

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission
Agenda
Monday, July 19, 2010
5:30 p.m. - Hooker Conference Room**

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 17, 2010

III. PUBLIC COMMENT
(Items not on the agenda) Limit 3 minutes per person.

IV. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

V. PROJECT UPDATE

A. Individual Comments

VI. DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

- A. City Planning
 - 1). Bicycle and pedestrian counts
- B. City Engineering

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Platinum Bicycle Task Force appointment

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

**NEXT WORK SESSION: Monday, August 2, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Hooker
Conference Room at the Showers Building.**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Hooker
Conference Room at the Showers Building.**

MINUTES
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMISSION
May 17, 2010

INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBERS Present: Mike Gavin, Melissa Henige, Anne Phillips Holahan
Mitch Rice, Jim Rosenbarger, Jacob Sinex, Gayle Stuebe
Absent:

EX OFFICIO Joe Fish, Planning Department
Justin Wykoff, Engineering Department
Sara Kloosterman, Engineering Department
Denise Dean, Public Works Department

ADVISORY MEMBERS Steve Cotter, Parks & Recreation

PUBLIC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Henige made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2010 meeting. Stuebe seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0-0 (Gavin & Rice came in after roll call and approval of minutes).

PUBLIC COMMENT There was none at this time.

COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS Henige stated the temporary bus stops on West 3rd Street, which is currently under construction, are very dangerous. People are standing almost out into the roadway. Wykoff stated the bus stops were hard to work with since there were no sidewalks to begin with. The City has had a request for additional lighting in this area during the construction period. Henige questioned on whether items (i.e. bus stops) were something that was decided prior to the construction project starting. Rosenbarger stated maybe it could be an incentive in the bid proposal process.

Holahan stated the sidewalk along the east side of Sare Road, south of Moores Pike, needs to be looked at. There is a panel missing that was filled in with gravel which has since washed out due to the rain. Stuebe stated the sidewalk also needs to be cleared of debris. Holahan questioned on why either guardrail or a fence could not be installed between the sidewalk and roadway. She no longer uses the sidewalk

because the area is too dangerous. Rosenbarger asked why the fence on the backside of the sidewalk was installed. Wykoff stated it was part of the Sare Road project and that he could pull the file to find out the specifics. Gavin stated that Holahan has been complaining about this area for three years and nothing has been done. The City needs to look at this area whether it is guardrail, building up the sidewalk or having the fence removed. Rosenbarger requested Wykoff look into getting estimates for guardrail, installing a curb and raising the sidewalk and if the fence could be removed.

Rice stated currently the bike lane on Fee Lane ends just south of 17th Street. He was hoping that the next time the City does lane markings in this area the bike lane could be moved closer to the intersection.

Rosenbarger wanted to thank the City for the newly installed sharrow sign at College & 11th and would like to get one installed at Walnut & 3rd.

Rosenbarger stated Fish did a good job in the presentation of the College Mall Study to the Plan Commission. The next step will be an informational presentation to the City Council. Rosenbarger stated BTOP did a post analysis of the Bypass in determining how long it takes to get from Pete Ellis to Kinser Pike. The results were not as long as most people were stating. Rosenbarger thought this would be a good analysis to require consultants to perform in the early stages of a project.

PROJECT UPDATE

There was none at this time.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

**Planning Department -
Joe Fish**

3rd Street & College Avenue:

Fish stated this development was previously the Hotel Indigo but there was a problem with financing. The property is now under a new owner who is coming forward with a different proposal. Fish stated he is looking for general comments at this time. The proposal calls for angle parking on Walnut and College as well as parallel parking on 3rd Street. The development is mixed use and will be five floors. There will be a sidewalk with a tree plot plus on street parking. Rice asked if there would be bike lockers or rooms. Rosenbarger requested the angle parking be back in parking. Wykoff stated that there are studies that show it is harder to back into an angled space compared to backing out. Holahan requested the City look at the pedestrian crossing at 3rd & College. She wondered if South College just south of the intersection could be reduced to two causing the inner lane to become a buffer

for those pulling out of the angled spaces. Could the southeast corner be bumped out making the crossing distance shorter? Sinex questioned on what would happen to the traffic to the north of the intersection. Gavin stated the inner lane to the north could become a dedicated left turn lane.

Task Force for Bicyclists:

Fish stated there is a new task force being formed and one of the members is to be elected by the Commission or can be filled by a member. Applications are due by June 15th with the position running approximately a year.

**Engineering Dept. –
Justin Wykoff**

Tapp Road PH III:

Wykoff stated this is a project fund by TIF money. The project goes from Deborah Drive east to ¾ the way up the hill to tie in with a new development being done. There will be a sidewalk on the south side and a side path on the north. The Clear Creek trail will go under the road/bridge, make a loop and continue west to Weimer Road. There will be a 12' separation between the road and both the sidewalk and side path. The City hopes to start the project in the Spring of 2011. Sinex questioned on what a bicyclist would do as they go east and reach the end of the project. Wykoff stated the sidewalk will end at the quarry on the south side but the side path will continue on the north side of the road and tie in with the future development project.

No Turn on Red in Downtown:

Wykoff stated the Engineering Department was able to obtain counts prior to the students leaving. The information is still being compiled and a comparison report worked on with intersections that currently have the “No Turn on Red” signage. Rice stated there is a problem with the signs (placement, size) because people continually ignore them. Gavin asked if there could some type of flashing sign installed. Wykoff stated it becomes an enforcement issue.

Prospect Hills-Traffic Calming:

Wykoff stated chicanes were installed in 2002. The City did recent counts in the area which show the speeds have lowered but the neighbors are concerned with the increase in volume. The City was getting ready to install a mock up traffic calming circle at 3rd & Rogers. This would be similar to the one at 6th & Rogers. They were also going to install speed “cushions”. These devices allow some emergency vehicles (i.e. fire trucks) to go through but cars/trucks need to go over. The City would conduct counts before and after the installation. Rice asked if the neighborhood was trying to eliminate cut through traffic or

trying to slow traffic down. Rosenbarger stated he is glad the City is doing the mock up.

NEW BUSINESS There was none at this time.

OLD BUSINESS There was none at this time

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next work session for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Hooker Conference Room.

The next official meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission is Monday, June 21, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Hooker Conference Room.