

MINUTES
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMISSION
3-17-2014

INTRODUCTIONS

Members: Present: Mitch Rice, Jim Rosenbarger, Paul Ash

Ex-Officio: Vince Caristo- Planning
Roy Aten - City Engineering
Laurel Waters - Public Works

Citizen: Mark Stosberg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was not a quorum present to vote for approval of the minutes from February 17, 2014. Jim did have comments about the minutes. The minutes will be amended and brought back to the April 21, 2014 meeting for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Stosberg brought in a bike map he had developed for the City of Richmond. He stated he led the 2008 map development, moved to Bloomington before it was complete, but not before he had chosen the photos. He stated the icons were from Calgary. The map was passed around for members to see.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul stated he was anticipating when the City will be able to carve off part of the island at Allen and Rogers Streets. It continues to be a problem, as it is just a smidge to big. He stated it is easy to tell where it needs to be removed because the snow plows have marked it. Roy stated staff is looking at that but could not comment on when it would be done. Staff will look into it again.

Mitch stated the lane on 3rd Street between Jordan and Indiana is working very well. There are many people using it. Mitch stated he is appreciative that a couple of the grates were raised, unfortunately the last one is still as deep and dangerous as ever. This is also the locate where people get squeezed. Mitch requested if that one can be raised up to street level it would be a great advantage. This will make it a better commuter path. Roy stated this was on the schedule to replace the inlet, however, it was an unusual inlet so is on backorder for so long and has not come in. Roy continued stating this year the road

will be re-paved, with thermoplastic going down. Before that is done staff will look at that inlet and make adjustments to make sure there is an ADA, bike friendly grate.

Mitch stated as far as snow he felt the City did a pretty good job piling it. However, there was one problem area where the bus is unloading.

a) Work Session - March 10th Report.

Mitch stated he tried to find the work session and could not find it. Vince stated it was in the Hooker Room but started at 6:30 p.m.

Vince reported that Jim, Paul and Georgia Shank, from CONA, were present.

Jim reported they discussed the slow down signage that could be put together with assistance from CONA. Also discussed were different graphics, and how distribution would work. There are many neighborhood organizations, and a limited budget for the signs. Jim's idea was to loan them out for a specific amount of time. Mitch agreed moving them around from neighborhood to neighborhood was a good idea. Jim suggested letting the neighborhoods decide where the signs should be placed, and felt two weeks is a good amount of time for getting driver's attention. Also discussed were different messages the signs would convey, and a fun way to illustrate stopping distances. Examples were discussed.

Mitch asked if part of the BPSC budget would be put into the signs. Vince stated yes. Jim stated the signs discussed were like realtor signs with the wire frame. The cost was \$15 to \$18 each, depending on how many are purchased.

Vince said drafts of the sign could be drawn up. The next CONA meeting on April 16, 2014 in the Hooker Room at 7:00 p.m. Jim asked Paul to send out an e-mail reminder for this meeting.

Paul stated he had forwarded this to the CONA group and they were very enthusiastic.

Mitch asked if there would need to be a vote to authorize this use of money. Roy stated he would say yes, there would need to be a vote. Mitch agreed.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

a) 2014/2015 Capital Improvement Projects

Vince gave an update of the Capital Projects in the works for this year, and in the planning stages for next year. He reported that 22 miles of new on street bike facilities have been added in the last two years. Vince added that Bikeways Implementation Plan guides these efforts. Vince explained the funding for the 2015 projects was awarded in January from the MPO for the amount of \$200,000 to complete the projects.

Roy stated the timeline on the 2014 projects are still in design phase. Paul stated the stop sign at Allen and Rogers keeps being replaced from where the trucks run over it. Roy stated he believed the City would be looking at that intersection when Fairview is redone.

Jim asked when the 2014 Bikeways Implementation Plan projects were chosen. Vince stated they were chosen from the plan in the 2014 phase. Jim asked who did that. Vince stated it came from the ALTA Study that was completed in 2012. Roy added as he understood it, they took a big list of all projects and then they were batched out by year. Jim wondered if there was any feedback loop that is affecting how 2014 is being done. Vince stated there is a commitment to follow through on the Plan through 2016. Jim commented that he hope things, if needed, could possibly be readjusted. As an example he gave 4th Street from Rogers to Indiana as what he would identify as a low stress street and will have sharrows, bike lanes, etc, and for his purposes is very bikeable already. He also questioned if the bike lanes going down on E. Third, which is high stress, would be sued. He added signs need to be added to the underpass, and still there are no signs, and wondered if that needed to be on a three year implementation cycle to start making adjustments. He concluded his comment by stating he really wanted to see this work and really affect people.

Vince stated at a staff level it has been discussed to do better with maintenance and upgrades to existing facilities.

