



Monday, August 8, 2016
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Hooker Conference Room, Bloomington City Hall
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. July 11, 2016
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Communications from Commission Members
- V. Reports from Staff
 - a. City Project Updates
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - a. Bloomington Comprehensive Master Plan
- VIII. Topic suggestions for future agendas
- IX. Upcoming Meetings/Events - September 12, BPSC
- X. Adjourn

**Action requested*

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MINUTES

Minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. An audio recording of the meeting is available upon request.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS – 5:30 P.M.

Members present: Mark Stosberg, Paul Ash, Jacklyn Ray, Mitch Rice, and Jim Rosenbarger

Others: Neil Kopper (staff), and Scott Robinson (staff)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Rosenbarger made a correction and as amended motioned approval, Paul Ash seconded to approve the amended minutes from the June 13th, 2016 meeting. *Motion passed.*

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS – Jacklyn Ray mentioned she will not be at the August meeting. Jim Rosenbarger said the Tour de France is underway and how great it is to watch. There were no other communications.

V. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- a. **Permanent Bike and Pedestrian Counters** – Scott Robinson provided the history of the City's bicycle and pedestrian counting efforts. He is pleased to inform the commission that eight permanent counters will be installed later this summer. A location map is included with the meeting packet. Neil Kopper explained the differences and types of data the counters will be able to collect. Staff also explained how the locations were selected, how the data could be used, and options to relocate the counters if necessary over time. Mitch Rice talked about the different locations and their expected user activity and growth potential as more facilities are completed. Commission members are looking forward to preliminary data reports once they are installed. Scott Robinson said staff will provide a project update later this fall.
- b. **City Project Updates** – Neil Kopper provided an update to several on-going projects (West Bloomfield Sidepath, N. Kinser Pike sidewalk, Old 37 and N. Dunn intersection, Woodlawn RR crossing, 10th and Woodlawn intersection, west 17th sidewalks, IU 8' sidepath along 17th, and 3rd and Jordan sidewalk). Commission members were pleased to learn about the details and progress for these projects. Neil Kopper provided two intersection configuration and pavement marking options for N. Walnut Street and 17th Street. Repaving presents a great opportunity to reevaluate markings to reflect area needs. He explained this location has the most substantive

changes to consider. Staff is seeking a preference from the Commission on the existing configuration, combining the right turn lane with sharrows, or extending the bike lane to 17th and remove the right turn lane. He explained that removing the right turn lane will cause some traffic delays for turning vehicles, but it is not expected to be more than a few seconds during the peak hour. Mark Stosberg said his family just road to Cascades Park and found this intersection difficult and is pleased that both options provide an improvement to the existing conditions. He does prefer removing the right turn. Paul Ash said currently this location is not a comfortable place to ride. Jacklyn Ray said the shared concept might make cyclists feel uncomfortable for not being courteous to let turning vehicles turn during a red light. She personally uses the through lane to be courteous and safe, but agrees both options are an improvement over the existing condition. Discussion ensued over the design options, destinations, future facilities, and needs. Jim Rosenbarger said removing the right turn lane is the best option and Mitch Rice mentioned it could be an experiment or later changed to a shared right lane. Accessing the multiuse path at Miller Showers is difficult at 17th and 19th Streets explained Mitch Rice. Neil Kopper said in these instances a two stage turn is the safest option for bicyclists. The commission agreed and prefers extending the bike lane to 17th Street and remove the right turn lane.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **US 235 Bike Route – Resolution*** - Scott Robinson said a letter to Mayor Hamilton is included in the packet. It is based on past presentations and discussions over the proposed US Bike Route 235 into Bloomington. He is asking the Commission to take action on the draft letter and if approved he would send it to the Mayor’s office for their consideration. Mitch Rice motioned approval, Jim Rosenbarger seconded the motion to approve the letter. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Mitch Rice and Jacklyn Ray signed the letter for staff to deliver to the Mayor’s office.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Bloomington Bicycle Laws** – Scott Robinson explained that staff has been reviewing local code to identify opportunities to clarify, remove, and/or add new regulations regarding bicycle laws. This was previously done with pedestrian regulations where this Commission reviewed and recommended changes to our local code. This initiative would follow the same process explained Robinson and he is seeking their preliminary feedback on areas such as riding on sidewalks, licenses requirements, and bicycle paths. Jim Rosenbager talked about the use of skateboards. Other commission members mentioned specific examples where the codes is dated, lacks a definition, and is in need of improvement. Robinson asked the commission to continue to review our existing code. Staff will bring a draft proposal at a future meeting and explained there is no urgent timeline.

VIII. TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – Scott Robinson will provide information at the August meeting on the City’s draft comprehensive plan.

IX. Upcoming Meetings/Events – The next Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission meeting is on Monday, August 8th.

X. Adjourn – 7:03 P.M.

**Action requested*