

BPAB Jan 18 2018

Present: Donny Jones, David Barber, Michael Yoder, Tom Courtway, Peter Mehl, Matt Murphy, Bethany Stovall. Ex-officio present: Finley Vinson (Streets), Hayden Schmitt (PD)

Convened at 6pm

First we covered some info: bpab@cityofconway.org goes to BPAB members plus Steve Ibbotson (Parks), Beth Sketoe (Planning), Hayden Schmitt, and Finley Vinson.

Meeting dates are on BPAB website, but generally 3rd Thursday of the month.

It was determined a quorum was present.

Previous minutes were reviewed. It was noted that for 2018 Peter will be chair, David will be secretary. A vice chair needs to be determined. It was also noted that future action items in minutes should be in bold to aid members in determining actions to be taken.

November minutes unanimously approved.

Old Business

Strava discussion. We have 2016 data but members think 2017 data might help aid in decision making. After some discussion, a motion was made to recommend to the city that they buy the 2017 data. The motion passed unanimously. *Note for new members: Strava is an app which can track a bike ride, run, or walk. The data shows where app users are active. Download and use it!*

Zagster bike sharing service: UCA has acquired 30 bikes and 60 stations (configuration unknown). Finley thinks other sponsors will now be on board. **Finley will approach Hendrix and other possible sponsors** after his vacation in Mexico.

Bethany presented her progress with the pedestrian master plan. **There will be a steering committee meeting Jan 30 at 6pm in city hall to organize a steering committee.** She has reached out to parks, streets, schools, city council and the chamber. It was suggested the running community should be involved as well. She is also designing a survey to collect data from the community.

Hayden Schmitt noted he had been contacted by members of the community about Harkrider needing sidewalks from Robins to 6th and 6th to 3rd. There is a clear trail along Harkrider where people walk. Finley noted we are still waiting for the state to handle this, otherwise it would be out of city budget. He noted that the state does not always follow city rules, and in fact refused to build sidewalks at the new Kum and Go, so they would not need to maintain. He indicated he continues to raise the issue of Harkrider with the state.

A discussion was made of the alternative transportation fund. Finley is using some of it to hire a 3rd party to engineer the Stony Creek Dam trail. This design is to South German. A grant has been submitted jointly with the county to Metroplan. If funding comes through in full the trail will go to South German, otherwise only to Donaghey. It was recommended the best use of the alternative transportation funds was as a match for grants, in order to make the money go as far as possible. Peter reminded Finley that he agreed to provide BPAB with a report each year of how the ATF are used.

We discussed where to put the 'bikes may use full lane' signs. Finley suggested they would best be used on narrower (less than 14' wide, which is the minimum width for a bike lane) streets. It was

recommended the Matt, Hayden and Peter sit down and provide a recommendation to Finley. *This discussion started directly after the meeting.*

Peter talked to Mayor Castleberry about on-street bike parking near Blue Sail on Front St. The mayor indicated the abutment at the corner will be paved over and bike parking installed. This is not exactly what we wanted but it is a good compromise.

New Business

Matt Murphy was unanimously approved to be Vice Chair of BPAB.

A discussion was had of 2018 objectives.

- Tom will work on grants
- SRTS Michael, Sharon, and perhaps Diane Robinson

The police department will have a push to enforce traffic rules for cyclists in the month of May (Bike Month). Hayden also indicated he would participate in a Traffic Skills 101 course. **Hayden will contact other PD members to participate. Peter will talk to Jim Bruce about the date for the course.** [It will be April 21st, contact Peter if you want to participate; city employees are free.]

Sidewalk maintenance was discussed. Finley indicated he thought streets needed a line item for sidewalk maintenance. The Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) should address maintenance; **Bethany will be sure to develop a prioritized list.** A question was raised over how sidewalks were repaired, and Finley gave the example of Riviera, where the city did the prep work but hired a private company to do the forms and pour cement. The city does not have a cement truck, so this is more efficient.

Peter reviewed the BPAB annual report, which will be submitted to the city. **Hayden will provide data.** The report was approved by BPAB by general acclimation!

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.