

BPAB Regular Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2014

Members Present: Adam Davis, Erik Leamon, Michael Yoder, Jim Bruce, Greg Reddin, Todd Ake, Peter Mehl

Members Absent: Amanda Potter Cole, Jess Henry Spayde

Others Present: Jack Branscum, Wes Craiglow, Mike Sprague

July minutes were approved.

Mike Sprague gave an update on trails in Central AR. Peer cities are doing a lot with bicycling. Wes requested that Mike send some information about Fayetteville's spending patterns on bike infrastructure. Mike reported that Fayetteville has a trails coordinator in the engineering department. He is the one that actually builds the trails. They build two to three miles of trail every year.

Bike master plan – There was some discussion about bike routes and trails and whether we should be promoting separated bike infrastructure or slower, more integrated traffic facilities. Wes suggested that the city should focus on building high-density urban environments that are built to a human scale. He noted that protected bike lanes provide the urban environment with the accommodation for bike-specific infrastructure. Wes suggested changing “bike lane” terminology in the plan to “dedicated bicycle infrastructure to be addressed at time of reconstruction.”

Funding: There was a discussion about how to propose a bike/ped budget to the city for next year. Wes suggested the following approach: Change name of street fund to Transportation Fund (combining several funding sources into one). He proposed we should ask the city to allocate 7% of that overall fund to alternative transportation. That would be broken out as follows: 1% to hire a full-time manager, 2% for sidewalks, 2% for bike network expansion, 1% for trails, and 1% for public transit. Gradually expand this amount as the city shows that it can implement the plans.

Street projects: There was no formal vote, but the general consensus about the proposed roundabout at 6th Street and Bruce was to approve the Street Department's design. The Tucker Creek crossing signal at Salem is currently tied up in SRTS funds. It is combined with other projects and will be approved in a block.