

**Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee**  
Minutes from July 9, 2019  
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

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

**Guests:** Jamie Granquist, Chris St. Pierre.

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

**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 Luke and approved unanimously.

**Staff Reports:** Sara reported the Stonebridge Trail construction is going well. Sara made some calls to get the barricades adjusted at Rock Island during construction. The 84<sup>th</sup> & Old Cheney area is going well and an extra piece being tacked on near Glynoaks. There will be some work done along Antelope Creek. Detours and duration are still being discussed.

J.J. reported the South Haymarket Park's Master Plan is now available on the Parks and Recreation website. There is a survey now located on the main page which is open until the end of August and has already received great response and feedback. J.J. also encouraged everyone to spread the word.

Mark discussed Phase III of "Greenlight Lincoln". There is now an opportunity with the upgrade to make modifications to N Street. Mark went into great detail and answered a variety of questions the committee and others had regarding the cycle track and duration of the green light. 13<sup>th</sup> & "N" and "O" Streets were the main areas of discussion. The discussion was based on the seconds between lights changing. Other areas of the trails and lighting were discussed. Many questions were asked. Mark suggested to continue this discussion at an additional meeting. Susan brought up educating the public regarding any light changes. Susan summarized this portion of the meeting with a good response from the committee such as liking the leading lights and check into the flashing yellows.

Jaime updated the committee on the status of "People for Bikes". Lincoln was given a score of 2.7. People for Bikes has invited to Lincoln to apply for a grant for a community workshop. The workshop is a one day workshop to be held next year. There will be approximately 50 people from around the region discussing how to increase our score. The workshop will have a speaker and four members who would lead the workshop along with others in the region. Approximately 50+ people. Below are 5 questions on the application.

- 1: Where will the accommodations be made for the workshop? Jamie has started the process.
- 2: What is the ideal time of year for the workshop to be scheduled?
- 3: What current goals does our region have for building a complete network of safe streets?
- 4: What challenges exist that create barriers for increasing biking and mobility?
- 5: What context and means would be helpful to accelerate the regional bike network?

Susan said the committee can assist in answering the questions. After some discussion September would be a good month for the workshop. Jamie would like the application turned in as soon as possible. Sara suggested bringing in other groups to strategize. Sara and Jamie will be meeting to get groups and people lined up for their input in answering the questions.

**Old Business:** Susan asked for update on the Bike-Friendly application. Sara said it's moving along with the help of other departments. The portal is now open to other departments which is a big help. Deadline is August 8<sup>th</sup> of this year.

**New Business:** Complete Streets report presented by Kellee. She informed the committee the annual report can be found on their Planning page and click on current news. This will take you to the PDF. Kellee said they are required to do this on an annual basis and submit to the mayor, PBAC and StarTran Advisory Committee. This year there was a lot of discussion regarding the downtown masterplan. Bicycle parking was also discussed along with the Gap Plan. A map that is always being updated as different projects and plans are completed, including trails. Trail counters are used with some mishaps which are being worked on. Kellee shared the trail counter at Rock Island recorded 235,223 users in 2018. Billy Wolfe was 252,717. Everyone concurred the trails have good usage. Kellee told the group the "N" Street counter was moved from 13<sup>th</sup> and "N" to the block between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for accuracy purposes. This tracker is verified along with a hand count. The data is from September through December which showed just under 25,000 users, averaging approximately 202 users per day. Kellee's group was involved with the Lincoln Bike Plan. The project selection was discussed regarding how the \$50,000 should be utilized. One option is sidewalk connection in Neighborhoods along with bike rack requests. There are now 2 mobile bike counters. Bike Share was also discussed along with the motorized scooter sharing program. LPU projects were also discussed including 33<sup>rd</sup> and Cornhusker along with the Corridor Enhancement, West A and how it would integrate with the Bike Plan was proposing.

Maggie Struckey with the Lincoln Parks Foundation along with Susan discussed the Bicentennial Cascade Fountain located on the southeast corner of 27<sup>th</sup> and Capitol Parkway. Maggie gave a brief history. The fountain was implemented by the Retired Teachers Advisory Board at a cost of \$155,000 in 1978 as a Bicentennial project. The fountain is not working now due to age and internal issues. Different options have been developed and are being shown along with the cost of each. A survey has been created online and featured on the Parks and Recreation's home page website. Option one is to keep the fountain as is and repair the internal issues at a cost of \$900,000. Option two is repairing and improving the fountain which includes shortening the basin and adding a plaza space at a cost of \$1.1 million dollars. The third option is removing the fountain and replacing with a splash pad and seeding at a cost of \$1.1 million. The fourth option is removing the fountain and replacing with a plant conservatory for seasonal displays and programs at a cost of approximately \$2 million dollars. The cost does not factor in long-term maintenance. Energy and water conditions were discussed. Before Parks and Recreation moves ahead they want Lincoln's citizens' thoughts. The survey is open until the end of July. J.J. stated the fountain will be running shortly if all goes well. It has been patched back together for short-term operation.

**Adjourn:** 8:08 a.m.