

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from June 9, 2020
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300

Members Present: Barb Fraser, Delrae Hirschman, Elaine Hammer, Gary Bentrup, Mary Amen, Nate Lowry, Rick Dockhorn.

Guests: N/A

Staff Present: Sara Hartzell, 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 Elaine, seconded by Rick and approved unanimously.

Staff Reports: Sara shared that in Wilderness Park the Horse Bridge/Wooden Bridge by Yankee Hill Road and the 14th Street low water crossing have finished up along with another low water crossing which Bobby rebuilt by hand.

The Wilderness Park Master Plan process has started. There is an 11 member group which will be helping with the process. There is a Kick-Off meeting for staff today.

The Wilderness South Bridge is almost complete. Just waiting on the concrete trucks to come in and pour. There will be some final grading and seeding.

Sara stated there is a potential donor interested in helping with another bridge in the same area, on the Jamaica North Trail, about ½ mile north of the Saltillo Trailhead, an old railroad bridge which is rotting. This is a \$200,000 project.

Sara also said the Rock Island Jamaica North Trail is going very well and ahead of schedule along with being under budget by \$2,000.

Bobby has been working with Schemmer Associates on the Tierra-Williamsburg Trail where there is erosion. A bid package should be coming together soon with construction starting this summer. Some of the trail will need to be replaced but most is bank work.

Sara continued with news that the 52nd Street near Boosalis Bridge is complete. There was a little mud washed on the trail after the 4 1/2 " rain but nothing like before. The railings are solid.

The 84th & Old Cheney did have some mud in it after the 4 ½" rain. The smaller rains seemed to work pretty well. Sara is hoping when vegetation is established it will eliminate the mud problem. Sara reemphasized things are working very well with the small rains.

Clayton shared he was under the 56th Street bridge and said it looks really good.

Solar lights were discussed. Bobby said the lights at the Jamaica Trailhead turn on one hour before sunrise and 1 hour after dusk. Trail counts were discussed. Kellee inquired what time frame and will supply.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Sara shared the National Bike Challenge. The League of American Bicyclists has always set up the challenge. A company called "Love to Ride" has taken over with a substantial fee. Jamie worked diligently with them for sharing data and working out a contract. An agreement was arranged, \$7,000 opposed to the standard \$15,000 with the "National Love to Ride" page. Sara reviewed the website with the committee. The group focuses on people who want to ride but are not riders yet. This will be started as a City project. The goal is to make this a community effort as

opposed to City effort.

Jamie said they only show the Nebraska results as opposed to the city. Jamie is working with them to bring the city results back and be made available. Jamie feels the “Love to Ride” is a good fit for our needs. A promotional playbook will be provided with the website. Once the web page is set up the stats will be retroactive for us to use. Gary asked if next year would be \$15,000. Jamie said it’s an introductory price but willing to work on pricing for the future. Lynn said the expense can be managed this year but hoping for assistance next year. It’s also been discussed to be able to post trail closings, construction etc. all in one place.

Kellee shared information regarding the Complete Streets Annual Report. The report was completed earlier last week. The report is what everyone has been working on with a budget of \$50,000. Kellee reported what was done is 2019. The beginning of the report shares the purpose of the community and background along with sharing who is on the committee along with the implementation team. It mostly consists of the Planning Department, Urban Development, Transportation and Utilities, Parks and a new addition, the Lincoln Police Department which were brought in for safety issues and questions but not an official standing member.

Work tasks and accomplishments for the year are in the report which includes the meetings that were held which includes 6 meetings total. The Planning Department is also responsible for updating the Capital Improvement Program. Projects discussed with LTU was the A Street project regarding a sidewalk replacement from 5’ to 8’ wide. On-street bicycle parking in the Haymarket was also discussed.

There has been on-street and off-street bike parking installed. At the beginning of the year a consultant gave a presentation with Strava data and how it helps communities. This will be visited at a later time. The UNL also has a project which include Strava data.

Kellee shared they are also looking into a grant for a pilot boulevard project on “P” Street. Jamie also came in and gave a report on the BikeShare program. They have given over 44,000 rides traveling over 80,000 miles. There are now 21 stations.

Kellee said they were approached by Design Line who gave a presentation and brought in a sample of what their protected bike lane looks like and can be used in a temporary or permanent basis. They are modular and cost-effective.

Bicycle parking was discussed and they are still working on it. The Gap Analysis has been discussed along with an updated app. There is trail counter information in the report. N Street cycle track counts on the midblock between 12th and 13th reported 56,134 cyclists between January and September. This averages over 200 cyclists per day.

Many other projects were discussed throughout the year. Money has been set aside for bike racks. The final items are the 2020 project items.

Delrae asked if the “Lincoln on the Move” project is moving forward. Kellee said they haven’t talked about it but will bring up in their next meeting. It was discussed that funding needs to come from other sources with the exception of maintenance.

Sara shared that the Parks Department has developed a list of topics to be discussed during the update of the Comprehensive Plan. There are 8 topics. One of them is the transportation/trail piece along with other facilities. This will begin with staff discussion. Sara wanted to share because they do include trails. This process assists on finding the top priority projects.

Adjourn: 7:50 a.m.