

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from May 13, 2014
Lincoln Parks and Recreation – 2740 “A” Street

Members Present: Gary Bentrup, Parks Coble, Barb Fraser, Marynelle Green, Elaine Hammer, Delrae Hirschman Dalyce Ronnau, Bill Spielman, Beth Thacker, Bill Wehrbein.

Staff Present: David Cary, Terry Genrich, Mike Heyl, J.J. Yost, Lynn Johnson.

Others Present: Rick Zumbrod

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

Approval of April 8, 2014 minutes: Motion to approve was made by Dalyce Ronnau moved and seconded by Beth Thacker. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

The Wilderness Park Bike Bridge is at Purchasing being ready to bid out. We are hoping to have a contractor selected by the end of June. This timeline will allow for the project to be completed by the end of December.

We received approval to submit proposals for preliminary engineering for the Billy Wolff Trail section from 27th to the new bridge east of Randolph.

The Jamaica North Trail should be under construction later this July. Helen Boosalis Trail panels will be replaced this summer as well.

There was discussion regarding the bridge in Wilderness Park and the need to replace the railing. They will need a period of dry weather to access the area. We did get a bid in the amount of \$2,800 to replace the rail.

JJ gave an update regarding replacement of the concrete along 70th between Capital Pkwy. and Pioneers. The connection to the Fox Hollow neighborhood will be completed as well.

Old Business

The sign committee no update.

There was considerable discussion regarding “N” Street and the fact that it came in over the cost estimate. The city is still analyzing what the options are. Once they have determined what options there might be with the design as well as when it can go out to bid, Urban Development needs to come to PBAC and give an update. This could take place by mid-summer. The committee discussed writing a letter to provide support for at least the protected bikeway and if it is decided to phase the project, the

bikeway is the functionality portion that is the most important piece of the project and the aesthetics is second.

A meeting for an update on the Sheridan Bridge is expected to take place in the next week. A public meeting will follow. There was discussion of making a connection from 33rd and the challenges with that.

Planning, Public Works and Parks picked a location for the Bike/Ped Counter. It is south of the connection to Bishop Heights Park. Public Works will do the install. The counter will count traffic both north and south and will be able to separate pedestrians and bicyclists. Parks requested some type of dedication for the counter.

The Mayor kicked off Bike to Work Week last Thursday with the ride to work held last Friday. The ice cream social will be this Friday at the Jayne Snyder Trails Center. National Bike Challenge kicked off May 1. Lincoln is currently second behind Madison. There are 806 people that have recorded over 39,800 miles in two weeks. Irving Middle School, Lincoln Southeast, Union College, Lincoln East and UNL are participating in the bike challenge. There are several bike to school activities going on including activities at Lakeview, Kahoe, Beattie, Sheridan and Prescott.

New Business

David gave an update on the Star Tran Tiger Grant. This is more of a feasibility grant with the construction side of things being the next application if we receive the initial grant. Will include bicycle facilities, outdoor racks, changing stations, etc. We should find out this July if we receive the initial grant.

David gave an up on the CIP. Everything is online at the Planning Dept. website. Program went through the Planning Commission last week and was found to be in conformance with the Comp Plan. City Council will approve the end of June or first of July with adoption in August. There was also discussion of road projects that need to be completed for new schools in SE Lincoln. Yankee Hill Road, Pine Lake Rd., 56th Street and various railroad crossings. Final funding for NW 48th was mentioned. The sidewalk repair replacement program is funded at the full \$1 million dollars for each year going forward. The Pedestrian / Bicycle Capitol Program is funded for \$50K for two years. This would be for improved signing etc.

There was a second meeting last week regarding the UNL Bike Share Project. The Mayor's Office is taking the lead on this. Mike Brienzo presented a preliminary scope of services for a contract that would perform a preliminary study for a Bike Share Project. This scope would look at what the costs are, phases of implementation, add possible location of different stations and ongoing operational expenses would be looked at. There is not any funding and UNL has been clear they are not willing to fund this at this time. If this is going to happen, we will need to find some other money to do this and to hire a person to get the program up and running. Some of the locations that have a Bike Share program are funded by Health Care Companies.

There was discussion on the \$25/month pass at the Y for showering and changing as well as 33rd Street and issues related to that. A question also came up regarding the Rapid Flashing Beacon. There are

several trails that will be impacted by street and storm sewer projects this year. The Complete Streets Committee will be looking at projects similar to this.

End of meeting 8:00 AM