

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from January 14, 2020
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

Members Present: Barb Fraser, Clayton Streich, Dalcyce Ronnau, Delrae Hirschman, Elaine Hammer, Gary Bentrup, Jordan Messerer, Mary Amen, Nate Lowry, Parks Coble, Rick Dockhorn, Susan Larson.

Guests: Jamie Granquist, Councilman Benie Schobe.

Staff Present: Bobby Bartja, J.J. Yost, Lynn Johnson, Michele Jordan, Sara Hartzell, Kellee Van Bruggen, Mark Lutjeharms, 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 Clayton, seconded by Delrae and approved unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Sara reported Pre-Construction meetings for Wilderness South Bridge and the Yankee Hill Horse Bridge, the wooden cable bridge have been completed. The same construction contractor is being used in both projects. Work will be done this winter on both projects. The project time on the Yankee Hill Horse Bridge is approximately 3 weeks so should go fairly quickly. They will be able to work on both projects at the same time allowing less down time.

Sara also shared they had a Pre-Construction meeting regarding the Prairie Corridor Trail, Spring Creek Phase I at Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center. It's a different type of Trail project with Spring Creek Prairie, and Parks and Rec sharing costs for the project. There are improvements being made to the parking lot. The rest will be limestone trails. This is being built this winter and may go into spring.

Bobby is working with Schemmer on the Tierra-Williamsburg Trail on the erosion issues. Completion should be the end of August. There are some trail replacement in the lower areas. The majority is erosion work.

Sara updated the committee regarding we are still waiting on the Railroad regarding the Rock Island Jamaica North Connector. The City Attorney and others are assisting in getting this taken care of. No construction can be started until this is complete.

Lynn reported Parks and Rec are working with the Zoo developing parking lot design. There will be a connection through Rock Island Trail. Lynn will be bringing plans to PBAB for review in February. Water reservoir has been taken out for potential future park use.

Sara pointed out the Presentation Invitation included in PBAC packet, "Plan Forward". UNL Center for Public Affairs Research will be making a presentation at 5:30 pm. Sara offered to email electronically.

JJ updated the committee on the underpass improvement on Billy Wolfe Trail. The trail is open. Everything is wrapped up with the exception of additional seeding.

Sara shared that the NRD on Rock Island along Capital Parkway is complete. NRD is also planning some improvement work on the Salt Creek Levee. They will be working where it joins into the Jamaican North up to the parking lot which will be their access point. Sara and NRD have been talking about making improvements up to "A" Street.

Mark said there is not much to update. Since the last meeting the quotes came in for the 14th and Old Cheney project. They came in much higher than expected. No decisions have been made how the project will proceed. Mark will keep the committee informed.

The Scooter Pilot project is moving forward. Tentative plan to have the scooters on the street in March.

Jamie spoke about the Lincoln Bike Friendly Business Awards. Lincoln now has three platinum level businesses out of sixty-four businesses nationwide. Lincoln has one silver and seven bronze. The bronze businesses are food and retail. Jamie asked when visiting the establishments to congratulate and thank them for their participation.

Old Business:

Annual Board Training will be rescheduled with Jocelyn Golden.

Rock Island-Jamaican North Bridge naming discussed. There is a historical marker on Jamaican trail regarding a train wreck which commemorates Foote, and this is planned to be brought up onto the old bridge as part of the project. Not much interest in naming after a historical event. This project generated a great deal of private funding and there may be an opportunity later to name after an individual or group that better represents the trails.

Nate motioned not naming the Rock Island Jamaican North Bridge after Foote at this time.

Motion 1: Nate

Seconded: Elaine, and approved unanimous.

New Business:

Streetscape Plan presented by Hallie Salem from the Urban Development Department.

Clark Enerson is working with them to develop a masterplan for the Streetscape and Parking Project at Haymarket South. JJ & Mark have been participating on the steering committee. Handouts were passed out for review. Haymarket Streetscape on City website gives more information along with three handouts.

Hallie gave a 15-20 minute PowerPoint presentation given, a context map, overall plan/park plan, and an 8th Street cross-section.

This is the 30 year plan. Some items will be implemented immediately. 6th street is the important connection to the neighborhoods to the south. Many people use 6th street for biking to work. 6th and 8th street need to both be considered.

6th street & under Rosa Parks Way reconfiguration challenges were addressed. JJ explained the trail which currently ends at 4th and J Street is planned to go through the park and connect to Pinnacle Arena Dr. trail and N Street Cycletrack. 7th Street is not a great connection since it does not go through or continue past N Street.

8th Street-South Haymarket is part of the neighborhood. Conflicts with Midwest Steel but Midwest Steel shows interest in relocating. The goal is to build in more sidewalks and bicycle parking along with parallel parking along street.

Two options: A: Shared or B: One-Way Cycle track. More of a long term solution.

8th Street to remain a bicycle connection. 10-15 years may show how bikes will be incorporated into the streetscape.

Hallie asked the committee to think of the plan presented today as a concept plan opposed to a construction plan, along with this being a 30-year plan.

Rick shared with the committee that his friend had written a letter to the PBAC regarding the City and State codes in conflict regarding the "right of way" to the bicyclist. Sara stated that issues will be put on next month's agenda.

Adjourn: 8:10 a.m.