

BPAB (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board)
Minutes of October Meeting, October 15, 2015
Minutes by Michael Yoder

Present: Greg Reddin, Jim Bruce, Peter Mehl, Amanda Potter Cole, Jessica Henry Spayde, Todd Ake, Scott Lucas, Michael Yoder

Absent: Emily Walter, Matthew Murphy

In Attendance: Bob Cole

1. Approval of August and September Minutes. Passed unanimously, contingent upon changing the month of the September meeting.

2. Mayor Townsell's comments on the issue of The Landing were discussed, especially the idea that the project is not a 100 percent certainty.

3. Discussion of Procedures for Elimination of Bike Lanes. BPAB's interests are not adequately incorporated. It was recommended that the Board take the issue up when Jack Branscum is present. Discussion was carried out about the Padgett Road (Cummins School) bike lane situation whereby the bike lane was replaced by a center turn lane, and about City Council not bringing specific projects like this to the Board. The general consensus of the Board is that Padgett Road at Cummins School, and the street approaching Carolyn Lewis School are not in compliance with the Complete Streets ordinance. Todd Ake to send a message to the Street Department for an explanation about Padgett Road.

4. Pedestrian Master Plan. The Board discussed the need for progress to be made, given that it is a prerequisite for Walk Friendly Community status, and that citizen demand for its completion would be helpful.

5. Bike Share Program. Todd Ake to follow up with Bike Share next week. The idea is to get City Council funding or outside donation for the bikes. Bob Cole mentioned that the abandoned bikes the Police Department collects can be donated to children's programs. Some are junk and need to be scrapped. Others old be repaired or adjusted and used by children.

6. Board Membership.

a. Peter Mehl nominated Amanda Potter Cole for renewed membership. Michael Yoder seconded. Passed unanimously (Amanda Potter Cole abstained).

b. Amanda Potter Cole nominated Jessica Henry Spayde for renewed membership. Peter Mehl seconded. Passed unanimously (Jessica Henry Spayde abstained.)

c. Amanda Potter Cole nominated Michael Yoder for renewed membership. Peter Mehl seconded. Passed unanimously (Michael Yoder abstained)

d. Peter Mehl nominated Amanda Potter Cole for Chair. Greg Reddin seconded. Passed unanimously (Amanda Potter Cole abstained).

e. Michael Yoder nominated Greg Reddin for Vice Chair. Jessica Henry Spayde seconded. Passed unanimously. (Greg Reddin abstained).

f. Amanda Potter Cole nominated Michael Yoder for renewed for Secretary. Peter Mehl seconded. Passed unanimously (Michael Yoder abstained).

g. Amanda Potter Cole to chair the Interview Committee to fill available positions

on the Board. Jim Bruce and Scott Lucas to serve on the committee.

7. BPAB Communication Report . Amanda Potter Cole told the Board that the BPAB web site has experienced increased traffic since Ecofest, where BPAB had a table. The short survey at the event was filled out by 52 citizens who visited the table. Amanda Potter Cole mentioned that next year's BPAB events will include Walk to School Day and Ecofest, as well as an event at UCA. The City will own the BPAB web site, where a draft of the Bicycle Master Plan appears. The Facebook site will be enhanced with the inclusion of safety tips and promotion of BPAB events.

Jim Bruce will continue to emphasize Bike education. A bike rodeo was done at Jim Stone Elementary School on September 26, though participation was disappointing. Traffic Skills 101 to be taught by Peter Mehl and Jim Bruce Saturday October 17 and April 16, 2016. Board members can take the course at no cost to them. The next one will be April 3, 2016. CAB picks up the cost of materials for Board members.

8. K-C Grant Use.

a. Amanda Potter Cole proposes that some percentage of the \$500.00 balance be spent on increasing our stock of standardized "goodie bags" filled with tags, bracelets, safety tips, and coloring books. The exact money to be allocated was tabled pending an estimate of how much of the funds will be needed, and how much can be obtained from donations from businesses.

b. Todd Ake proposes that BPAB install a picnic table with the BPAB logo at the new airport. The airport site is a natural resting point for long-distance cyclists. He estimates it would cost around \$500.00 but will get with the Parks Department for an estimate.

9. The Bike-Walk Arkansas Coalition is, according to Todd Ake, inactive. There is little to no traffic on the coalition's Facebook page, and no meetings notifications appear.

10. Adjournment at 7:30. Michael Yoder made the motion to adjourn, Greg Reddin seconded. Passed unanimously.