

**Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee**  
Minutes from May 14, 2019  
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

**Members Present:**

Rick Dockhorn, Barb Fraser, Mary Amen, Elaine Hammer, Dalyce Ronnau, Jordan Messerer, Clayton Streich, Susan Larson Rodenburg.

**Guests:** Chris St. Pierre, Emily Casper.

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

**Call to Order:** Called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. and noted the meeting follows the Open Meetings Act, posted in the room. Minutes moved by Dalyce, seconded by Delrae and approved unanimously.

**Staff Reports:** Per Sara the 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Old Cheney underpass work should be starting in the next week. Things have been slowed down due to rain. The fundraising efforts for the Rock Island North Bridge are going well. Sara shared they have been invited to apply for the Kiewitt and Scheels Foundation grants which is great news. The Wilderness Park Bridge should have work starting very soon.

J.J. discussed the contractor not doing a very good job of giving advance warning for work being performed on the Billy Wolff Trail. A section of trail has been removed to replace a culvert just north of Pioneers. The contractor was supposed to put up barricades and have not as of yet. J.J. will be reaching out to contractors to set up barricades. The work should take around one week. Detour signs have been put up by Parks and Rec for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Sara shared they are having a celebration for the Prairie Corridor by the Nature Center at Pioneers Park. The celebration will include food vendors and other fun activities. Sara walked the trails and said they are in good shape.

Susan asked about the Jacht Club at UNL. Sara has been trying to contact them to no avail but will continue trying.

**Old Business:** Bicycle Friendly Community Application 2019 team review. Sara said she was doing the review in sections. The information has been provided by Sara in paper form for the committee. The questions are broken up into five parts. Education is the focus of this month, Encouragement will be shared next month. Contact information is provided if there are any questions. Some of the committee members say a few items need changed and will do so via e-mail or phone to Sara.

**New Business:** Emily Casper introduced herself. She is with the University Landscape Architect along with taking on the Campus Planner Role on an interim status. Emily had three items she wants to discuss regarding the UNL. The first being the Bike Plan regarding what the priorities are. Second is bike parking on campus and how improvements can be implemented. The first project was the "R" Street Project. The plan was laid out in detail by Emily. Emily shared the "R" Street Project has been discussed since 1999. This streetscape is finally coming to fruition. Chris St. Pierre suggested

changing the parking arrangement for the safety of the bicyclist. The improvements will be shared on BikeLNK.

Emily reviewed some of the priorities obtained from the Bike Plan. One area being between Vine Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Street where work has been done. The goal is to continue this into the interior of the campus along with sharing many other changes for improvement via the Bike Plan. Emily discussed bike parking guidelines. Covered parking is a preference. Different types and styles of bike racks are being discussed. Jordan mentioned getting the students on the same page with bike and car changes on campus. Many other types of bike parking needs were discussed along with different college campuses and sizes pertaining to bikes.

Susan asked Sara to speak about "People for Bikes". There are copies comparing 2018 and 2019 survey results cross-country and how we rated. Even though initially the ratings seemed low which Sara and Jaime were particularly please with. After further correspondence the ratings were fair and about the same across the board. Areas of improvement were also agreed upon. The difference in ratings was discussed by the committee. Some scores were lower along with higher from 2018 to 2019.

Susan asked J.J. to discuss the Haymarket Park. J.J. shared a presentation that Lincoln Park Foundation and Joint Public Agency along with the City of Lincoln have set the stage for the future South Haymarket Park. J.J. described plan layout will fit the space of the park. The Master Plan with Olsson should be wrapped up soon. At that time the public will be able to review and provide input. J.J. shared images on the potential plan, building and plaza space could potentially look like along with the scale of the Public Art piece that would be placed. This will be a neighborhood park along with a water feature. J.J. showed where the commuter/park trail could be located throughout with safety and convenience in mind. There will be a lot of seating along with all contaminated soil being removed and replaced. There are some thoughts of having an overlook to celebrate the railroad opposed to screening the railroad. There will also be a dog park which has been a top priority for many people. There is no set time line at this time. The total cost including future care is \$8 million dollars which includes an endowment of the long-term care. About half is in place right now. The JPA gifted the land to the Lincoln Parks Foundation which sold to the City for \$1.1 million dollars with the agreement that money would be used for the park campaign. With gifting there is already over \$3.5 million dollars at this time. J.J. emphasized throughout the presentation that what they are seeing is a very preliminary plan of the whole project. J.J. ended with acknowledging a 12' wide trail opposed to the normal 10' would be necessary due to park traffic. J.J. ended by asking for the committee's input on any ideas and input that pertains to this project along with keeping everyone in the loop.

A \$100,000 grant is being offered by Blue Zones for the "Made to Move" program. Planning is asking PBAC for a letter of support along with providing a representative for an Advisory committee. Should they receive the grant, the project would be a Bike Boulevard. A letter of support as amended was moved by Dalyce and seconded by Barb with a unanimous "Yes". Barb is and will be serving on the Advisory Board.

Susan brought up the need to introduce PBAC to the new Mayor and Administration so the support will continue.

**Adjourn:** 8:10 a.m.