



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary Notes | December 14, 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Greg Meredith – *BGPW*

Dana Beasley Brown – *City Commissioner*

Ryan Pattee – *Catalina Bike Repair/Community*

Nick Cook – *City of BG*

Matthew Holder – *KYTC D3*

Jennifer Tougas – *WKU, Chair*

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon

Ben Peterson

Zack Jones

Rachel Hurt

Monica Ramsey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Jennifer Tougas called the meeting to order and initiated introductions.

2. REVIEW/ACCEPT SUMMARY NOTES – October 13, 2020

Ms. Tougas asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the October 13, 2020 BPAC meeting. Being none, she moved onto public comment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Tougas introduced the first item of business addressing the reappointment of the BPAC Chair position. Dr. Tougas provided several remarks regarding her time as Chair, then introduced Mr. Ryan Pattee as the newly designated Chair. Mr. Pattee will take over duties January 1, 2021. All present thanked Dr. Tougas for her years of service and work with the MPO and Greenways Commission/BPAC. Dr. Tougas will remain involved moving forward.

MPO Coordinator, Ms. Karissa Lemon introduced the next item of business. Ms. Lemon explained that after discussions with staff and others, it is recommended for the committee to focus efforts in 2021 across four primary areas. These include: prioritize projects for future grants, identify bike routes in the City, advocacy and education efforts, and prioritize new bike rack locations. It was stated that should TAP grants become available, it will likely be in the spring. Thus, the committee decided it best to start focusing on prioritizing which greenway project to pursue for grant funding. It was also mentioned to focus these efforts on one area at a time, while keeping the bigger picture of the greenways network in mind. Grants Coordinator, Nick Cook, stated that having cost estimates, a preliminary design, and the project listed as the BPAC and City's high priority will make a stronger grant application. Dr. Tougas suggested using the League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Cities as a framework and goal to work toward over the next few years. Ms. Lemon concluded that these four areas will be explored more throughout the next year, with the first focus area being the prioritization of greenway projects for grants.

Ms. Lemon briefly explained the final item of new business. She stated that Howard's Cycling Shop is still interested in hosting a bike mechanic training class, but the details have yet to be determined. More information is expected in January.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Greg Meredith provided a brief presentation on the City's new greenway prioritization process, reviewing included criteria and the selected projects for this year (Smallhouse Rd from Campbell Ln to Thimblefinger Way; Bryant Way from the frontage road to Shive Ln). Mr. Meredith answered several questions regarding the process and what it may look like moving forward.

Nick Cook updated the committee on the funded grant projects: Moss Middle School Greenway connection will be complete later this week after the installation of the rectangular rapid flashing beacon at the Creekwood Ave crossing; the West End greenway project has been approved by KYTC to move into the Right-of-Way acquisition phase, with the expectation to have the engineers approved to begin work on this phase in January; the ADA sidewalk project bid was recently approved by KYTC, but the City is awaiting the funding before beginning.

Ms. Lemon reported that the Kentucky/Adams Street Study was recently completed and provided recommendations to include bike lanes on each corridor. This project will be implemented in the spring with the roadway repaving.

Mr. Meredith stated that the City has explored options for maintenance on the greenways stamps. The current options are using paint, which was originally used along the greenways, or using thermoplastic, which is more expensive, but longer lasting. It was stated that the City will need to develop a strategy for the placement of the stamps (i.e. at intersections, how much distance between stamps, etc.).

Mr. Pattee stated the Kids on the Block Bike/Ped Safety Event will likely be held on April 17th, but details are to be determined.

6. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2021.