

BPAB Meeting Minutes March 28, 2013

Members Present: Peter Mehl, Todd Ake, Jim Bruce, Greg Reddin, Wes Craiglow, David Barber

Members Absent: Duston Morris, Michael Yoder, Erik Leamon

Board Actions

February minutes were unanimously approved.

A motion was unanimously approved to nominate Jami Schwartz to replace Jim Holland on the board. Jami's term will expire at the time Jim's term was set to expire.

- There was some discussion about whether it is appropriate to add a new member without public notice. It was generally agreed that this is not the best approach, but is ok given the circumstances. We can delay the appointment if procedural concerns are raised.
- There was also some discussion about how to notify Jim Holland of this change. No resolution was reached.
- There was some confusion about term lengths. Peter agreed to work out the details and inform the board. **Note:** As of this writing Peter has sent an email to the BPAB clarifying terms.

A motion was unanimously approved to accept Wes Craiglow's recommendation for the BPAB logo.

A motion was unanimously approved to host a public forum related to bicycling and walking in Conway on May 7 at the Conway High School East Campus cafeteria. See more information below.

A motion was unanimously approved to support Todd Ake's funding proposal for the Conway Commuter Challenge. Some discussion ensued regarding the source of funding and Wes Craiglow agreed to follow up. **Note:** The Conway City Council approved the funding request on Tuesday, April 9.

Action Items

The board requests the Chair and/or Secretary to send agendas and approved minutes to the Mayor, Police Chief, and any other interested parties who are not participants on the BPAB email group.

The board would like Finley Vinson to report on the status of the sidewalk collapse on Salem Rd. near the 124 I-40 interchange. Will this be cleaned up soon? Is there a permanent solution in the works?

Events

A photo shoot is scheduled for April 7 at 5pm. Joggers, walkers, cyclists, kids w/ backpacks, etc. are all encouraged to attend. The shoot will be done in two parts: at the Tucker Creek Trail Bainbridge parking lot and at Marguerite Vann Elementary School.

A public forum related to bicycling and walking in Conway is scheduled for Tuesday May 7, 5 - 7 PM at the Conway High School East Campus cafeteria.

Bike Rodeo: June 11, 10 AM – 2 PM. Jim Bruce needs helpers. Specifically, we need people to help conduct the rodeo and someone to tow the trailer. Greg offered to tow the trailer.

The Conway Commuter Challenge has been expanded to a 5-month program to coincide with the National Bike Challenge. It will be running from May – September.

Reports and Discussion

Education Efforts (Jim Bruce) – 2 people completed Cycling 101 at UCA in February. Jim talked to 300 people at Ida Burns School. Upcoming education events include: LCI Seminar on April 12 – 14 in Little Rock, wellness expo at Conway High School gym on April 25 at 5:30 – 7:30 PM, and enrichment day at Ellen Smith on April 26.

Conway Commuter Challenge (Todd Ake) – Press will be similar to the Amazing Ride: posters, cards, Log Cabin Democrat articles, calendars. Wes suggested we should reach out to Convention and Visitors Bureau and Chamber of Commerce. He also raised some concerns about the money that has been committed to the project. It probably needs to be approved by City Council. Todd clarified some of the requirements: Commuting is not required to be in city of Conway, the local challenge is for commuting only for the monthly prizes, while the national challenge is for recreational miles also.

Website (Wes Craiglow) – We need pedestrian information. We also need to create pages for places to bike and walk (trails, routes, etc.) Greg mentioned his intent to help with this when his schedule settles down. We also need material for the blog. It was noted that the ongoing upkeep of the site will be the thing that makes it useful or not.

Trail development (Todd Ake) – Todd and Greg met with city officials from the Mayor's office, Parks Department, and Street Department to discuss trail development. There are some projects in the works for this year to extend the Tucker Creek Trail and start work on the Stone Dam Creek Trail south of Dave Ward Drive. Future trail development faces roadblocks including right of way issues with property owners and funding. We need more planning for future trails and more publicity about the plans. We also need to identify a dedicated funding source. Wes indicated that there might be some developments regarding the remaining section of the Tucker Creek Trail in coming weeks. There was some discussion about

priorities: trails vs. sidewalks, etc. We need to craft a plan and get it before the City Council. We probably need a Bicycle Friendly Community Committee meeting dedicated to trails/bike routes, perhaps in May.

April's meeting is set to focus on enforcement. The board decided to discuss the topic on the email group and create an agenda for April.