

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: Barb Fraser, Clayton Streich, Dalyce Ronnau, Delrae Hirschman, Gary Bentrup, Jordan Messerer, Nate Lowry, Paul Tunakan, Mauricio Lang, George Dungan, Jeff Altman

Guests: Jamie Granquist, Parks Coble

Staff Present: Bobby Bartja, J.J. Yost, Lynn Johnson, Roy Rivera, Mike Heyl, Sara Hartzell, Roberto Partida, Dan Carpenter, Jocelyn Golden

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 eight members present. Delrae called for a motion to approve the April 13th, 2021 Minutes. Motion was moved to approve the Meeting Minutes by Dalyce, seconded by Paul. Motion was approved unanimously. Three additional board members arrived after roll call.

Annual Board Training – Jocelyn Golden, City Attorney's Office:

Jocelyn Golden provided a training about the Roberts Rules of Order under which City of Lincoln boards operate. The training materials are available upon request. One of the examples Jocelyn provided was the bill that was recently passed under an emergency declaration allowing board members to meet remotely, participate on discussions and vote on action items. Once the emergency declaration ends, members will have to meet in-person to count for quorum and be able to take on action items. As a board under the City of Lincoln, the Open Meetings Act needs to be recognized before every meeting, indicating that any member of the public can attend the meetings. The Agenda and previous Meeting Minutes need to be prepared beforehand and available for review by any member of the public and be easily accessible. For the Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Council, quorum is met with 8 members present. Another important item that Jocelyn mentioned is that any communication regarding the advisory board is a matter of public record, this includes communication via email, texts, and other channels that if requested, need to be disclosed unless they fall under an exception. Sub-committee meetings do not fall under the Open Meetings Act. Board Members should also let the board know if there is any conflict of interests when addressing an action item. If the member is not ready to vote or unfamiliar with the topic, may abstain from voting.

Staff Reports:

Sara mentioned that Parks and Recreation is currently working on finishing the Wilderness Park kiosk materials, foundations were going to be poured that week. Two different studies are currently underway. A study on a trail segment in the Denton area that is NRD owned part of the Prairie Corridor and a study regarding getting a contract set up to do the Salt Creek Bridge on the Rock Island alignment, this is for the area called "Danger Bridge", it is not part of the system at this moment but will become part of it. The study will look at what it would take to rehabilitate that bridge. The Beal Slough and Fletcher Trails are moving along. Bobby mentioned that the Jamaica North Bridge is up for bid right at this moment. Construction set to start sometime after July 1st.

George Dungan asked if the Wilderness Park Kiosks would have any type of Land Acknowledgment for Native Lands? Sara let the group know that Land Acknowledgement is not specifically on each one of the signs, there are 8 kiosks and each one of them has interpretative language on them, some are historical, others more ecological, but one of them is focused on indigenous peoples. The kiosk that will be at the GPTN Connector will have language focused on indigenous peoples. Currently working on drafting the language and Sara asked if anyone has suggestion of resources or person(s) that could help with the language would be great. George offered to investigate that. Jeff Altman mentioned that Karen Roberts, would be a good resource, her specialty is Native American Peoples.

J.J. wanted to remind the group that portion of the Rock Island trail was closed at the Antelope Triangle for the Cascade Fountain renovation. That trail segment will be opened late September or early October.

Old Business:

New Business:

2021 Bike to Work Week: Roberto Partida with LTU, spoke about Bike to Work week, which starts on May 14th and goes through May 21st. The focus this year is safety and reaching out to the segment of the population that is interested, but concerned about cycling, LTU, Parks and Recreation, LLCHD and BikeLNK collaborated with other organizations to put together Safety 101 classes. Three classes have been scheduled on May 17th through May 19th at the Malone Center, Asian Community and Cultural Center, and Pepe's Bistro. An end of week celebration will be held on May 21st at the Jayne Snyder Trails Center from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Other: Nate mentioned that the National Bike Challenge has started and can sign up via Love to Ride.

Dalyce request a report on sidewalks. Sara will work with Taylor Buss at LTU to schedule a visit.

Adjourn: Delrae adjourned the meeting at 7:32 a.m.