

**Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee**  
Minutes from December 11, 2018  
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

**Members Present:** Paris Coble, Rick Dockhorn, Barb Fraser, 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, Bobby Bartja, Lynn Johnson, Paul Zillig, Mike Heyl, Don Scheinost, Kris Humphries, Michele Jordan.

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 am and noted the meeting follows the Open Meetings Act, posted in the room. Minutes moved by Ronnau, seconded by Hirschman and approved unanimously.

**Staff Reports:** Hartzell reported that Murdock Trail has been substantially completed. Still some fine grading and seeding that will need to take place in the spring. Cold weather has delayed work near the Penny Bridges. Drainage work is continuing, but replacement of the pavement may have to wait until spring. An attempt was made to bore drainage pipes under the trail, but old railroad ballast was discovered and boring was not possible. The trail is open and work will be dependent on the weather.

Getting ready to remove trees during the winter at the Wilderness Park & Rock Island Jamaica North bridges. Ribbons and paint will be marking trees.

J.J. stated that during winter there is a good chance of shifting on trails. J.J. asked that anyone who notices issues to please let Parks and Recreation know so repairs can be assessed and made as needed.

**Old Business:** Kris Humphry with Transportation and Utilities is Project Manager for the 33<sup>rd</sup> & Cornhusker project and shared an update with the committee. RTSD has been concerned with this area for over a decade.

In 2015 RTSD hired a consultant for a Planning and Environmental Linkages study. The area studied is Holdrege Street on the south, Superior Street on the north, 27<sup>th</sup> Street on the West and 48<sup>th</sup> Street on the east. The focus was along the railroad corridor. The three crossings that were studied are at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, 37<sup>th</sup> & Adams Street and 44<sup>th</sup> Street, approximately a mile long railroad track corridor.

The primary purpose of this project is to improve safety and reduced traffic congestion along with compatibility with future transportation needs. RTSD realized they need to work with City of Lincoln's Planning Department to determine future land uses. Humphries shared and explained via mapping the work that has been completed to date. There has been a lot of public involvement along with an Advisory group which has been invaluable.

The studies, along with the public input and Advisory committee, shows a strong North/South connection is important. There are many physical and environmental constraints involved which will be studied and resolved. Humphries share the website the committee and public can go to with

questions and get answers, <https://www.33rdcornhusker.com> which is user friendly with a lot of useful information.

Humphries went into detail breaking down the plan and asked for input from the committee regarding the pedestrian and trail system. There will be an Open House January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Center for People in Need.

Humphries stated there are about three years left of the environmental analysis and engineering phases of the project. If all stays on schedule the first shovel in the ground will be 2026. A question was asked if funding has been lined up. Humphries stated yes and broke down where the funding was coming from.

**New Business:**

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Nomination Committee, which volunteered for duty in October, announced nomination in November. Larson Rodenburg was moved by Ronnau, and seconded by Coble as Chair along with Rivera as Vice Chair. The vote was 10-0 for the slate. The committee thanks Jordan Messerer for his years serving first as Vice-Chair then as Chair.

**Other Business:**

Hartzell asked the members if they wished to draft a letter in support of the Bike Plan. The motion was made by Coble and seconded by Hirschman and vote was 10-0 in support.

Jamie updated the committee on a grant which is in process and involves wayfinding for safe routes to schools. The grant is for approximately \$12,000 which will make routes easier to locate.

The committee discussed that there have been many positive comments via drivers and bikers regarding downtown 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Adjourn:** 7:57 am.