



GREENWAYS COMMISSION of BOWLING GREEN and WARREN COUNTY MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

June 12, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members

Jennifer Tougas, Felicia C. McLean, Jason Marshall, Nellie Franz, Johnny Johnson, Tom Lawrence, Jeff Stein

Not in Attendance

Senad Veletanlic, Tim Robinson, Chip Winger, Phil Lienesch, Linda Dickerson

Ex-Officios

Greg Meredith, City Public Works
Deneatra Henderson, KYTC

Staff

Miranda Clements, Greenways Coordinator
Karissa Lemon, MPO Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER / DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

With the arrival of enough members for a quorum, Chair Jennifer Tougas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

A quorum was determined with seven (7) Commission members in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES, May 8, 2017

Chair Tougas asked the Commission members for comments or edits on the minutes of the May 8, 2017 Commission meeting. With no corrections, she asked for a motion.

ACTION: A motion to approve the May 8, 2017 Minutes of the Greenways Commission Meeting was made by Jason Marshall and seconded by Felicia McLean. With no further discussion, Chair Tougas asked for a roll call vote. All were in favor. The Summary Minutes were APPROVED.

III. REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

Miranda Clements reported that an award of \$500,000 has been made for the West End TAP grant for connecting greenways on the riverfront to the greenways on the Boatlanding and Hobson Grove area and for other improvements to enhance bicycle and pedestrian connectivity in the West End area. She said that it is less than what was applied for and that the City NCS office is in the process of requesting the full amount. Ms. Clements added that the project is an ideal complement to the NIP work that the city is doing in the West End and is part of implementing the West End Walk & Ride Study.

Ms. Clements reported that the AETNA grant application was not awarded and that a revision to the budget of the Moss Middle School/Creekwood Grant is still being reviewed by the state.

Ms. Clements updated the board on her America Walks Fellowship stating that a Walking Action Plan is required as part of the program and asked for suggestions for a topic. Greg Meredith said that the City will be hiring a consultant in the near future to plan improvements for Fountain Square and Circus Square and the surrounding

downtown area. Portion of State and College Streets in close proximity will be included in that study. He said that there will be public input and input from downtown organizations and greenways in that study but that there would not be a need for a Walking Action Plan for that particular project. Ms. Clements said that she would inform the board of further ideas for her plan.

Ms. Clements asked for input or comments on the draft MPO Multimodal Implementation Plan. Jennifer Tougas explained that the Greenways are a key part of the overall bicycle and pedestrian system and that this is an opportunity to comment on the draft plan. Ms. Clements said that the plan is based on input provided previously in the focus group meetings, the public survey and the wikimap survey. She also stated that the plan will be reviewed and approved by the TAC in July, but that the Greenways Board is invited to provide input.

There was a lot of discussion on types and classifications of facilities. Ms. Tougas commended RPM for their public input efforts. Maintenance language will be added.

Ms. Clements reminded the board that the deadline for the plan is June 30 and the TAC will be adopting the plan on July 24. She said that comments will be due by this Friday, June 16.

Ms. Clements let the board know that the South West Kentucky Mountain Bike Association's Low Hollow Trail Fest at Weldon Peete Park and Greenway is on Saturday, June 24. She asked for interested volunteers to let her know if they would like to set up the Greenways display booth and distribute information on greenways. She will be out of town that weekend.

Ms. Clements reported that Greenways was invited to conduct a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety event at the Warren County Library's Summer Kick-Off Festival at Bowling Green High School on June 8. The event draws over 2,000 people. She said that Helen Siewers and Jeff Moore volunteered for the event. Mr. Moore used the "Petey the Possum" Pedestrian Safety program that was updated a part of the Paula Nye Public Safety Program.

Greg Meredith, City Public Works Director, said that the downtown study for the square will be done by August; he said that storm and sewer work is moving forward on Smallhouse Road. He said that improvements are being made to 13th Street near the Midtown Development to enhance safety.

Ben Peterson, Planning Commission Executive Director, reported that development is significantly higher. He said that staff are continuing to work with developers to make greenway connections, such as at the development on Lovers Lane.

Karissa Lemon, MPO Coordinator, reported that the Plano Road study is continuing on and that much of the feedback from the public meeting held on May 9 was regarding land use and that a separate meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks to address land use concerns. She said that an MPO planning study for Fairview Avenue will be kicking off soon to address possible traffic issues resulting from planned developments in the area.

VI. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.