

## **BPAB Meeting Minutes**

April 16, 2015

**Members Present:** Peter Mehl, Todd Ake, Amanda Potter Cole, Jim Bruce, Greg Reddin, Michael Yoder, Scott Lucas, Emily Walter, Jess Henry Spayde, Jimmy Warren

**Members Absent:** Adam Davis

**Others Present:** Jack Branscum, James Lee, et al

**March Minutes:** The minutes were approved 4 – 0 on a motion by Jim Bruce. Greg Reddin seconded the motion. Amanda Potter Cole and Todd Ake abstained.

**UCA Project:** James Lee from UCA reported on a walkability study he led with a group of students. The study included a walking usage survey of sidewalks in the areas of College Ave. Salem, Prince St. and other areas north of the UCA campus and was conducted during the month of March. The study concluded that the city should invest in more sidewalks.

**Spirit Homes:** There was a discussion related to whether the board should render an official statement on the Spirit Homes purchase. There was general agreement that the board should issue an opinion. All agreed that pedestrian and bicycle accessibility need to be part of the considerations for any such facility. There was not agreement that the statement should specify that a facility should be built on a “slow, low-volume” street. Some members felt like that would automatically exclude the location currently being considered. Everyone agreed to language that specified the facility should provide “readily safe bicycle and pedestrian accessibility for the majority of citizens.” A motion to recommend that any such community center should be readily and safely accessible by the majority of Conway citizens as pedestrians or on bicycles with a preference for a low-volume, low speed location was seconded by Michael Yoder and passed unanimously. Todd Ake agreed to submit a letter as such to the Mayor and City Council.

**Central Landing/6<sup>th</sup> Street:** Todd Ake had previously submitted a document that combined all the board’s recommendations and ammendments into a unified document. There was some disagreement about whether the document accurately represented the true recommendations of the board. Greg Reddin asserted that, even though the document doesn’t necessarily represent the current views, it simply clarifies and restates previously approved statements. Michael Yoder raised a motion to approve and publish the document and Amanda Potter Cole seconded. The motion was approved 8 – 0 with Peter Mehl and Jim Bruce abstaining.

**BFC Application:** Peter reported on the process for renewing Conway’s bicycle-friendly community status. The application has changed considerably. He confirmed that Wes Craiglow will be completing the application. There should be a final draft ready by July. Peter will speak with Wes to schedule a meeting with the board regarding the final application.

**New signed routes:** Jack Branscum reported on the estimates for the new signed routes proposed in a previous meeting. He estimated \$90/sign with 60 signs for a

total estimate of \$5,400. Todd Ake agreed to write a letter to city officials regarding this. It was suggested that we emphasize how this helps our BFC application. The purpose is not so much to tell cyclists where to go, but to improve safety because car drivers will see the signs and look for bikes. Jack can get a better estimate based on actual data.

**Complete Streets Standards:** Greg Reddin presented the updated Complete Streets Standards document after suggested updates. Jack Branscum suggested that the board should remove conventional bike lanes. In his view the minimum treatment should be buffered bike lanes. Todd Ake suggested the board should take a position on bike facilities in residential streets even if the position is that nothing is needed. The NACTO documentation suggests: 18" buffers for low speeds, 2' up to 3' buffer. Level 2: > 25 MPH < 35 MPH. Jack suggested that we rearrange the document to be based on street classifications (i.e. residential, collector, minor arterial, arterial, etc.) Amanda offered to help flesh out the pedestrian specifications and merge them into the bike specifications. Once approved, the board will submit the document to the City Council for approval by resolution.

**Communication:** Amanda Potter Cole reported on communication efforts. The surveys are on the website, along with a blog post. She encouraged the board to share the survey on social media and take the monthly survey. There are two events scheduled: Ecofest and the Urban Farm project. We might have a presence at Conway Running Club in May.

**Bike to School Day:** Emily Walter reported on Bike to School Day coming up on May 6. It will be rolled out to Julia Lee Moore School. Kevin Lunsford and Emily will help roll it out to other schools.