Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee

Minutes from November 12, 2019 Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

<u>Members Present</u>: Gary Bentrup, Parks Coble, Rick Dockhorn, Barb Fraser, Elaine Hammer, Delrae Hirschman, Dalyce Ronnau, Susan Larson Rodenburg.

Guests:

Jamie Granquist

Staff Present:

J.J. Yost, Mark Lutjeharms, Sara Hartzell, Bobby Bartja, Lynn Johnson, Kellee Van Bruggen, 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 Rick Dockhorn, seconded by Dalyce Ronnau and approved unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Construction of the Billy Wolff Trail at the 84th Street underpass improvement is substantially complete. The trail has been opened back up for public use. Construction of the Billy Wolff Trail/Old Cheney Road underpass improvements are still in progress. We anticipate the majority of the construction to be completed by the end of November.

Funding strategy to proceed with a construction contract award for the Rock Island – Jamaica North Connector Bridge has been proposed to the Mayor's Office. If approved, the contract execution process can begin and construction could potentially start by the end of the calendar year.

Sara reported on the status of construction for the Stonebridge Trail.

J.J. reminded everyone that the 2019 Update to the LPR 10-Year Facilities Plan was now available for public review on our web site and that comments can be submitted through the end of the month.

Old Business:

Sara shared information on the process proposed for developing stream crossing guidelines for Wilderness Park. There has been some conversation in the community regarding bridges in Wilderness Park. The Parks Dept. will be hosting a community meeting on November 21 to share information about crossings and planning within the park, considerations the department must take into account when looking at bridge repair and replacement, and review the policies used by other public agencies. The feedback from this meeting will be used to help create a set of guidelines for stream crossings in the park. The department will draft guidelines, send them to meeting attendees and others for review and then another meeting will be held January 23rd, 6:30 pm, in the lower level Training Rooms at Woods Park Place, to review those guidelines. After revisions are completed, the draft guidelines will be sent to the Parks and Rec Advisory Board for consideration and possible adoption in March of 2020. These adopted guidelines will then become part of the

update to the Wilderness Park Master Plan intended to be completed in 2020.

New Business:

Nominees for Chair and Vice Chair for 2020 were delayed until December

The PBAC was asked to consider a name for the Rock Island to Jamaica North Connector to honor Harry Foote, the brakeman who saved multiple injured in the 1894 wreck of a Rock Island train. There was some discussion, but no recommendation was reached. If the PBAC did want to recommend this naming, it would then be forwarded to the City Council for their consideration, according to the Department naming policies. The members chose to table the matter for further discussion in December.

Adjourn: 7:44 a.m.