

## BPAB Minutes

March 16, 2017

Board members present: Beth Stovall, David Barber, Matt Murphy, Emily Walter; Peter Mehl, guest chair, (He will need to submit form to return to Board); Beth Sketoe (City representative to the board); Mayor Castleberry joined at about 6:30; CPD chief Jody Spradlin visited at about 7pm. Board member Michael Yoder absent, but will remain on the board this year. The Board has five open seats.

Minutes from October discussed, not approved. [oversight on my part]

Mehl asked for responsibilities of each board member as regards biking or walking or SRTS. (The Bylaws indicate that the board should have 2 members who represent pedestrian interests, 2 who represent biking interests and 2 who represent Conway schools) Barber and Stovall are pedestrian representatives, Murphy is the only biking representative; Walter is a SRTS representative. Yoder is probably a pedestrian rep.

The Board has no current officers: Mehl will chair the board, he will check to see if Yoder will continue as secretary; we need a vice-chair [please consider this for next meeting; see bylaws for duties]. We need to contact city offices to get ex officio representatives from Police and Streets (When chief Spradlin visited he assured the board that he would provide a rep from CPD. He also noted that he was initiating some officers on bikes on the paved trail system, now called Kinley trail, after David Kinley, a former mayor.) Mehl will contact Streets about a rep and to see what they need from the Board. [I suggest we contact Parks as well.]

Sketoe reported that the BPAB has \$483.23 remaining funds but not in a separate account; she will look into getting our finances accounted properly.

Stovall will visit with Amanda and get any important documents, [we need a listing of board member terms; perhaps Felicia has this information]

One main task for all members is to think about additional board members to nominate. Please send other potential names to the board before you ask someone. Please bring two names to the April board meeting if not emailed before then.

Walter will plan an April dedication ceremony for Reddin's Route.

Sketoe will look into rebooting our website. Contact with Aaron Knight indicated that the city could take over the domain and maintain the website under the same URL.

Barber (along with Yoder and Stovall) will work on the Pedestrian master plan; some of the early work was located. Sketoe will share with them. Barber will share with the board the results of a Facebook survey he did on walking concerns.

Walter and Murphy will consider who might help integrate Conway schools into biking and walking initiatives.

Board noted the new Conway 125 plans/maps to expand the bike network with additional paved trails, especially on the east side of town. The Chamber of Commerce is trying to raise funds for this effort. They want our input. Please review the two maps carefully and look for issues, such as lack of connectivity. Email concerns to Mehl, as he is in communication with Lacy and Gates at Chamber. Could we help raise private funds? The city has a grant writer and that could help.

Mehl will work on the bicycle master plan; Tab revised it with Todd Ake and it was approved by the city council last year. [I will send that section.] Mehl will also review with the Mayor and Jack Bell recent approvals by the city council as regards bicycling. For example, approval of contract with Zagster for a bike share, approval of Bicycle Master plan and rededication of gas severance tax funds to alternative transportation improvements, and agreement with Strava to capture data.

Walter reminded all that May10 is Bike to School day, and she needs volunteers. She also would like to purchase some wrist bands for the kids. Murphy will ask CAB to fund, and to provide volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35