

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from June 11, 2019
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

Members Present: Gary Bentrup, Parks Coble, Barb Fraser, Elaine Hammer, Dalyce Ronnau, Luke Pitts, Jordan Messerer, Clayton Streich, Susan Larson Rodenburg.

Guests: Jamie Granquist, Nate Lowry.

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

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

Staff Reports: Sara reported that the 84th & Old Cheney project has started. The trees that needed removed are down. They will be replacing a part of the trail south of Glynoaks while working at 84th & Old Cheney.

The wastewater relief trunk on Beal Slough project is starting soon. The project will include the bridge around 52nd Street, (near Ming) which collects debris when water gets high. The bridge will be removed and replacement with a larger box culvert which should help with the debris issue. Sara was asked about a detour while bridge work is being done. There is a non-user friendly detour.

Sara stated all of the bids for the Wilderness Park South Bridge came is very high. On the advice of the engineer the next step is to reject and reassemble all bids. Material and access to the property seem to be driving the cost up. This will be a winter project for easier access with the frozen ground.

Stonebridge is under construction right now. The project should be completed prior to school starting. The start date is July 8th for the Rock Island trail at Penny Bridges with a 62 day contract. The start date was pushed back hoping for area to dry out a bit more.

A meeting is being held this evening regarding the Bike Plan in the Indian Hills Neighborhood. Sara and others will be attending. It was discussed that at this time there is no easy access to VanDorn Park. Everyone is hoping the park will be easier to access after the bypass is built.

Mark brought up the traffic signal at 17th & Washington not operating. It's 34 years old and was damaged by a storm. A study was done whether it was to be replaced and it deemed not replacing. The plan is making changes such as bump outs and markings/shark teeth and signage. There is a light and signal one block away on 17th & A. There was discussion on Nebraska's State law regarding cars don't stop for pedestrians at the curb, only if in the intersection. Susan feels education is a good key to assist pedestrians, cyclists along with motorists. The committee shared their experiences. She asked Sara to send out the PSA link to the committee for reference.

Old Business: Sara handed out the "Encouragement" for the "Bike Friendly Community Application" and instructed the committee how to review and make comments. Sara will also be emailing a copy to committee members.

New Business: Taylor Buss of LTU gave a presentation regarding the Sidewalk Repair Program. Taylor shared that there are over 1,600 miles of sidewalks in the city and explained how they prioritize the projects. By using databases they are able to track sidewalks which need repaired, ADA curbs and other relative items. Taylor showed many aspects of how they track sidewalk repairs and more. Taylor said there about 1,600 outstanding complaints. The database tracks every complaint that comes in, what day and the cost of repair along with relevant information. Taylor explained how they use the database and map to prioritize repairs. Sara asked if there was a criteria to prioritize sidewalk repair regarding a certain height of repair needed. Taylor explained the process from beginning to end, when repair is reported through completion. Taylor reminded the committee that the sidewalk repair has a budget with its own dollars for repairs which as of now is \$1,000,000. If the sidewalk is 2" off up or down that piece of the sidewalk will be replaced. Sara reminded the committee that many cities don't have sidewalks on both sides of the street like Lincoln does. Taylor said his end goal is to have hard data to show more dollars are needed for sidewalk repairs.

Adjourn: 8:00 a.m.