

Minutes: BPAB meeting, Thursday, May 16, 2013

Members present: all members except Yoder; ex-officio Vinson and Craiglow present.

April 2013 Minutes: Minutes approved with minor corrections

Secretary will be rotated among board members until someone decides to be the permanent secretary; Mehl for this meeting.

Business (Action items underlined)

Education Efforts: Board discussed where to place eight new 3-foot rule banners. Board members will install one or two at locations around town. *{Duston, If necessary, please add from your notes, who will place where.}* Morris will procure posts from Conway Parks. Yard Signs were also distributed to board members for yard placement throughout city. Banners and signs should be collected at the end of June.

Bike Month Events: Ake briefed the board on plans for **Saturday's Amazing Ride**. Mehl reminded the board about Bike to Work this Friday morning. We have been getting good press coverage from the Log Cabin democrat. Ake provided statistics on the Commuter Challenge; data indicates that Conway is producing about a third of the riders and miles in Arkansas.

Clinton school Panel: Ditch the Keys: Those who attended (Reddin, Ake, Bruce, and Sobel from CAB) indicated that it was a success. Mehl was on the panel and spoke about Conway's successes and struggles. Mention of expanding the river trail all the way to Conway was well received; we need to revive that discussion with appropriate public officials. Mehl will meet with Jim McKenzie of Metro-plan about that matter.

Survey for data collection: Mehl indicated that he was working with faculty at UCA to execute a survey he found that seems ideal for BPAB to collect some scientifically reliable data on biking and walking in Conway. See: <http://transweb.sjsu.edu/project/2907.html>

Formalizing Committee Structure: Reddin spoke about his thoughts on how to make the board more efficient and effective: committees should be appointed by the board and goals for each committee should be formulated by the whole board. This brought to the table the status of our Bylaws and how they address these issues. The Board agreed that the bylaws need to be reviewed and revised. All board members will read and review the Bylaws for next meeting.

Craiglow departed but indicated that the new BPAB website was updated and that the Results of the sidewalk survey were forthcoming.

Western Arterial Loop: Vinson brought to the board a request for a recommendation for accommodating cyclists and walkers on the new western loop. Alternatives for the four lane plan are to have a 4 foot bike lane in the right hand lane or to build a wide shared use concrete path for cyclists and walkers to share. Heated discussion of bike lanes vs. shared use paths

ensued. More information is needed to make a recommendation. This issue will be revisited, likely at a special meeting.

Discussion was then held on the future bridge over 40 that the City Council approved in January 2013. A safe way for ALL forms of transportation to access the east side of town is greatly needed. How can we ensure that we have an appropriate timely opportunity to provide recommendations that will make this bridge bicycle and pedestrian friendly? **The board unanimously approved the following motion:** A memo will be sent to mayor Townsell stating that the BPAB desires a formal mechanism for timely input on city street projects (e.g. design recommendations), and a follow up meeting will be held if necessary. Ake will draft the memo.

Follow up discussion on April enforcement topic: There was a good article in the Log Cabin on May 14th about the enforcement efforts of the Conway Police Dept. The board appreciates their efforts.

[do not have notes on this item, not sure what it is about] Follow up on Forum; Learning's, action items?

[Is this the above item?] Legislation discussion (Todd/Finley)

Continued trail development & funding: Given the late hour the Board decided to postpone this topic until late in the summer or early fall.

Committee Updates:

- STRS Committee No update
- WFC Committee: Yoder was absent
- BFC Committee: Committee is reconsidering its charge

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8pm.

Next meeting: June 20th, 6pm at Irby 120, UCA

Submitted by Mehl