

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from April 10, 2012
Lincoln Parks and Recreation – 2740 “A” Street

Members Present: Gary Bentrup, Parks Coble, Rick Dockhorn, Barb Fraser, Elaine Hammer, Albert Maxey, Jordan Messerer, Dalyce Ronnau, Beth Thacker, Bill Wehrbein.

Staff Present: Terry Genrich, David Cary, Harry Kroos, Mike Heyl, Lynn Johnson, Holly Lionberger, Thomas Shafer

Others Present: Bob Boyce

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. followed by recognition of the Open Meeting Act.

Approval of minutes: Dalyce Ronnau moved and Beth Thacker seconded to approve the March 13, 2012 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

We are still waiting for the approval of the NEPA document for that project to move forward. Once approved, we can build it out.

Jayne Snyder Trails Center is pretty much done and Community Health Endowment will be moving in tomorrow.

The Stonebridge Trail and Pioneers Park Trail program agreements have been approved and once we receive the notice to proceed, we can start with hiring a firm to do the Preliminary Engineering.

The committee will need to discuss at a future meeting whether the Wilderness Park bridge will move forward before Phase II and III of the Pioneers Park Trails.

Terry has hired Schemmers to put together bid specs to get the trail signs ordered.

Elaine said the NRD is approving the final program agreements for the Rosa Parks Trail which includes the underpass for the railroad tracks near First and “J” Street.

Harry Kroos reported that he is changing responsibilities and is going to be a project manager in Public Works. Barney Blum will be taking his place. Terry mentioned he will miss him and his expertise.

Old Business

David Cary gave an update stating the City Council and Mayor have been briefed of the downtown master plan project. There is general acceptance of the protected bikeways as part of that update. We will be getting a report from the consultant and the formal document will need to be approved by City council. This will take place in May or June. The downtown protected bikeway is part of that plan. Funding is available that will provide it to be constructed in 2013.

Bike to Work Week – Mike Heyl said May 1 will start the National Bike Commuter Challenge. It will allow individuals, businesses, communities to sign up. It will go through August 31. Don't have to do the entire time. May 9 is first Bike to School Day. Safe Kids is helping with that. There is a bicycle education going on at Prescott right now. May 11 is the Bike to Work event with a gathering at Pershing. May 18th will be the end event at the Jayne Snyder Trails Center and will include ice cream. Flyers and pledge cards will be available at the various Bike Shops in the next couple of weeks.

Sustainability project is moving forward. The transportation component will be looked at in the next month or two. What is being discussed is what was already approved in the comp plan.

New Business

The 14th and Old Cheney intersection was discussed by Holly Lionberger and Thomas Shafer. Public Works put out a RFP to come up with various designs for the intersection. They are due this Wednesday. There are many things going on in the area creating many challenges so they are hoping for some creative solutions. Want to take into consideration multimodal elements including bicycles and pedestrians. They will interview up to three firms proposals. Final design will go into next year, ROW acquisition will take place next with construction taking place in 2014. See attached for Objective and various elements of the project.

A concern was expressed that it is difficult to get west of this intersection for recreational bicycle riders. The sidewalk is narrow and in bad shape and hoped this project would look at this as well as widening Old Cheney. This project however will not go that far west of the intersection. There will be some changes however when Hwy. 77 changes status and Old Cheney might not continue west of Wilderness Park.

Thomas mentioned the RTSD is looking at getting a sidewalk across the railroad near Jamaica North Trail. He also talked about the value of the way the process.

It was mentioned by Dalyce that sidewalks need to be constructed along 14th Street.

Thomas is looking for a representative from the committee as this project moves forward. It was determined that Dalyce will be the representative.

Question came up regarding the 33rd and Cornhusker RTSD project. It was suggested to have Roger Figard come to the next meeting to discuss.

Meeting adjourned.