

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB)

Minutes of the May 19, 2016 Meeting

Conway Fire Department Conference Room

The Meeting commenced at 6:10

Board Members Present: Greg Reddin, Jim Bruce, David Barber, Michael Yoder, Emily Walter, Matthew Murphy, Mark Voyles, Bethany Stovall, Scott Lucas, Amanda Potter Cole.

Guests in Attendance: Jeremy Crabb (UCA Police Department), Jasper Reddin

No Board Members were absent.

I. Minutes of the April 21 Meeting. Motion to approve as amended: Michael Yoder. Second: Mark Voyles. Approved.

II. Contact List: Amanda Potter Cole will email this to the board members

III. New Member of BPAB. The Board is still awaiting an applicant to represent SRTS. Greg Reddin, due to health concerns, will need to step down as Vice Chair. Emily Walter was nominated for Vice Chair by Greg Reddin, and the motion was seconded by David Barber. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Calendar Review. The next outreach events are in conjunction with the beginning of the upcoming school year.

V. Bike to School Day, May 4, 2016. Emily Walter provided a detailed update. The event was far more successful than expected. Only two schools, Ida Burns and Theodore Jones, did not participate. A total of 283 students participated, according to the sign-in sheets. Marguerite Vann had the most participation. Some schools had small ceremonies and/or music in conjunction with the event, an indication of the importance to these schools of Bike to School Day. It is hoped that next year, data can be gathered on the grade levels of participants. The Board commends Emily for her hard work and excellent organization of the event.

Jim Bruce noted that a bike rodeo was held that day at Marguerite Vann, and it involved some 60 third and fourth graders. The volunteers included Bethany Stovall, Katelyn Knox, Matt Murphy, Andre de Freitas, Tara Leamon and son Joshua, Ken Stobel, Peter Mehl, Rick Bell, as well as Jim's granddaughter Abbie Lawrence. A special thanks goes to these volunteers and to P.E. instructor Jana Hedgecock for handling all the local arrangements.

VI. College/University Advisory Committee Update. Now that Emily Kleinfelter has graduated from Hendrix and has left Conway, new people are needed at Hendrix, as well as UCA and CBC, to keep the advisory committee going. Amanda Potter Cole asked Captain Jeremy Crabb of the UCA Police Department to attend this meeting and to discuss his possible participation. The Board would like to have two student representatives from each of the three campuses (Hendrix, UCA, and CBC), as well as faculty and/or staff support on each campus. Michael Yoder will help Captain Crabb coordinate the UCA effort. Greg Redden expressed interest in working with CBC. Emily Kleinfelter had expressed a strong determination to complete and submit an application to the League of American Bicyclists for Hendrix College to become a Bicycle Friendly University. Before graduating Emily created a Hendrix College Bicycle Advisory Committee and gained the agreement of Britt Murphy, Jim Bruce, and Todd Ake to continue on the committee during the coming school year. The consensus of the Board is that the College/University Advisory Committee's efforts for gaining support for bicycling and pedestrianism would need to be "bottom-up" and student-driven, rather than "top-down" and driven by faculty/staff. That said, faculty and staff at all three institutions could be helpful in identifying interested students and promoting the idea of campus friendly status.

VII. Old Business.

A. Bylaws. The following motion has been made by Jim Bruce and was tabled for now, but will be voted on at the June meeting:

Motion to amend the Bylaws of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board of the City of Conway, Arkansas, by adding the following two sections to Article III – Membership and Officers, A. Staff:

4. The City of Conway Department of Parks and Recreation shall name a member to serve in an ex officio capacity on the board. This person shall act as the liaison between the board and the Department of Parks and Recreation working with the board on any bicycle or pedestrian relevant projects.

5. *Conway Public Schools shall be invited to name a person to serve in an ex officio capacity on the board. This person shall act as the liaison between the board and the schools on policies and programs relating to bicycle and pedestrian issues such as Safe Routes to School.*

B. Update on the Airport picnic table. Given that Mayor Townsell and the Airport Director do not support BPAB's preference that a picnic table be located close to the road that adjoins the new airport, but prefer that it be located close to the airport's building, BPAB members discussed whether or not the Board wants to spend its limited budget on the project. BPAB members feel that the picnic table should be located closer to the road to accommodate cyclists who may want to take a short rest, which likely would not be done if it were located far from the road. A motion was made by David Barber to abandon the picnic table idea. Emily Walter seconded. The Motion passed unanimously. A motion will be made at a future meeting regarding a better way to spend the \$500.00, which ultimately came from Kimberly Clark. Possibilities include promotional and educational materials related to bicycling and pedestrianism.

C. Results of the On-Line Surveys. David Barber presented some general findings from the surveys. A total of 117 surveys were submitted on line by the public during 2015 and early 2016. Generally, Conway citizens strongly favor multi-use paths. Pedestrians feel less safe than cyclists, especially on streets. David Barber and Mark Voyles will consider changes to the survey to make it more effective.

VIII. New Business. Invitations to 2016 mayoral candidates to address the Board were considered. Discussion centered on whether it would be better to have one forum at which all candidates appear, or separate public events for each of the candidates. The pros and cons of each were discussed. The Board's purpose is to ensure that the candidates for mayor know about BPAB and its mission. Thus, the Board's primary objective is education. It was decided that Amanda Potter Cole would talk with Mayor Townsell for guidance on the best way to set up one or more forums to accomplish the Board's objectives. Most likely such event(s) would occur in the early fall, closer to the November election.

IX. Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Michael Yoder, seconded by David Barber. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:37.