

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee

Minutes from the September 14, 2021, Meeting – 7:00 a.m.
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Lower Level Training Center

Members Present: Barb Fraser, Clayton Streich, Delrae Hirschman, Elaine Hammer, Gary Bentrup, Jordan Messerer, Nate Lowry, Bulent (Paul) Tunakan, Mauricio Lang, Jeff Altman, Susan Larson Rodenburg

Members Present via Zoom: Dalyce Ronnau

Guests: Jamie Granquist, Parks Coble

Staff Present: Bobby Bartja, Lynn Johnson, Roy Rivera, Mike Heyl, Sara Hartzell, Roberto Partida, Stephanie Rouse, David Cary

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 eleven members present. Delrae called for a motion to approve the August 10th, 2021, Minutes. Motion was moved to approve the Meeting Minutes by Bulent (Paul), seconded by Clayton Streich. Motion was approved unanimously.

Staff Reports: Sara started the reports by mentioning that Bobby and she have been working on a standard operation procedure for striping trails. They decided to start with the trails that are under 10ft wide, which happen to be the most crowded ones and prioritizing trails that are along the edge of a street, for example at Old Cheney. They have request for the maintenance crew to let them know how much paint is being used and distance that can be completed in a day to have a better idea of the cost of striping trails. Having the yellow lines helps users navigate. The maintenance staff is also working on a trail sign inventory since some of the signs are aging and need to be changed.

The grant applications are being submitted during the month of September.

Bobby shared that construction off the Jamaica Trail bridge # 7 will begin on Monday after the Goldenride. The trail will be closed from 14th to Saltillo Rd. It will be closed for a couple of weeks. The bridge inspection program will start and working with a local engineer in town. There are 15 to 20 bridges inspected each year. The inspection starts early November.

Lynn reported that Parks and Recreation is working with the Lincoln Flying Disc Club, they are interested in developing a new 18-hole course. The proposed area is the Beal Slough Greenway, which is located about 56th and Pine Lake Rd. east of 56th. The idea is to develop the disc golf course while the trail is also being developed. Sara and Bobby have work with the club to make sure that the course is built around the trail alignment. Tee boxes are designed so that discs will always go away from the trail.

Roberto Partida with LTU informed the group that he is currently working on an analysis of the Lincoln Bike Plan and the proposed On-Street Bicycle Facility project and identify potential projects moving forward. The City Council approved the Scooter Program extension through the end of 2021. The area has been expanded to capture the Telegraph District and residential areas south of downtown to include more of the commuter base.

PBAC Members shared their concerns with scooters, specifically lack of visibility and inappropriate parking. Scooters have represented hazards for other users, cyclists, pedestrians, and users with disabilities. The group recommended having scooters park at locations where they don't impede other traffic and use high visibility colors. Roberto mentioned that these items will be added to the end of pilot program report.

Sara introduced Stephanie Rouse to the group. Stephanie is new Transportation Planner for the Planning Department.

Old Business: - Plan Forward: Lincoln and Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan – David Cary, Planning. David Cary provided the group a presentation regarding the new 2050 Comprehensive Plan and introduce the Long-Range Transportation Plan 2050 that goes with it. For additional information please visit: <https://app.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/forward/index.htm#s>. The presentation provided to the group is available upon request.

Other: Nate and Clayton mentioned that the Lincoln Bike Kitchen currently has bicycles available.

Adjourn: Delrae adjourned the meeting at 8:05 a.m.