

BPAB Regular Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2014

Members Present: Erik Leamon, Jim Bruce, Greg Reddin, Todd Ake, Michael Yoder, David Barber, Adam Davis, Peter Mehl, Amanda Potter Cole

Members Absent: Duston Morris

Ex Officio Members Present: Jack Branscum

February Minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Jim Bruce.

There was some discussion of the City Council Meeting regarding the decision about sidewalks at Lewis Crossing. A sidewalk plan would be a good starting place to spark the need for funding.

Clinton School Project – Jim described a proposal he is submitting to the Clinton School for Public Service. There is a Practicum Program for beginning graduate students and a Capstone Experience for one. BPAB would be the sponsoring organization, with Jim as the on-site supervisor. It would entail about 5 hours per week in the fall, no financial commitment. The student would be on-site on Tuesdays for one hour per day. The proposal is a research project to determine the best way to restart the SRTS program. Discussion revolved around whether this is best sponsored by BPAB or CAB? David Barber made a motion that BPAB endorse the proposal contingent on endorsement by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Adam Davis and unanimously approved.

BPAB Candidate - Jim mentioned a candidate who might be willing to serve on the board. Todd, Michael, and David will set up a meeting with the candidate.

Central Landing Streets Funding Discussion – The city is on the hook for about 18 million in street projects for the Central Landing development. The default funding option is to use 5 years worth of street fund money to build it. All other options would involve public vote. BPAB may need to make a recommendation or statement regarding how these funding options affect bicycling and walking infrastructure. It's clear that bike/walk infrastructure will suffer if the default option is used.

Board Programs

BFC Status and Master Plan (Peter) – Jim, Greg, Adam, and Peter met to discuss next steps on bike Master Plan. Jim will produce a draft by the April meeting. (Note: through some discussions later it was decided that we will hold off for another month on this.)

Walk-Friendly Status (Michael) – Michal is waiting for Pedestrian Master Plan Draft. With that we can start the application for walk-friendly status. Wes has committed to getting the plan done by July.

Line Item Funding (Todd/Wes) – The objective is to have a plan in place by next year's city budget.

Trail network (Greg) – Wes has produced an updated map highlighting existing trails and some ideas for new ones. In April and May Greg hopes to get some public input regarding trail needs. Adam asked to be involved in the work.

Street Projects Recommendations (Jim) – Washington Street is the only street reconstruction project this year that might need BPAB input. Todd agreed to draft a recommendation. Jim mentioned that the Tucker Cree Trail between Prince and Adamsbrook has been paved. There was discussion about the trail where it crosses under Prince St. and how it should be maintained. This underpass is unusable due to the amount of sediment that has ended up there.

Enforcement (Amanda) – Amanda has not heard back from Anderson with CPD. There has been one bike/ped police report this year. We are targeting April as an enforcement-focused meeting. Greg, Adam, Todd, and Amanda will meet to discuss agenda for April. After some discussion it was decided that this meeting would be open to the public to get input regarding the city's bike/ped enforcement needs. The meeting will be held next Wednesday (3/26/2014) at 6:30 at ZaZas.

Street Design Guidelines (Greg) – Nothing to report at this time.

Lastly, there was some discussion about the Donaghey project. Peter wondered if someone should meet with TJ Johnston who works at UCA to develop the Donaghey corridor. Todd will check with Wes to determine the timeframe for this.