

Call to Order/Establish Quorum. Chair Loren Easter called meeting to order at 4:42p.m.

Roll Call. Members Present: Cynthia Thompson, Mike Klemens, Loren Easter, Peter Blythe Kieffer, Ted Sunder, Ben Long; Guests: TJ Heavisides.

Public Comment. None

Approval of Agenda. Approved.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes. Approved.

### **Council Projects and Priorities:**

Bicycle Park (BMX track, cross-country trail, rodeo skills course).

No report

Bicycle Tourism (apps, routes, signage)

No report

Bicycle Facility Enhancements (bike racks, parking corral, lanes, signage)

Mike stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street trail is about 2 years out and that the BAC should be thinking about ways to ride your bike that ties into 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Ben suggested extending the side path one block south to connect to Junction Circle. Mike asked how you would get from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Junction Circle. Ben stated that you could use any of the side streets to tie into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street trail. Ben stated that the biggest issue involves the cross streets.

Peter stated that we also need to fix the potholes. He added that there also needs to be Yield signage or other ways (stoplights?) to make the trail safe for bikers and pedestrians.

Loren asked if there have been any meetings at the city/county level at which the bicycle/pedestrian crossings have been discussed.

TJ stated that it will be more of a pedestrian corridor downtown, with discussions being held about having planters, tables, etc. to encourage people to stop and enjoy the area.

Mike stated that we should be looking for ways in which signage could be added to help

Loren asked when would be the best time to review the preliminary timelines and to begin seeing that the right decisions are being made to connect the various streets/areas, etc.

TJ stated that now would be the right time to beginning asking the questions, as the deadline for completion of the project is 2025 (12/31). He stated that he will find out when the next timeline is and make sure that the committee is provided an opportunity to have input.

Ben congratulated TJ on the Bruns Lane trail (Jefferson to North Grand) and stated that it looked very good.

#### Public Works Website

The Urban Forestry Commission has their own tab and posts photos, maps, messages, etc. They are able to submit information to Julia Frevert who updates the website.

Peter asked how many hits they receive. TJ stated that he didn't know.

TJ recommended that our committee do the same thing.

Peter asked who we would need to contact.

#### Youth Bike/walk Safety Education.

Mike reported that Michael Higgins had stated that 4 schools within the McArthur Boulevard Association are interested in possibly implementing a Bike, Walk & Roll-type event at their schools. Mike provided him with 4 packets of information for him to share with Michael.

#### Adult Education.

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#### Springfield Bicycle Club Involvement in bicycle friendly community activities.

#### Committee Reports

BFC Award – no report

Bike Counts – no report

#### Old Business

Mike stated that he has talked with Shannon and she had stated that most of the current tasks on the Active Transportation Coordinator job description are already being done by other individuals.

TJ stated that whenever we need to do something, they are getting it done. They just aren't doing it with a dedicated staff member. He stated that the largest challenge for funding involves bike infrastructure.

Taylor stated that biking will always be a chicken-and-egg issue. Do you hire someone to create more interest in biking – or do you wait for greater interest in biking before hiring someone?

Ted stated that the League of Bicyclists are actually changing some of the requirements to add more protected bike lanes and other safety features.

Cynthia asked what needed to be done to convince the city of the importance of biking/active transportation.

Taylor suggested doing an economic impact survey to determine the effect of bicycling on the city.

TJ stated that he is actually doing many of the items that are listed on the Active Transportation Coordinator job description.

Taylor stated that we need to survey people who live in Springfield. We need to share with them the priorities we have identified and ask if they would agree with them. We also need to survey the city leaders and determine if they were in support.

### New Business

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9th at Municipal Center West – 7th and Monroe, City Council Conference Room – Third Floor.