

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from July 10, 2018
Health Department Building – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

Members Present: Gary Bentrup, Rick Dockhorn, Barb Fraser, Mary Amen, Elaine Hammer, Delrae Hirschman, Dalyce Ronnau, Luke Pitts, Roy Rivera, Susan Larson Rodenburg.

Guests: Jamie Granquist

Staff Present: J.J. Yost, Sara Hartzell, Michele Jordan, Lonnie Burklund

Call to Order: Larson Rodenburg called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m. and noted the meeting follows the Open Meetings Act, posted in the room. Minutes moved by Dalyce Ronnau, seconded by Barb Fraser and approved unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Hartzell reported the 3 trails kiosks are installed. The one near Oak Creek was complete as of last week. Others will have sign plaques installed soon.

Temporary signage proofs are with printers. Looks like about 50 signs total will be possible with the GPTN donation. Should be seeing them shortly. Two themes: a triptych with "make a sound as you go around" theme, and one promoting lights at night. Working with the UNL JACHT club to work on a campaign over the school year.

Burklund shared results of work on the S 13th Street Improvement project. There will be a pre-council meeting on Monday and support would be appreciated. Hammer moved and Bentrup seconded a motion to send a letter supporting the project as proposed by PWU to the Mayor and City Council, passed unanimously.

Granquist reported BikeShare had over 4,000 rides in May along with 25-30 new members. She said in her public contacts the most common questions she gets are about the price structure and helmets.

Old Business: None

New Business:

There are two Recreational Trails Program grant applications being planned for 2018. The first is a City application for the Wilderness South bridge, ½ mile north of Saltillo Road in Wilderness Park. This will be the fourth time application is made. When funds were not received in 2017, the City and others decided to go ahead with engineering and NEPA work out-of-pocket, and make application this year for construction. The application will show a 50% match.

The other application will be made by the Lower Platte South NRD for the segment of the Prairie Corridor Trail on the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center property. Prairie Corridor funds are being used for the match, as well as funds from SCPAC. This is also planned to have a 50% match.

Hartzell requested letters of support for both. There were questions about the sources of matching funds (GPTN, Run for the Bridges, Wilderness Bridge settlement dollars, Keno Funds, Visitor Improvement Funds, SCPAC donations) and about the prioritization of the projects. Wilderness Park

South Bridge is the priority for the City.

Ronnau moved and Fraser seconded that the draft letters be signed. Ronnau moved and Hirschman seconded that the first sentence of the last paragraph be deleted to make the letters read better, motion to amend passed unanimously. Motion to send letters as amended passed unanimously.

Hartzell shared that Michael Wiley has resigned from the PBAC after his wife retired and then are now spending more time traveling. She asked that the committee consider who they might like for a replacement. It was suggested that another advocate for pedestrians would be appropriate, since that was often Michael's roll. To keep the gender balance, a male would be appropriate, and there is always a desire to get more young people and under-represented populations involved.

Yost shared information about Impact fees and how they are used for construction of trails in new growth areas. Impact fees were originally mean to make up the 20% match required for federal grant dollars. However, as time goes on, the planned increases to account for increased construction costs and inflation have not been approved. We now have difficulty getting enough money for parks and trails and only about 50% of the actual cost for these improvements is being collected. Public Works and Utilities, who also receive impact fees, has been discussing a possible combination of some of the districts so that those without much building occurring can benefit from adjacent districts where development is more active. This could help quite a bit, although increasing fees is still something that is needed. Yost will keep PBAC informed as this conversation moves forward.

Adjourn: 8:10 a.m.