

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

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

Guests: Jamie Granquist, Rosina Paolini, Nate Lowry.

Staff Present: J.J. Yost, Mark Lutjeharms, Bobby Bartja, Lynn Johnson, Kellee Van Bruggen, Don Scheinost, Mike Heyl, 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 Rick and approved unanimously after the correct spelling to Adelle Burk's and Rosina Paolini's last name and Jamie's first name. Spellings were changed along with adding the request for motion results into the minutes.

Staff Reports: Bobby shared the Stonebridge Trail has three working days left to complete the project and feels they will meet their deadline. The contractors have seeding and permanent signage remaining to complete. The final walk through will be on or after October 20th.

Rock Island/Jamaican North Trail Connection Bridge is currently out for bid. Bids will be opened on Wednesday. There are 11 companies that have reviewed and 6 that can potentially bid. There are no bids currently in but promising. Bids close 10/9 at noon, then numbers will be known. J.J. added that we are still working on getting an easement arrangement ironed out with Burlington Northern Santa Fe. It's not an easy process. It was moving along then stalled out on the railroad's end. Susan shared that she has been in touch with the National Government Relations Director of BNSF. He seems to be interested and helpful. Susan will pass the name along to J.J. and share with Parks and Rec law department. Elaine asked what the cost estimate of this project is. J.J. estimated \$2.2 million.

Old Business: Boosalis Trail closing dates given: Nov 1st – Dec 24th, between 48th and 56th Street. There will be detours and a press release. Closure for storm sewer replacement. New art is coming to the Billy Wolf Trail around Trago Park and is being installed late next week.

J.J. told the committee that Wilderness South Bridge will be out for bid one week from Friday. The Penny Bridge trail work is complete. J.J. is pleased with the contractors work. There have been heavy rains and no mud on trails. J.J. said we will still monitor but feels this problem is solved. Work on the underpass on Billy Wolff trail at 84th & Old Cheney is still in progress. Rain has been delaying but is progressing. Scheduled to be completed end of October but will more than likely be a little longer.

Mark reported on the traffic signal that was taken down by a storm in May located at 17th & Washington. It has been approved to make the temporary improvements permanent. The project should wrap up this fall, weather permitting.

Mark shared new business regarding an Ordinance introduced at the City Council. They want to transfer CIP funds from the 14th & Old Cheney project to other projects. Matt suggested everyone contact their representative if they have interest in this project.

New Business: Bobby reported on the Wilderness Park Survey regarding the signage project survey for a multi-use trail. 351 people took the survey. The survey closed September 10th. The goal is to put up kiosks and signage

for trail guidance.

Bobby went through each question and response with a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation was given to each committee member. Bobby reminded the committee this information will help determine what goes on the signs and where kiosks are placed. Bobby also shared comments from the survey. The designing of the Kiosks and signage will be done with the survey information in mind. There is work being done to create a map along with the history of Wilderness Park including wildlife and plants. Bobby said the goal is to have history about the trail on the kiosks differ and in accordance to what area of the park the kiosk is placed. A question was asked regarding full understanding of trail and bridge changes. Bobby stated the maps can easily be updated as needed for that purpose. Susan asked if the information would be available on the Parks & Rec website. Lynn confirmed it will be. Susan confirmed the kiosks will be in the parking lots/Trailhead. Rosina doesn't feel the survey sampling was as large as it could have been. Rosina shared information on surveys she has done in the past. Rosina was asked if she felt her concern about the survey would affect what is on the signs and kiosks. Rosina didn't feel it would change anything on that front.

Lynn brought up that there was some discussion at the last meeting regarding having a conversation about the Wilderness Park Bridge with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, PRAB and PBAC to share information and brainstorm. It will be an open meeting to public, community meeting. Susan let the committee know that if anyone is interested in the special meeting send an email to Parks at parks@lincoln.ne.gov to get on their email list and get an invitation to when and where the meeting will be.

Luke brought up a question of the poison ivy growing up on the trail. Luke asked if it can be treated or just mowed down. Rosina said they used to weed-whack around the trails which would slow down the poison ivy growth. It is now mowed which doesn't get as close to the ground. Rosina did say she is appreciative for the mowing now and that Josh and John do a wonderful job.

Nate asked what the signage inside the trails would look like. Bobby explained the challenge due to the many intersections inside the park. Susan asked if anyone was interested in serving on the joint committee Lynn was talking about. Mary and Rosina are interested.

PBAC Nomination Committee Volunteers for open seats: Dalyce, Gary, Barb and Jordan agreed to sit on the committee.

Kellee spoke about the StarTran Multi-Modal Transit Transfer Study. Kellee is looking for a committee member to participate in the study. There is a feasibility study right now for the Multi-Modal Transit Transfer Center. The study will help define how this will move forward, satisfy and assist in grant funding. The committee will be about an eight month commitment. The Advisory committee will meet three times throughout the process. Kellee feels it will be an exciting project. Susan offered to take the spot since no one else was interested. Susan congratulated everyone for being number one in the Lincoln Bicycle Challenge again. Susan thanked BicyLincoln.

The Bike Walk Nebraska Summit Nebraska is October 17th, 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Susan encouraged everyone to attend. Barb was/is on the board and shared the benefits of attending, for example it's a good way to learn what is happening along with learning how to advance safety. Also a good way to interact across the state. Susan feels strongly that we should attend and have a good showing of support.

Gary asked if anyone was available to volunteer for Market-To-Market. Gary explained it's a run from Omaha to Lincoln. The money is going to the Lincoln Bike Kitchen where volunteers are needed. Clayton volunteered.

Adjourn: 7:46 a.m.