

## **Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Minutes from the August 10, 2021 Meeting – 7:00 a.m.  
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Lower Level Training Center

**Members Present:** Barb Fraser, Elaine Hammer, Delrae Hirschman, Gary Bentrup, Mauricio Lang, George Dungan, Jeff Altman, Susan Larson Rodenburg

**Guests:** Jamie Granquist, Parks Coble, Councilman Bennie Shobe

**Staff Present:** Bobby Bartja, J.J. Yost, Lynn Johnson, Roy Rivera, 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 seven members present. Delrae called for a motion to approve the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Minutes. Motion was moved to approve the Meeting Minutes by Susan, seconded by Barb. Motion was approved unanimously. George Dungan arrived after roll call.

**Staff Reports:** Sara proceeded to inform the group that Bobby has been working this summer in Wilderness Park getting all our navigational signage setup. All the kiosks are in the parking lots, there are 20 more signs to setup on the south end. Kiosks have a QR code that can be scanned or visit the website to direct you to the trails map. Sara is also working All Trails to upload our data on their platform. Regarding accessibility, Sara reached out to the American Federation of the Blind and to All Trails and they are all very excited to learn the accessibility options. The two organizations were not able to provide Sara with suggestions. Sara thought maybe readers, papers maps or files in PDFs may be options, as well as a strip of limestone or gravel to identify paths. This is currently a work in progress. All information in the signage was transferred on the website in a readable form. Four parking lots had fresh gravel rolled in and are now in much better shape. Missing bollards were also replaced at the parking lots. Sara mentioned that the department is currently working on four grant applications and two of those are trail grants. Susan mentioned that the Lincoln Parks Foundation is leading a \$2.1M campaign to fund the rest of the improvements at Wilderness Park. For your information, please visit [ltsyourwilderness.com](http://ltsyourwilderness.com).

Roberto Partida with LTU provide updates to the group regarding the Scooter Pilot Program and the implementation of the Lincoln Bike Plan. LTU is currently working on pursuing an extension of the pilot program through the end of the year with the intention to minimize any disruptions. It was introduced to the Lincoln City Council, followed by a Public Hearing, and concluding with a vote. There has been a total of over 70k trips in the past 11 months. Jeff shared a concern regarding scooters and issues for blind individuals as well as individuals with disabilities when the devices are left at locations that cause for individuals to get hurt, they are also riding these scooters on sidewalks, and they are very difficult to hear as they get closer. Regarding the implementation of the Lincoln Bike Plan, Roberto has been reviewing all the proposed on-street bike facility projects, looking to see where there is opportunity for this project. One of the projects is the implementation of the bicycle boulevard along F St. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. going towards SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St. connecting to the Salt Creek Levee Trail.

Jamie Granquist shared with the group that BikeLNK was awarded a grant through AARP Nebraska for a Bike Share to Go Kit. The intention is to focus on the 50+ crowd and take this kit to different events and show persons how the Bike Share program works. The kit includes a docking station and an e-bike.

**New Business:**

Sara approached the group regarding two different grant applications that we want to bring to the group and get a letter of support for the applications. The letters of support are requested for the 2021 RTP (Recreational Trails Program) Grant application and the 2021 LWCF (Land & Water Conservation Fund) Grant application. The letters are available upon request.

The addition of a multi-use trail and bridge on the Wilderness Park Trail that will be funded through the RTP grant is estimated to cost a total of \$230,000.00. We currently have \$1,000.00 from the Nebraska Horse Trails Council, \$1,000.00 from Run for the Bridges, and making up the remainder of the 20% match with Capital Improvement Plan dollars. The grant covers 80% of the cost.

J.J. spoke to the group about the LWCF grant that will fund the addition of a pedestrian bridge along the Rock Island Trail to provide passage over Salt Creek as it meanders through Wilderness Park. The grant is a 50-50 match. The match can be provided through a combination of CIP funds, donated funds, and in-kinds service. The estimated cost is just over \$600,000.00. The request amount will be \$305,000.00. GPTN is matching this application with \$80,000.00 and Run for the Bridges has contributed \$3,000.00 as well.

Both grant applications are due about the second week of September.

Gary Bentrup called for a motion to support the letter of support requests for both the 2021 RTP Grant and the 2021 LWCF Grant, seconded by Jeff Altman. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

**Transit Development Plan – Brian Praeuner, Star Tran**

Brian Praeuner with Star Tran provided a presentation to the group regarding the Transit Development Plan. The presentation is available upon request.

A survey to assist with the plan is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/startrandp>

**Other:**

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