City of Bloomington
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission

Monday, December 12, 2016
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Hooker Conference Room, Bloomington City Hall

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**

Members present: Jaclyn Ray, Mark Stosberg, Jim Rosenbarger, Paul Ash
Others: John Kennedy, Andrew Cibor (staff) Neil Kopper (staff), Beth Rosenbarger (staff), Pat Martin (staff)

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Mark moved to approved and Jim seconded to approve both sets of minutes with unanimous approval. ***Motion passed.***

a. **October 10, 2016**
b. **November 14, 2016**

III. **Public Comments --** none

IV. **Communications from Commission Members**

Jim Rosenbarger: someone told me recently on 3rd Street to get in the bike lane. That hadn't happened before!
Paul Ash: someone complained to me about a traffic island on Wexley.
Jaclyn Ray: spoke with the Bike Project about collecting bicycles for the New Hope Shelter and for refugees. It turns out, the Bike Project has too many bikes, what they actually need are more mechanics.

V. **Reports from Staff**

a. **City Project Updates:** Neil Kopper provided updates on changes to the municipal code. We will be able to give protections to bicyclists in crosswalks. There was a public meeting for the E. 10th Street sidewalk project; there was high attendance and general support. Mark Stosberg added that he saw the event on the social network "Next Door."

b. **2017 Transportation Plan:** Beth Rosenbarger explained the Planning and Transportation Department will be hiring consultants to create a new transportation plan for the City in 2017. Stay tuned for updates and outreach opportunities.

VI. **Old Business**

Beth provided an update: The Hillside and Henderson Development went to City Council for approval. The sidewalk area was reduced in width in order to accommodate angled on-street parking as opposed to the parallel parking that was in the plan.

VII. **New Business**

a. **Spicewood Neighborhood Traffic Calming request:** John Kennedy spoke to the Commission about a project the Spicewood neighborhood would like to pursue to make crossing Sare Road easier for pedestrians. Andrew Cibor discussed the possibility of median refuge islands to help manage speed, and that this project will be requesting MPO funding. Jim Rosenbarger said it is frustrating that this road was built recently, and it's unfortunate for City residents to have to pay to fix this sprawl problem/overbuilt road. A conversation about the College Mall Area, walk score, and infrastructure ensued.

b. **Approve meeting schedule for 2017*:** The Commission discussed switching the March meeting date to March 6. The meeting schedule was ***approved.***

c. **Patterson Pointe on-street parking:** Staff explained the Patterson Pointe project and the two parking options to be reviewed by the Plan Commission either on-street angled parking that will back into the bike lane or angled parking separated from the street by a median. Several commission members prefer the median separated version for fear of bicyclists being hit by cars backing out. Other Commission members prefer the first option where there's no median in order to reduce traffic speeds and bring the buildings closer to the street. In this situation, back-in angled parking could be good, again to create a safer context for the bicyclists. Placing the bicycle lane between the parking and the building was also discussed, but the intersection portion would be tricky. In general, the Commission discussed at length, but there was not a consensus as to which option should be pursued. Back-in angled parking was generally supported, but the angled parking that backs into the bicycle lane as an alternative was not fully supported.

d. **Commission Status Discussion:** ran out of time, and this was suggested for consideration and future discussion.

e. **UDO sidewalk requirements and variances:** Beth Rosenbarger gave a brief explanation of current situations that require the construction of sidewalks and current review procedures

VIII. **Topic suggestions for future agendas**

IX. **Upcoming Meetings/Events - January 9, 2017 BPSC regular meeting**

X. **Adjourn**

**Action requested*

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