

BPAB Meeting
Thursday, Oct 18th, 6PM
Conway Police Department

Members present: Erik Leamon, Peter Mehl, Greg Reddin, Jennifer Boyett, Curt Amenta, Jim Bruce, David Barber, Michael Yoder, Duston Morris, Lynn Schaefer.

Ex officio: Wes Craiglow

Guests: Aaron Knight, Nicholas Rogers

1. September minutes were approved.

Old Business

2. SRTS subcommittee

- Web page progress: David and web developer Aaron Knight reported on their October meeting. Aaron showed the group a hard-copy sample, emphasizing that it is not what the website will actually look like. Icons on the opening page will link the subgroups related to—SRTS, Walk Conway, CAB, etc. Ideas for the website included a survey for visitors, photos, contact information for each group, social media links, maps. Wes brought up the fact that we have to have the SRTS and/or AHTD logos on the front page since the grant funding the website is coming from those organizations. **Wes will get the logos to Aaron.** Ideas for the website title include Walk Bike Conway and Local Motion. Aaron will have a session with us to teach us how to add things to Word Press. He will also make a sample website to show us soon. **The December meeting of the website group will be Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at Something's Brewing.**
- Contact from the Facebook page: Page visitors have commented on the condition of the portapotty on the bike trail and sidewalks that need to be repaired (**David will email a list to Erik**). There was also a question about the possibility of light rail in Conway.

3. WFC subcommittee

- Update: Michael reported that he has been doing research on the process of gaining WFC status. He expressed frustration at the lack of interest among members of the community and the difficulty of merging the commuting/transportation and recreation factions. Suggestions included recruiting people in the health fields and from the colleges, putting up signs at the Salem trail asking people to get involved, and contacting school crossing guards.
- The next meeting of this subcommittee will be December 6 at 6:30 p.m. Members were asked to recruit interested people to join the subcommittee.

4. BFC subcommittee
 - Update: Peter reported on the subcommittee's last meeting. Discussion involved ways to improve our BFC ranking, including getting more local League-certified instructors
 - A road linking the new north I-40 interchange and Highway 25 was discussed (????). Members questioned whether Highway 25 will become more bike friendly due to its curves and blind spots; the need for resurfacing Highway 25 was also mentioned. Erik has been told that AHTD will listen to our concerns.
 - The next meeting of this subcommittee will be November 14 at City Hall. (Time & location?)
5. Transportation summit: Peter suggested that Wes head up the summit. **Wes asked that board members email him names and contact information of stakeholders.** Wes also mentioned that he would like to have some interns to help out with the summit; Michael may be able to provide some through a class he is teaching in the spring.
6. Big Dam Bridge 100: Erik met with Fred Phillips, director of the BDB 100, and learned that the concern about the ride coming through Conway is a logistical issue and does not involve problems with the Conway Police Department. The main problem is Dave Ward Drive, which can't handle that many cyclists coming into town. Conway Roads updates:
7. Miscellaneous issues
 - Papa John's Pizza corner: There has been no progress.
 - This week the gates at the Shady Oaks Bike Route should be removed; bollards should be put up and the patch-through trail should be completed.
 - The bike lane on the west side of Country Club between College and Prince is in need of sweeping. There is gravel and sand in it, and grass is growing in it
 - The first layer of asphalt has been laid on the new Military Road. The northern portion of the road will have bike lanes, but the southern part is too narrow for bike lanes and will have sharrows instead.
 - Greg asked if the board could have more direct input on street projects before they begin. Wes suggested contacting Felicia in the mayor's office to find out when 2013 street projects will be discussed during a committee meeting before a December city council meeting. Jim said he had been under the impression that street department employees serving as ex officio members of this board were supposed to bring us that kind of information. Wes suggested that we communicate this concern to the city. **Greg will contact someone.**
8. Future meetings: The next meeting will be Thursday, November 15 (week before Thanksgiving). Erik will be out of town, so Duston will run the

meeting. Wes cannot come to this meeting. We will talk about street projects. There will be no meeting in December. The January meeting will be Thursday, January 17.