



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary Notes | February 12, 2018

PRESENT:

Jennifer Tougas – Chair
Felicia C. McLean
Phil Lienesch
Jeff Stein

Nellie Franz
Josh Moore – WC Public Works
Greg Meredith – BG Public Works
Deneatra Henderson – KYTC District 3

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon
Rachel Hurt

Ben Peterson
Monica Ramsey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Karissa Lemon, MPO Coordinator, welcomed the committee and called on Chair Jennifer Tougas to call the meeting to order. Ms. Tougas initiated introductions of those present

2. REVIEW/ACCEPT SUMMARY NOTES – December 11, 2017

Ms. Tougas asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the December 11, 2017 Greenways Commission meeting. Being none, she moved onto public comment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. NEW BUSINESS

The first item of new business was an introduction and overview of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by Ms. Lemon. Ms. Lemon explained the basic structure, purpose, and responsibilities of the MPO. Greg Meredith, Bowling Green Public Works Director, emphasized that MPOs provide the platform for planning transportation projects and communicating with all jurisdictions regarding issues within a community. Ms. Lemon continued by reviewing a tentative outline for the BPAC. It was concluded that the BPAC will meet bi-monthly and continue to meet on the second Monday of the even-numbered months at 4:00 p.m. It was stated that all previous Greenways Commission members will carry over to be members of the BPAC, but no appointment by elected officials will be required, nor will a quorum be necessary. It was also stated that all meetings are open to the public and any interested parties are welcome to participate.

The next item of business discussed the BPAC Focus Areas. Ms. Lemon explained these areas were developed based on communication and feedback with committee members and participating agencies. These areas cover: planning, advisory, advocacy, and education. There was brief discussion on what each of these focus areas entail and staff provided several examples of what something from each area may represent. Ms. Lemon added that May is National Bike Month and previously, efforts were made to encourage school children to participate. Ms. Lemon asked those present to come up with ideas or events to implement that may encourage children and adults to ride their bikes in May.

The final item of business addressed the recently awarded Paula Nye Grant funds. Ms. Lemon announced that the Greenways Commission/BPAC is the recipient of \$6,000 to go towards bicycle-pedestrian education and safety measures. Ms. Lemon reviewed the proposed use of funds and their estimated costs and asked for feedback on the

proposed uses. It was concluded that funds should first be used to market and publicize the existing PSAs and then to develop, design, and distribute brochures with safety tips and the recently completed bicycle comfort level map. Ms. Lemon added that bicycle-related swag items may be purchased for distribution at community events.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & PROJECT UPDATES

Ms. Lemon gave updates on each of the awarded TAP grants (Moss Middle School and West End). Several members provided suggestions for participation in existing community events, such as the Low Hollow Trail Fest, BG RoadRunners Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, and BG Gov2Go pop-up events. Mr. Ben Peterson, CCPC Executive Director, added that the Bowling Green Civic Assembly, hosted by the Bowling Green Daily News, has generated numerous comments on the need and desire for more bicycling and walking trails throughout the city and county, more off-road trails, and more connections among the parks facilities and existing greenways.

6. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2018.