

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes from August 9, 2011
Lincoln Parks and Recreation - 2740 "A" Street

Members Present: Gary Bentrup, Barb Fraser, Marynell Green, Elaine Hammer, Al Maxey, Jordan Messerer, Dalyce Ronnau, Beth Thacker, Neal Thomas and Bill Wehrbein.

Staff Present: Lynn Johnson, JJ Yost, David Cary and Harry Kroos.

Others Present: Bob Boyce and Daman Hershey.

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

Approval of Minutes: Neal Thomas moved and Beth Thacker seconded to approve the July 12, 2011, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

- JJ Yost provided an overview of projects in progress.

Old Business:

- LPlan 2040 Update: Planning Commission will open the public hearings regarding Lplan 2040 on Wednesday, August 17th, with action anticipated in September.

David Cary provided an overview of the LP2040 Comprehensive Plan for Lincoln and Lancaster County. The Plan anticipates about a 1.2% annual population growth rate for an increase of about 126,000 in population to a County/City population of about 412,000 in 2040. The Plan anticipates multi-directional, contiguous growth directed by gravity-flow server. About 83.5% of new residential growth will occur at the edges of Lincoln, with about 16.5% as infill in existing developed areas.

The Long Range Transportation Plan addresses all modes of transportation, and is guided by anticipated financial resources.

The transportation funding strategy anticipates added emphasis on road and trail rehabilitation, with reduced funding emphasis on building new roads and trails.

Increased funding is proposed for sidewalk rehabilitation and pedestrian/bicycle network projects. Current system of a multi-department approach to staffing will continue.

A study of the transit system is proposed within the next five years to investigate redeployment of the transit system.

The Plan includes a new energy section as mandated by the State for comprehensive plans.

Draft letter from Committee endorsing needs-based plan including bicycle/pedestrian coordinator position.

David will prepare draft of letter:

- Active living
- added emphasis on trail and sidewalk rehabilitation
- new funding for pedestrian

Dallas moved and Neal seconded motion to draft letter to the Chair of the Planning Commission (with copies to Mayor and City Council.) Motion passed unanimously.

- Planning Department Study to assess pedestrian routes, multi-use paths, and bike routes.

David Cary indicated that the Planning Department has funding, and asked that the Committee be involved in the study. It is anticipated that a consultant will be under contract by early 2012 to assist in organizing the effort. UN-L will be involved in the study.

- Sign Committee Update:
Terry received information from Nikko. Elaine asked that committee members ride routes as teams to identify locations for signs, so that first phase of signs can be placed.
- Sharrows:
David indicated that initial sharrows demonstration project was a temporary paint application. More permanent applications will be dependent on condition of pavement. Ask Public Works staff to attend September meeting to discuss sharrows program. Bob Boyce expressed concern about location of markings, and potential liability due to proximity of parked vehicles.

New Business:

- GPTN Annual Survey:
Gary Bentrup indicated that GPTN voted to discontinue annual survey, and conduct survey on an every-other-year basis. This schedule appears to coincide with City needs for performance indicator information associated with the outcome based budget.
- Discussion of Bicycle Friendly Community Application:
Barb Fraser asked for volunteers to participate in a committee to evaluate timing for an application. Committee members will be: Barb Fraser (Chair), Beth Thacker, Jordan Messerer, Dallas Ronnau, Daman Hershey, Allan Wickman (?).

Barb will e-mail some possible meeting times.

David Cary mentioned that the Urban Development Department has funding for review and update of the Downtown Transportation Planning, including consideration of bike facilities, including east/west bike lanes.

Al Maxey asked about the need for "speed limits" on trail. Rock Island Trail south of "A" Street is an area of concern. Place on agenda for future meeting. User education may be an approach.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.