

**Members Present:** Gary Bentrup, Rick Dockhorn, Barb Fraser, Mary Amen, Elaine Hammer, Delrae Hirschman, Jordan Messerer, Dalyce Ronnau, Susan Larson Rodenburg.

**Guests:** Jamie Granquist

**Staff Present:** J.J. Yost, Mark Lutjeharms, Sara Hartzell, Kellee Van Bruggen, Michele Jordan, Jason Stille.

**Call to Order:** Chair Jordan Messerer called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m., followed by announcement recognizing regulations of the Open Meetings Act as posted on the wall and roll taken.

**Minutes:** May 8th minutes motioned by Susan and seconded by Dalyce and approved unanimously.

**Staff Reports:** Sara referred to the discussion last month regarding the Murdock and cross section designs. J.J. was in attendance with Sara when discussed. Many options were covered. The best solution regarding neighbors, dollars and trail usage along with safety is to have the two trail paths right next to each other. J.J. spent time speaking with a gentleman who works for the City in Kearney where they have had this type of trail in place for several years. J.J. was told the trails were low maintenance. Will be able to preserve a lot more trees and potential cost savings. 9’ concrete and 5’ wide crushed rock opposed to 10’ and 4’. Was discussed this is preferable along with more cost savings. Should be able to start building late summer or fall.

Other projects are in the Engineering stages.

Sara brought up a new machine used to cut concrete where there are existing trip hazards, creating a smooth transition. This has been used in previous projects with the City. Vendor bid project at a substantial cost savings including less traffic disruption.

Kellee shared information regarding the Complete Streets Committee annual report and handed the report out to PBAC members. Kellee stated they had six meetings in 2017 and discussed various projects. Bike parking was expanded. $10,000 was given for the project. Approximately 100 bike racks were purchased. Online gap analysis map was developed which includes trails and is updated frequently. Trail counters were discussed to continue to track trail traffic. Trail usage has stayed strong and consistent. Will continue to keep track of trail usage with counters in place. Still in the process of deciding which projects to identify for the upcoming year. BikeShare has launched and has been successful. 2018 work items are included in the report. Standard items are the main focus as of now.

Jaime shared and is pleased with feedback regarding how much BikeShare has been used along with what types of passes are being purchased. Bikes are being used all week long opposed to just special events or weekends.

Sara shared that the 33rd and Cornhusker planning efforts have been intense. Many Charrette’s have taken place. The Charrette last week concentrated on pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. This included how the railroad and Cornhusker Highway are a barrier. The goal is to come up with a more corridor type feel along with trail connections. There was a lot of discussion as how to cross the railroad along
with connecting further north and how to get to the Superior Street trail.

**Old Business:** $500 is set aside for signage along the trails. The campaign signs are in the works. The dollars should be plenty to start with. Helmet light and calling out as you pass are the signs being developed right now. The JACHT Club, university students will develop a full campaign with a series of signs during the school year as part of their school project.

**New Business:** Mark stated that a lot of discussion concerning the 13th & 14th Street downtown area plans. Mark explained many of the potential options including the safety of a pedestrian crossing near the school on “F” Street. PBAC discussed wanting to send a recommendation letter. It was agreed more information was needed before a recommendation was made. Sara will be in contact with Mark as the project discussion moves further along to make sure the committee will stay informed.

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