



# BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary Notes | August 12, 2019

City-County Planning Commission | 1141 State Street

## PRESENT:

Greg Meredith – *BGPW*

Matthew Holder – *KYTC D3*

Nick Cook – *BG NCS*

Dana Beasley Brown – *City Commissioner*

Francis Wilson

Jeff Stein

James Kenney

## STAFF:

Karissa Lemon

Ben Peterson

Rachel Hurt

Monica Ramsey

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Tougas, Chair, welcomed the committee and called the meeting to order. Dr. Tougas initiated introductions.

### 2. REVIEW/ACCEPT SUMMARY NOTES – June 10, 2019

Dr. Tougas asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the June 10, 2019 BPAC meeting. Being none, she moved onto public comment.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments. However, several comments/concerns were voiced by those present: a fallen tree is blocking the WKU South Campus Intermural Fields Greenway, Lovers Lane subdivision construction has brought complaints of broken sidewalk/greenway segments, and a general comment to mimic Lexington's bike rights.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

Karissa Lemon, MPO Coordinator, presented the item of business – the Paula Nye Grant proposal. Ms. Lemon explained WKU's Sustainability Program wanting to take the lead in promoting bicycle education. Ms. Lemon stated that the initial idea for the use of Paula Nye funds is to pay for up to two people to become League Certified Instructors (LCI) through the League of American Bicyclists. With LCIs in the community, they would mentor WKU students to help teach bicycle safety and basic tips to adults and local schools. It was suggested that a program at area schools would be helpful, such as P.E. class. It was also mentioned that seasonal bike maintenance classes would be helpful for community members, and could be an opportunity to teach students how to fix bicycles. This led to a larger discussion of creating a traveling bike program to both teach bike safety and work on bikes. It was recommended to create a subcommittee to refine and implement the ideas discussed. All members supported applying for Paula Nye funds to purchase bicycles, helmets, and to pay for up to two LCIs.

### 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & PROJECT UPDATES

Ms. Lemon stated that there will be a community bike ride sometime in the fall. Additionally, the City of Bowling Green is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Harvest Fest on October 18, 2019.

Nick Cook, Neighborhood and Community Services Grants Coordinator, provided a brief update on existing TAP projects on Center Street, Moss Middle School/Creekwood Greenway, and the recent award of additional funds to the West End project. Mr. Cook added that nearly \$850,000 was awarded to the City for sidewalk maintenance and ADA improvements for sidewalks along state-maintained roadways. Mr. Cook said that the upcoming TAP grant cycle is uncertain in terms of application deadline, the availability of funds, and the focus of the funds to particular populations. Several future ideas were mentioned: continue the Lovers Lane greenway to Searcy Way, provide a Cemetery Road connection, and county trails and/or sidewalks.

Greg Meredith, Public Works Director for the City, provided an update on the downtown project, noting crosswalks will be improved, bike lanes added, and additional bike parking will all be components of the project.

### 6. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on October 14, 2019.