

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from January 8, 2019
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

Members Present: Gary Bentrup, Parks Coble, Rick Dockhorn, Barb Fraser, Mary Amen, Elaine Hammer, Dalyce Ronnau, Roy Rivera, Jordan Messerer.

Guests: Clayton Streich, Jamie Granquist.

Staff Present: J.J. Yost, Mark Lutjeharms, Sara Hartzell, Bobby Bartja, Lynn Johnson, Kellee Van Bruggen, Mike Heyl, Michele Jordan.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:01 am and noted the meeting follows the Open Meetings Act, posted in the room. Minutes moved by Ronnau, seconded by Dockhorn and approved unanimously with amending the misspelling of Parks Coble name.

Rivera started off the meeting with everyone introducing themselves to “the new guy”, Clayton Streich. Clayton shared that he has been in Lincoln for a long time. Streich is retired from Wesleyan and puts in a lot of time at Lincoln Bike Kitchen and would like to become a member of PBAC.

Staff Reports: Hartzell stated that the Wilderness Park Bridge is at approximately 90% completion and should be complete by the middle of next week. The next Phase should go out for bid in late February. Applications for flood permitting and other applications required will also be in process. The goal is to have the trees down before March to meet requirements. The total cost of the project is coming in lower than anticipated which is a nice surprise. Design modifications are being made to the other bridge as in trying to shorten the length and ramping down to Jamaica. Everything is moving forward nicely. The Penny Bridge was discussed in November. Boring was tried and did not work. Railroad ballast was found. They are now doing as much work as they can until we have good weather to pour concrete. By taking this action this will keep the trail open opposed to other options.

Hartzell shared that Bartja went out to the Tierra-Williamsburg Trail in October and walked the distance from Tierra Park to Pine Lake Rd. also along with the piece heading towards South Point. He made notes and took photos of the damaged areas. Olsson will be looking at the area to see if it can be incorporated into the next Watershed bond issue, hopefully next May. Access to the site will be the tricky part according to Yost.

There was a meeting regarding the Rock Island Trail Connector for recognition. Per Hartzell one idea is using a kiosk style piece with laser cutting for inscription. It was also discussed that down the road there could be a shelter with railroad history.

Hartzell shared that a fund raising effort for the Prairie Corridor is in progress. There was a donation of 13+ acres for a trailhead made in 2012 that is in escrow but the trailhead must be constructed until the donation is released. Bids are currently being sought for construction of the trailhead parking lot. It's a different situation due to ownership of land and the railroad being involved. Grant funds will continue to be perused. There will be about 120 acres in this spot when complete.

Old Business: Rivera shared the two letters of support. One for the Lincoln Bike Plan and one for the 33rd & Cornhusker Corridor Enhancement and Subarea Plan. Minor changes were discussed and will be made by Hartzell.

Motion to approve was made on both letters with changes noted.

New Business: Hartzell had requested the topics of focus for this year and reported:

- South Beltway – Discussion in February
- Downtown Bikes – Parking and sidewalks, bike lanes and scooters.
- UNL – City, Innovation Campus, east campus connections – Emily Casper
- 10-year plan update (this spring)
- Crosswalks – education
- School safety (late spring/early summer)
- Sidewalk repair
- Trail Signage
- MoPac Trailhead – 4 season
- Bike Friendly Application (summer)
- Complete streets (summer/fall)
- West Park – Jamaica/N Street/Pinnacle Trail
- LPD – Accidents/enforcement

Discussion with the talking points above were discussed among the committee with clarity made on different points.

Granquist gave an update on BikeLNK. She and the group are pleased with the usage of the bikes and explained some of the maintenance along with how BikeLNK and the rules and regulations were discussed with a positive update. Granquist shared that the BikeLNK crew are very interactive with the public when maintaining bikes and docks. She said they now have 203 docks and 100 bikes. The ratio is good due to additional docks required for bike return. Many requests for more kiosks have been made and hope to add in the future.

Adjourn: 7:43 am