

BPAB Regular Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2013

Members Present: Todd Ake, Amanda Potter Cole, David Barber, Michael Yoder, Greg Reddin, Curt Amenta, Jami Schwartz, Erik Leamon

Others Present: Finley Vinson

Introductions Todd briefly introduced the new board members Amanda Potter Cole and Jami Schwartz.

June Minutes – Minutes from the June meeting were unanimously approved as presented. The motion to approve was made by Amanda and seconded by David.

Carolyn Lewis School Issue Michael reported that he and David visited the site. Michael suggested there is a larger issue: i.e. the school district's responsibility is to build a school in the cheapest way possible. This drives them to purchase land on the outskirts of town, which contributes to sprawl. Developers then build around it so people can live near the school. This exasperates the sprawl issue. Michael suggested that we need to meet with the school district to discuss how they plan/build schools. Todd asked Michael and David to make initial contact and bring a proposal back to the board. Carroll Bishop and Dr. Greg Murry were suggested as people to contact.

Michael suggested a traffic light or a speed bump/raised crosswalk. Finley noted complications with the raised crosswalk and city ordinances (the city cannot put raised crosswalks/speed humps on roads with high speed limits) so the active device is the only option.

Finley also noted that Old Military Road is not striped properly in front of the school – the bike lane is not striped through the area of the right-turn only lane. Greg agreed to investigate this situation and bring a recommendation back to the board in August.

Wes mentioned in an email that he is investigating the issue with the variance that was issued for this school. Either the money was never paid or it was not spent to build a sidewalk. Finley mentioned that he could get a change order to fold the sidewalk work into an existing contract if we can get the information needed to him soon. We will need Wes to finish his investigation before moving forward

Western Arterial Loop Recommendation – Todd suggested that we add a cover page with date and revision number. It was also suggested that we specify the trail surface should be asphalt. David made a motion to send the recommendation to the city with these modifications. Greg seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Note: Greg agreed in the meeting to send the recommendation to city officials. After the meeting, however, several board members agreed to meet with the Mayor to discuss this and a few other issues. This meeting is currently scheduled to take place at noon on Tuesday, July 30, 2013.

Midtown I-40 Bridge – Todd submitted his revised drawing and agreed to produce a written recommendation similar to the one that was created for the Western Arterial Loop. There was some discussion about the design and whether the traffic calming mechanisms would be sufficient. The idea of raised crosswalks was mentioned. Finley noted that a raised crosswalk could give a false sense security as pedestrians might have a tendency to not stop and look before crossing. It was agreed that signage could help the situation. Todd will report back in a future meeting.

Bylaws – Todd reported on the work to update the bylaws. He mentioned a few points they are working on:

- Staff membership – added Street Department employee as ex officio member (currently it is listed as Ronnie Hall).
- Wes (bike/ped coordinator) is listed as treasurer and is to submit report financial report. It was generally agreed that we should change it to a quarterly report.
- The group seems to be moving toward striking the nominating committee and letting the whole board nominate new members/officers.
- We are looking at using an alternative to Robert's Rules of Order. Robert's Rules are generally seen as too formal for the kind of work this board does. There would be a provision for the chair to invoke rules for contentious issues.
- It was suggested that Greg should review the duties of the Secretary and suggest any changes.

Bike Master Plan – Greg reported on a few areas that need to be looked at.

MAP-21 Meeting – Todd and Jim attended a meeting in Bentonville regarding the new MAP-21 law. Todd reported that we are probably too late to get funding for this year, but the meeting was helpful and we can probably use the information to work towards funding next year. Todd suggested that we should have a dedicated funding meeting and encourage the city to set trail mileage goals and create a regular budget item for trails.

Todd asked to be reimbursed \$43.50 for gas. The motion to approve this reimbursement was passed unanimously.

Walk-friendly Committee – Michael reported that some work has been done on a sidewalk master plan, but it seems to be stalled at the moment. Other priorities seem to have pre-empted this work.

Bicycle Friendly Community Committee – Greg reported that there was no update. This committee has been non-functional for a few months.

Other Discussion - Todd suggested that we should get a monthly update on Metroplan work. David suggested we look into a more open, welcoming meeting location.