

## **Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Minutes from the April 13, 2021 Meeting – 7:00 a.m.  
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Lower Level Training Center

**Members Present:** Clayton Streich, Delrae Hirschman, Elaine Hammer, Gary Bentrup, Jordan Messerer, Nate Lowry, Paul Tunakan, Mauricio Lang, Jeff Altman

**Members Present via Zoom:** Barb Fraser, Dalyce Ronnau, George Dungan, Susan Larson Rodenburg

**Guests:** Jamie Granquist, Rick Dockhorn, Parks Coble

**Staff Present:** Bobby Bartja, Don Scheinhost, J.J. Yost, Kellee Van Bruggen, Roy Rivera, Mike Heyl, Sara Hartzell, Roberto Partida, Dan Carpenter

**Call to Order:** Delrae called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. and noted the meeting follows the Open Meetings Act, posted in the room. Roll call was made and quorum was met with ten members present. Delrae called for a motion to approve the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Minutes. Nate mentioned that his name was not including on the March 9<sup>th</sup>, Meeting Minutes, even though he was present. This item was corrected. Motion was moved to approve the Meeting Minutes with amendment by Paul, seconded by Nate. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Introduction of new members:** Delrae continued the meeting by asking staff and committee members and guests to introduce themselves to the four new members, Bulent (Paul) Tunakan, Mauricio Lange, Jeff Altman, and George Dungan. The four new members also introduced themselves to the group.

**Staff Reports:** Sara shared with the group that erosion issues at limestone trails are being currently worked on. Sara and Bobby are currently researching information on how to address these issues. They have been receiving input from individuals from all over the country. Bobby shared that there was closure at the Bison Trail for NDOT work, with work being completed within one day. THOR (Trails Have Our Respect) is currently planning their Spring and Fall Cleanup Volunteering Days of the Van Dorn Park trail. The Spring cleanup took place Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. JEO, the company that is currently working on the replacement bridge that will be located on the Jamaica Trail, did their internal review of the final plan, those would be finalized the week after and release that project out for bid. Construction would start after Trail Trek.

**Old Business: Wilderness Park User Experience Master Plan – Review of Draft Projects –** Sara provided a presentation regarding the Wilderness Park User Experience Master Plan. The presentation is available upon request. Sara went over the process used to develop the project list. She also explained how the kiosks and navigation tools would work together to provide the user an enhanced experience of the park. The document was presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. It will be asked for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to adopt this as the Master Plan for the facilities at Wilderness Park. This would be the final approval.

Jeff asked information regarding alternative signage methods. Sara requested some suggestions that would enhance the experience for users. Some suggestions were the "Seeing Eye" app and work with "All Trails.com" and "Microsoft Soundscapes". "Google Maps" would also be an option but submitting the maps to Google has proved challenging. Jeff also suggested connecting National

Federation of the Blind in Baltimore, Maryland. This organization has a technology center. It was also pointed out that we need to also consider the needs of individuals that are blind and visually impaired that do not own smart phones.

Susan shared with the group that the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department and the Lincoln Parks Foundation are working together to organize a campaign to raise private money for the improvements at Wilderness Park, which will launch sometime in May or early June.

**New Business: 2021 10 Yr Facility Plan Update – Call for Sub-Committee Members:**

J.J. spoke to the group about the 2021 10 Yr Facility Plan Update. The plan is reviewed, and projects are updated, completed projects are removed and new projects are identified and included in the 10 Yr Plan. J.J. is looking for a PBAC Sub-Committee to help review the trails portion of the plan and make recommendations for new projects and priorities. The process will include a couple of meetings. J.J. expects to have one meeting in May and another meeting in June.

Paul, Gary, Nate, Mauricio and Dalcyce volunteered to be provide their input for the 2021 10 Yr Facility Plan Update

**Other:** Nate informed the group about the Lincoln Earth Day Ride taking place on April 24th, please let Jamie know if you are interested in volunteering. The Lincoln Marathon is also looking for volunteers.

**Adjourn:** Delrae adjourned the meeting at 8:08 a.m.