

Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Commission

Monday, February 14 2022 @ 5:30pm

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Meeting Agenda:

1. New Appointees!
2. Approval of Minutes- December 2021
3. Reports from Commissioners
 - a. Hospital Site
4. Old Business
 - a. Resident-Led Traffic Calming
5. New Business
 - a. Review Outreach Methods for Resident-Led Traffic Calming Program
 - b. Survey questions for Neighborhood Greenways
6. Public Comment
7. Adjourn

Public Comment:

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Proposed 2021 BPSC Meeting Dates

2/14/2022

3/21/2022- moved to accommodate IU and MCCSC Spring Break Schedules

4/11/2022

5/9/2022-- BPSC preliminary review of Resident-Led Traffic Calming Projects

6/13/2022

No July Meeting

8/8/2022- Resident- Led Traffic Calming Project Hearing

9/12/2022

10/17/2022

11/14/2022

12/12/2022

Minutes
Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Commission
Monday, December 13, 2021

Meeting Agenda:

1. Attendance:

Staff: Mallory Rickbeil

Commissioners: Ann Edmonds, Casey Green, Zak Huneck, Jaclyn Ray

Public: Paul Ash, Ron Brown

Four commissioners are present, so we have a quorum

2. Approval of Minutes- November 8, 2021

Jaclyn moved to approve the minutes; Zac seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

3. Reports from commissioners

Casey noted that we have not ever met in person and wondered whether we are interested in getting together. Zac said any night but Tuesday after the holidays after 5. Casey will send out an email.

Casey said she has had a COVID related family crisis. She is catching up with what has been happening, reading through emails. At the end of January, three positions will expire. She wonders what the protocol is for trying to get more applicants for the board. Mallory said recruitment is word of mouth. There is a yearly notice to get one's application in. Last year, Ian said he would give up his seat for someone else to have input. Casey thought we should do outreach to other communities since we are concerned with equity, possibly to other commissions. Mallory thinks it's a good idea. Casey thought we might use social media. Ann mentioned that the city recruits for commissions in general and that the transportation department has a presence on Facebook and Instagram. Casey asked whether the transportation department could put up a post. Mallory encouraged her to write that up. Ann asked what the difference between a board and commission is. Zac said that a board is more formal and powerful and has more decision-making power. But Mallory pointed out that the Plan Commission has a lot of power. Casey will draft a recruitment post and send it in an email.

4. Old Business

a. MUP safety / safety on new projects

Jaclyn got a NACTO chart from Beth and sent it to Mallory to put up:

<https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/designing-ages-abilities-new/choosing-ages-abilities-bicycle-facility/>

NACTO has guidelines on what infrastructure to use for bicycle safety under various circumstances. NACTO doesn't use MUPs except for highspeed limit/low pedestrian streets.

Jaclyn noted that high speed is over 26 MPH. She would like to separate pedestrians and bicycles. Jaclyn said that NACTO doesn't define what they mean by low pedestrian usage. Jaclyn noted that on 17th St there was no sidewalk prior to the MUP, so perhaps people found other ways to get around. Casey asked whether Jaclyn meant to have the bicycle path on the road or separated but both bicycle and pedestrian paths off the road. Jaclyn thought that for 25 mph and under a number of things go into the decision of what to do. Casey asked about paths like the B-line. Jaclyn asked about having dangerous intersections for existing MUPs. Parks and Rec is in charge of the B-line and other paths. P&R is extending Jackson Creek trail and the B-line and maybe we should talk to them about separating bikes and pedestrians. Casey said that P&R is thinking of these paths as recreational rather than transportation/commuting. Jaclyn says that after the completion of the Jackson Creek extension you can almost bike from Rhorer to the b-line on paths. Jaclyn thought we need to know what to ask P&R, and then maybe Mallory can invite someone from Parks & Rec. Ann noted that Parks & Rec seems more open to getting input now than previously. Jaclyn noted that there are problems with all the intersections on the B-line. She would like to see stencils that note that traffic should be on the right and passing on the left. Mallory said that Matt Flaherty had already raised the issues of the intersections with P&R. She suggested contacting Matt and Tim Street. Ann said that many pedestrians don't understand "on your left" and move to the left in response. Paul noted that the B-line just started as a rail trail, just lets put a trail where the tracks were, and there wasn't any thought to what it would be used for. Casey said that before she was on this commission, she didn't realize that some of the paths were by Parks and Rec. She thinks there needs to be clarification at intersections. Zac asked about the crossing of 7th and the B-line and having a stop

sign. Jaclyn said that people stopped because they didn't realize there wasn't a 4-way stop anymore. Casey thinks there are issues with "no right on red" at 7th and Walnut, especially for people going right on 7th from Walnut. She thinks people are unaware of how many extra "no rights on red" there are.

Casey says that we want to get more specific questions to ask Parks & Rec. She would like to have the questions by January and then invite the Parks representative for February or March. We don't have anything big on those agendas yet.

Jaclyn thinks that we need to run our questions past Beth first because our questions need to be consistent with the department's plans. She will contact Councilman Matt Flaherty in regard to the B-line intersections.

b. Sidewalk / Traffic calming devices

Mallory said that Beth, Neil, Roy Aten (from Engineering), and Mallory met with the Council Transportation Committee and they approved the plans for the 2022 projects. At the January Council meeting they will ask for \$50,000 for traffic calming and the remainder of funding for sidewalks for areas that have high walk potential and high-speed traffic.

Recommended projects for design are on Overhill Drive, Liberty Drive, and Smith between College and Walnut. The following year they would recommend for construction for these projects.

5. New Business

a. 2021 BPSC Meetings

Casey asked whether there were any objections to the recommended dates. There were no objections.

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b. 2021 Neighborhood Greenway Projects

Beth and Mallory are going to recommend the following projects for their \$500,000 budget. They will recommend traffic calming for the section of Henderson where the traffic pattern changes at 1st. They will recommend a greenway between Patterson and Rogers: the four blocks east of Patterson. Mallory says this offers connectivity for a lower income neighborhood. Paul said that west of Patterson is impossible. Also, they recommend a project on Hawthorne from 3rd Street to Weatherstone, possibly continuing to Hillside if there is money. Ann asked for clarification on what would be done on Henderson. Mallory will ask Neil for more clarity on the Henderson project. She can send a map of the other projects.

Mallory shared a map of the projects.

Jaclyn verified that this was a city led project rather than neighborhood led. She questioned the need for the Allen project. Paul said that the traffic island on Rogers at Allen cut down on traffic considerably. Paul said that between Madison and Morton, Allen doesn't go through. The city owns the right-of-way but it is blocked off by a business. You have to jog around using an alley. Jaclyn questions the need for a greenway project on Allen. Perhaps, it's based on out-dated data. She doesn't think this should be a priority given the limited funds. Mallory will bring it up and connect Jaclyn with Beth or Neil. Paul says the traffic on Allen west of Patterson has increased. West of Adams, Allen is a country lane and difficult on a bicycle. Paul predicts that there will be even more traffic when Adams is connected all the way to Tapp Road.

In the comments Jaclyn asked whether we could put the local motion grant dates on the calendar.

6. Public Comment

Paul asked whether there will be vacancies on the commission. Jaclyn, Jim and Kelly's seats will expire.

7. Adjourn