

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2015**

Present: Lawrence Simonson, Rachel Ruhlen, Arthur Pollard, Greg Ahrens, Elke Boyd, Dan Harder, Greg Ahrens, Mike Burden, Cathy Jost
Staff: Rachel Bacon, Mitch Skov, Janet Godon
Others present: Kathy Lee, Kathleen Weinschenk, Ann Marie Gortmaker

I. The meeting was called to order by Mike Burden at 7:00 pm.

II. Minutes from the previous meeting

Elke: "Design Build" should be "Fixed-Price Design Build". Designs have "potential to be very beneficial" (not "are very beneficial").

Approved as amended on a motion by Greg Ahrens, seconded by Lawrence Simonson.

III. Review of agenda.

IV. Staff/ Commission Reports:

A. Staff report/ information - Rachel Bacon/ Mitch Skov.

Mayor's Task Force on Pedestrian Safety. Welcome Home site on east end of Bus Loop may encounter issues because of lack of bike/ped facilities. This will be just past CID border. Mike Burden suggested inviting a representative from Welcome Home to attend a commission meeting.

Parking Audit open house on Sept 22 by Smart Growth consultants. Opportunity for public input.

Health Impact Assessment for Hominy Branch Phases 1 & 2. Lawrence Simonson & Rachel Ruhlen have agreed to participate in the kickoff event.

B. GetAbout - Janet Godon

New maps are out. Mile markers have arrived and will be installed on trails. Park(ing) Day is this Friday at 9th & Cherry from 9-6. Last year, 112 people used the Parklet and 9 people used 2 regular parking spaces across the street.

V. Old Business:

A. Follow-up on Review Letter: Public Input for I-70 Bridges

Elke Boyd gave the background that last month MoDOT and Emery, Sapp, & Sons met with us. They will meet with some bike/ped interested people on Sept 29 at 1:00 pm at the ESS office. Sidewalks on Rangeline and Garth are both closed, detour is to Providence. The detours are

dangerous and do not have pedestrian facilities. MoDOT is not budging on detour accommodations.

B. Follow-up on Complete Intersections Letter

Cheryl Price, chair of Public Transportation Advisory Commission, wanted to know our plans for this letter. Bike/Ped Commission hasn't actually voted on sending a letter to Council-- we sent a letter to the other commissions. There are no cross-section design examples in the Columbia street standards.

Motion by Lawrence Simonson, seconded by Greg Ahrens, that Elke Boyd revamp our letter and send to Council via staff asking for "intersections" to be specifically included in our Complete Streets policy. Motion approved.

VI. New Business

A. Brainstorm story ideas for City Channel piece on League of American Bicyclists Silver Status and possible items for City Hall display case

LAB consultant coming Nov 9, there will be a small stakeholder meeting as part of this. They want to help us achieve Gold. City will shoot a 5-6 minute video as part of this. Mike Burden suggests a montage that emphasizes diversity of how bikes are used-- commuting in a suit, playing bike polo, cyclocross, etc.

Several commissioners volunteered for interviews or filming.

Display case items-- Klunk may have interesting items, Jim's Bike Shop has interesting items. Stationary bike from Water & Light that shows how much power you generate.

Bring items to the next meeting.

B. Discussion of possible Bicycle Education/ City Cycling presentation at future Commission meeting

Rachel Ruhlen thought the Commissioners might want to know what the City teaches regarding best bicycling practices.

VII. Public Comment

Kathy Lee suggested we reach out to people who aren't bicyclists but who like the benefits of other people biking (i.e., more parking for me).

Janet Godon suggested a connector trail for the Welcome Home residents to the future Hinkson Creek Trail.

Ann Marie Gortmaker showed photos of the Welcome Home area to illustrate the issue. She's discussed this with Sarah Grimm at Welcome Home, but the issue of mobility has not been considered. The housing will have over 100 people, the vast majority will not be drivers. 32 apartments for permanent residence, transitional and temporary housing.

Kathleen Weinschenk mentioned it is dark at night, there are no street lights and it is an isolated area. She suggested approaching Veterans United for financial assistance-- VU has contributed substantially to this project.

Rachel Ruhlen suggests a map of the future trail be available when/if we talk with Welcome Home.

VIII. Announcement/Commissioner Comments

Greg Aherns asked about snow removal item that had gone to Council, back to Bike/Ped, and back to Council-- there was no follow up at that point.

Dan Burden inquired about the Point of Sale item that would require repaired sidewalks for occupancy permit. Rachel Bacon says the next step is discussion with real estate

Lawrence Simonson announced the PedNet Bike Summit Oct 24 at Broadway Hotel.

IX. Motion to adjourn - Move by Elke Boyd, Second by Lawrence Simonson. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.