

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee

Minutes from January 13, 2015

Lincoln Parks and Recreation – 2740 “A” Street

Members Present: Gary Bentrup, Rick Dockhorn, Barb Fraser, Elaine Hammer, Delrae Hirschman, Jordon Messerer, Dalyce Ronnau, Bill Wehrbein, Michael Wylie.

Staff Present: Mike Heyl, J.J. Yost, Kellee Van Bruggen, Terry Genrich

Others Present: David Hirschman, Brent Davis, Pam Manske, Luke Pitts

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m., followed by announcement recognizing regulations of the Open Meetings Act as posted by the door.

Minutes:

Approval of December 9, 2014 minutes: Motion to approve was made by Dalyce Ronnau and seconded by Barb Fraser. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

- Jamaica North Trail has not been finalized by the contractor and won't be until later this spring due to the weather stopping construction. Dedication date needs to be determined
- Wilderness Park bridge was delayed due to the weather. The truss is expected to be set this Friday, January 16, 2015.
- Billy Wolff Trail, 27th to Randolph, is at 90% phase. Hope to have the contract out to bid this winter with construction in the spring with a June 2015 completion.
- Landmark Fletcher Trail project has been completed connecting 33rd street with Schleich Park.
- Penny Bridge continue to move forward with a March start date. The trail will be closed through the end of the year. The detour will remain on 33rd.
- We are working on a piece of retaining wall replacement along the Tierra/Williamsburg Trail just north of the Southpointe Trail Connection and Pine Lake Rd. About a 300 feet long timber retaining wall. Will be replaced with a concrete block wall.

Old Business

“N” Street project was updated. The Tif district around 18th and “N” needs to be changed to incorporate this project in to that district. There 18 different funding sources for this project to be successful.

Bike Share project continues to move forward with an application for CMAQ funds. We found out Omaha was going to submit an application as well so we are going to work with them and show how we are both cooperating on our projects.

No update on the Bike Route Signage other than if anyone has additional comments to contact Kellee. We have about \$10,000 available for the signage.

Legislative update. There are a couple of bills being introduced now. LB 38 and LB 39. One adjusts penalties for causing serious injuries to vulnerable road users. The other one is adjusting the 3 feet passing law to where people can pass in the other lane if available. Also removing the side path law. Law and Police will need to weigh in on the bill involving treating a bicycle like a pedestrian in a trail crossing at an intersection or crossing a highway.

A motion was made by Elaine Hammer and seconded by Dalyce Ronnau to send a letter to the Mayor and City supporting LB 38 and LB 39. Motion passed unanimously.

Kellee gave a Complete Streets update. Public Works looked at the projects and did cost estimates for the suggested ones that needed to be completed. Their estimates came back a lot more expensive than expected. Based on the costs, it will require two years of funding. The proposal is to proceed with all of the projects prioritized and that we should move forward with all of them.

No other issues of the RTP crossing. Public Works did do some education with the area schools.

New Business

Mike gave an update on the number of instructors for Bike Safety etc. including education that took place throughout the community last year. Discussed the videos that are on Channel 10 and the fact they had over 5,000 views. Also found out we are getting additional funding to do more videos.

Question came up about if we know what an ideal model of bicycle education is. One has been developed by the League of American Bicycles. There is an effort to get education in a Stop Class on bicycle education.

UNL is offering a summer Bike Education class through Bright Lights!

Meeting adjourned in record time.