Roy stated all these projects have lead time. It is much more difficult to change a route. However, many of the minor changes that Jim brought up, especially the signing at 7th Street, if it is very specific and its known exactly what's needed then Staff can try to make that implementation. Roy stated tweaks inside a project the Council has appropriated funds for can be done, completely changing the route, would require going back to council for a change in appropriation.

Roy stated going forward to 2015 that is INDOT funding, requiring a couple of years lead time to get that funding, so the routes need to be locked in. Roy added, going forward to 2016 there is more flexibility. There is an opportunity there for the Commission to get together with Planning and make changes to 2016. Roy did not believe routes were locked in as much, and guessed that some of the routes in 2016 may not happen, some of them may be very expensive.

Paul asked to be reminded about the timeline for the 17th Roundabout. Roy stated utility relocation will be done in May. A notice to proceed will be received with the project beginning this summer. The road will be closed down for 3 months. At this point the construction should be over by November of 2014. Paul asked if that would include some type of bike facility. Roy stated there will be bike facilities around the loop that will continue to Monroe Street. That project stops on Arlington heading east. The City picks up in 2014 for the rest of Arlington where lanes will go all the way out on Arlington with the Greenways Plan. Heading east there will be a bike lane on the north side that goes all the way to Willis. The project stops at that point because there is no

funding to proceed. The City will fund the pedestrian facilities on the south side of 17th Street to continue the connection all the way over to the current project going on at Kinser.

There was brief discussion about planned bike facilities over Vernal when I-69 is complete.

b. Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women

Vince stated this was a request lobbying minimum wage. This group does not need to take action and the request has been retracted.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Local-Motion Grant Program

Vince reported that the guidelines are pretty much complete. There has been a meeting with the Bloomington Bike Club, as they have a similar grant program. BBC advised in their experience it is more challenging to get good responses than they had anticipated. Vince said letters of intent should be in by the end of April. The applicants will come to the BPSC's June meeting to talk about their proposal. Vince stated the only question staff has is if the Commission thought the applicant should be asked to match what they are asking for. As it was written, Vince explained, it has been required that the applicant include a 10% cash match.

Jim stated one project he would like to see is a walking school bus, and wasn't sure how that would fit the requirements, and wasn't sure how a 10 percent match would work. Jim wondered if it was written anywhere that the match could be waived. Vince stated he could look at see if there is a way to make things more flexible.

Mitch stated he like the requirement of a letter of intent. Vince agreed and said this would give the Commission a chance to shape the project before it was started.

Roy suggested they could allow the 10 percent match be labor. For some of these organizations coming up with the 10 percent can be tough.

Vince stated there is \$1500 available.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Future Capital Improvements Projects

Vince stated the project list for 2015 and beyond is more flexible and up for discussion. He said there are some projects from the 2016 Bikeways Implementation Plan, but beyond that suggestions can be made, such as location, and types of projects.

The following were suggestions made by members and marked on a map:

- 17th Street side path needs to be prioritized and finished.
- Greenways and transportation linkage in the entire College Mall Area, Covenanter, Buick Cadillac, Auto Mall, 2nd Street, etc.
- West Allen beyond Patterson
- Westside connections - Liberty Drive to Basswood, bridge over SR 37
- Connection to B-line at Opportunity House (Diamond Street), Black Lumber, South Walnut
- Connecting the B-line west
- Winslow and Allendale
- Polly Grimshaw - extend toward Smith Road
- Missing links at Country Club
- Smith Road/University/10th Street
- 3rd & Clarizz
- Sidepath along Country Club, Tapp, and developing connection between Jackson Creek and Clear Creek Trail
- East 2nd Street

Roy discussed a 2016 project for Highland, and Winslow to Miller.

b) Plan Commission Development Review

a. Roger Group - 17th Street PUD

Vince explained the petitioner is proposing to amend an existing PUD, and combine this PUD with more property for a total of 450 units on 61 acres. This will be a mix of student housing, affordable housing, rentals and some owner occupied. Planning has been thinking of how this relates to the directions the community wants to go with the new Growth Policies Plans.

Maps and plans were included in members packets. Vince stated staff does want the Commission's opinion on this. Vince asked that comments be sent to him and this will be brought back at the next meeting. This will go before the Planning Commission.

Paul felt that until there is alternative transportation facilities to the property it should not be developed. He also didn't feel student housing should go in there.

TOPICS SUGGESTION FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Nothing discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS

a) BPSC Regular Session - Monday - April 21, 2014 @ 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Hooker Room at City Hall

b) Monroe County Advise Transportation Board - Monday - March 24, 2014, 5:00 p.m.,
501 N. Morton Street, Suite 100B, North Showers Building

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

TO BE APPROVED