

BPAB Meeting November 16, 2017. Minutes.

Board Members Present: Peter Mehl, David Barber, Bethany Stovall, Michael Yoder, Matthew Murphy. Non-Board Members Present: Finley Vinson, Hayden Schmitt, Beth Sketoe

Board Members Absent: Emily Walter, Tom Courtway.

Meeting Began 6:05.

I. September Minutes. Michael Yoder made motion to approve. David Barber seconded. Passed unanimously.

II. Treasurer Update (Beth Sketoe). The balance is the same, \$398.18.

III. Old Business.

A. Zagster Bike Share. (Finley Vinson). The Conway By Bicycle Map is updated, which ideally should be available electronically. Zagster is looking to update its web presence. Google Maps shows the Zagster system. Finley is trying to get them to align theirs with our bicycle map. UCA is looking to add Zagster stations on campus. A corporate sponsor is sought, but not likely according to Finley, until UCA gets on board. UCA, therefore, needs to be the first sponsor, then other sponsors will step up to the plate. The cost is \$16,000 per year, less revenues.

B. Update on Pedestrian Master Plan. David Barber sent us links to comparable plans around the country. The next step is to set up a steering committee, and then a lot of data will need to be gathered. Michael Yoder suggested that Bethany Stovall lead the Pedestrian Master Plan process, given her need for an internship at UCA, as part of her masters degree in community and economic development. The Board agreed. Bethany will work with the Planning Department. Mehl suggested Bethany and David meet with the Mayor and other city officials to organize a steering committee

C. Update on Gatlin Park Bridge. Finley has no updates other than a brief statement about making the bridge FEMA compliant. Finley is providing engineering services to accomplish this.

D. Ongoing Plans.

1. Short Term.

a. The connection of Kinley Trail to Bruce Street will require seven years to get the necessary bridge into the budget. Finley to provide an update early in 2018.

b. No additional "Bicycles may use full lane" signs have been installed lately, but Finley is identifying places to put them in the future. He thinks straight stretches along narrow streets would be good places, in addition to overpasses, to install them. The Board agreed with this and will consider other locations; He would like input from the Board.

c. On-street bicycle parking corral. Peter Mehl talked with Mayor Castleberry about the proposed parking corral in front of Blue Sail Coffee on Front Street. Finley recommends

BPAB send an email to him and to Kim Williams to encourage that it comes to fruition, in light of the lack of places to park and lock up bicycles. Peter to follow up on this with the mayor. Finley prefers actual bike racks, which would require that an automobile parking space be allocated for it, rather than placing it on the sidewalk, especially given that bicycles on sidewalks are illegal in downtown. [Of course in the vast majority of cities bike parking facilities are found on sidewalks, not on streets. But in some bike-friendly cities bike corrals are increasing.] Officer Hayden Schmitt feels that the location might not increase traffic safety.

2. Long Term Plans. No update at this time.

IV. New Business.

A. Renewal of Strava Contract. The Planning Department has thus far received one set of data for an entire year. Beth to forward us the pdf file of the data. She feels we need more time to evaluate the usefulness of the data, to see if we want to recommend renewal of the contract or not. Potentially the data could help the City to determine the best places to install and/or improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, like bike lanes and sidewalks. The item will be taken up at the January 2018 meeting. Clarification on the amount and how it will be paid for will be provided by Beth at the next meeting.

B. Update. Captain Hayden Schmitt (Conway PD) is offering bicycle classes to any city officer. He is in talks with UCAPD about providing training to their officers as well. Hayden sees an uptick in Conway PD doing bicycle patrols, especially in particular neighborhoods or areas where break-ins are more common.

C. Board Nominations and Orientation Plans.

Three applications have been received: Sharon Bradley, Donny Jones, and Joyia Yorgey. Michael Yoder motioned that all three be approved as board members. David Barber seconded. Passed unanimously. Officers will be selected once the three new board members have been seated and gone through orientation. Mehl said he would continue as chair for another year, and Barber volunteered to serve as Secretary; the Vice Chair needs to come from current members since he/she will do orientation for new board members.

V. Motion to Adjourn made by Michael Yoder, seconded by David Barber. The meeting ended at 7:24.