

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board meeting
Thursday, JAN 17th, 6PM
Conway Police Department

Members present: Todd Ake, Curt Amenta, David Barber, Jim Bruce, Erik Leamon, Peter Mehl, Duston Morris, Greg Reddin, Lynn Schaefer

Ex-officio: Finley Vinson

Members not present: Michael Yoder, Jim Holland

Ex-officio not present: Wes Craiglow (City of Conway bicycle manager), Chief A.J. Gary (Conway Police Department), Steve Ibbotson (Conway Parks & Recreation)

1. November 2012 minutes: Approved.
2. Meeting dates for 2013: Possible conflicts were discussed. Chief Gary has our group scheduled in this room for all 3rd Thursdays in 2013, but the locked door and long-running police events sometimes interfere. Peter suggested meeting in the Liberal Arts dean's conference room in Irby Hall (Room 120). **He will double check on the availability of the room and notify Erik. We will meet there next time unless Erik notifies us otherwise.**
3. Google group: Erik proposes setting up a Google group to post BPAB messages in order to reduce the number of email messages that go out and to facilitate adding and removing addresses. **Greg volunteered to set it up.**
4. Updates on street projects:
 - Salem Road at Tucker Creek trail: The crossing is being designed right now. There will be a light that can be activated by pedestrians; it will start flashing yellow and then will turn solid red for pedestrians/cyclists to cross. Eventually the trail will go under Salem. Discussion was held about safety issues for cyclists who will continue using Timberpeg and have to cross Salem without any light.
 - Hogan Road at Tucker Creek trail: Finley said that the city engineer feels it's safer not to have a crosswalk because cars tend to be going fairly fast and cyclists/pedestrians will feel a false sense of security with a crosswalk giving them the right of way. Greg said that Hogan needs the same type of light that is being put it at Salem/Tucker Creek. Finley suggests waiting until the light at Salem has been installed so that its efficacy can be determined. After that has happened, we can go to the city council with a recommendation.
 - The trail extension at Smoking Oaks has been completed.

- Bike repair stations have been installed at Tucker Creek and Gatlin Park.
5. Wellness Expo: Jim provided a handout about a Lil' (sic) Wampus Cats Wellness Expo scheduled for Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m., hosted by the Conway Elementary Physical Education Department. He was asked to be there as a cycling instructor, and the group is soliciting exhibits. He thinks it is a good opportunity to provide information about Safe Routes to School. **David will contact someone from the Conway Elementary group and sign BPAB up to participate.**
 6. Traffic Skills 101: Jim is again offering this class as part of UCA's Academic Outreach community courses. It will take place on three consecutive Tuesdays starting Feb. 19 with a final Saturday session. This class is a prerequisite for becoming certified as a League of American Bicyclists Cycling Instructor (LCI). Jim hopes that some people in our area will become LCIs.
 7. Committee updates:
 - SRTS Committee—The latest website meeting was canceled but will be rescheduled. **David will contact Aaron Knight, website developer, to find a good date and will notify members.**
 - WFC Committee—Michael Yoder sent out a summary of the December meeting, which was productive.
 - BFC Committee—Peter gave a recap from the last meeting in late November. Todd explained Kimberly-Clark's involvement in the National Bike Challenge and proposed soliciting funds from the city to promote the National Bike Challenge citywide.
 8. Transportation Summit: Erik has communicated with Wes, who does not yet have a date for the summit. Discussion was held on the purpose of the summit. Peter says that his understanding is that the purpose is to get feedback from the public about the status of walking and bicycling in Conway. Jim mentioned that the Healthy Weight Coalition is having a meeting about community wellness at the Faulkner County Library on February 26.
 9. Map of Cadron Settlement Park: Erik needs to find someone who can map the park. Michael Yoder and/or his students may be able to help, or someone from the city may be able to do it.
 10. Election of vice-chair: This topic will be on the next meeting's agenda.
 11. Absence of board members from meetings: The by-laws will be checked to determine how many meetings can be missed, and this issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

12. Community Service Ride: CAB is planning a “community service ride” that will require participants to perform tasks to benefit civic groups as they ride from location to location around town. Possible dates are April 27 or May 18.
13. Next meeting: Thursday, Feb 21ST, 6PM, CPD. Duston Morris will lead it.