

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from August 14, 2018
Health Department Building – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

Members Present: Gary Bentrup, Parks Coble, Elaine Hammer, Delrae Hirschman, Jordan Messerer, Dalyce Ronnau, Luke Pitts, Susan Larson-Rodenburg.

Guests: Jamie Granquist

Staff Present: J.J. Yost, Sara Hartzell, Kellee Van Bruggen, Michele Jordan, Paul Barnes

Call to Order: Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m. and noted the meeting follows the Open Meetings Act, posted in the room. Minutes moved by Dalyce, seconded by Elaine and approved unanimously.

Staff Reports: Sara reported the bids are back for the Murdock Trail with a total of five or six bidders. Two of the bids are below what the engineer's estimate was. The low bidder will get contracts drawn up and have a start date sometime after Labor Day. There will be an Open House August 30th for the project at the Easterday Recreation Center at 6130 Adams, 5:30 – 6:30. Letter will go out to neighbors providing information. Nothing will need to be disturbed on the neighborhood properties along with minimal street closures. There will also be a press release.

Watershed Management received bids on the Penny Bridge Project. Bids were a little high. Meeting(s) are planned regarding shuffling of funds since the trail project will be moving forward. Stairs made the bid higher than anticipated.

84th & Old Cheney has had some progress made on the Right-of-Way. This project will keep moving forward and more than likely be completed the next construction season.

Some discussion has started regarding an erosion issue south of Tierra Park. There is a liner in place that is having issues containing water. Watershed Management is going to be giving suggestions for a resolution. Patchwork has been done for now.

Temporary Trail Signs are in. There are approximately 60 signs. Sara will put out two sets in each district and hang onto the remainder for replacement signs. The signs were funded by Great Plains Network.

3 Kiosks are in place at Haymarket Park, Murdock Trailhead and Rock Island at 27th & Highway 2.

Sara shared the LIBA press release regarding street changes which affect bicycle lanes. The committee discussed having PBAC members attend public meetings and other options. There needs to be a joint effort with other organizations to keep the public informed, but the PBAC roll is to advise the Mayor, not put out press releases. After discussion and different ideas it was decided that some members of PBAC would act in their capacity as members of other advocacy groups to work together to put together a press release to inform the public as to how decisions will affect bike trails, etc.

Old Business:

Downtown Master Plan briefing:

Paul Barnes from the Planning Department brought PBAC up to speed regarding the Downtown Master Plan and looking for the committee's feedback. On the online survey approximately 1,700 people showed the number one most important thing to the people is to develop unused or vacant sites, with Pershing being at top of the list. More neighborhood retail and services such as a grocery store is important along with more events and entertainment options. Another question asked was how residents vision downtown in 2030 with three words. Vibrant, Walkable, Parking, Safe and Accessible were the top five of the survey.

The DLA has a vision for a child, dog, and family friendly downtown. Central libraries were brought up along with stores such as grocery and dry-cleaning. Revitalization of "O" Street was brought up similar what has been accomplished on "P" Street. More housing options for people from students to families. Green space is a large concern. Something called the "Lincoln Loop" is also being looked at.

In a nutshell, the downtown master plan goal is to keep Lincoln safe, appealing and draw families to move and stay in Lincoln. The downtown masterplan is still under development with many ideas on the table. BikeShare along with other items affecting the PBAC were questioned. The committee was assured that before any plans were in place the PBAC would be informed and included.

Lincoln Bike Plan briefing:

Kellee shared additional efforts that have been made to reach out to underrepresented populations to get input on bike facilities in the City. This includes the lower income population. Kellee also shared the draft bike facility master plan which is being put out for comment. Kellee will send Sara a finished copy before it goes on the public website August 20th. Kellee stated she will be attending every PBAC meeting for an update on how this project is moving along. Jordan stated they would save comments for the next meeting after being able to review the whole plan.

New Business: None

Adjourn: 8:12 a.m.